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MESSAGE from Her Majesty, by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Queen commands this Honourable House to attend Her Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend Her Majesty—and being returned;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That, in pursuance of the directions of the Act passed in the 24th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, c. 26, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of King’s Lynn, in the room of the Honourable Robert Jocelyn, commonly called Viscount Jocelyn, deceased; for the Borough of Wigan, in the room of Ralph Anthony Thicke, Esquire, deceased; for the Shire of Forfar, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Lauderdale Maule, commonly called the Honourable Lauderdale Maule, deceased; for the Borough of Frome, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Edward Boyle, commonly called the Honourable Robert Edward Boyle, deceased; for the City of Coventry, in the room of Charles Geach, Esquire, deceased; for the Borough of Bedford, in the room of Henry Stuart, Esquire, deceased; for the Borough of Abingdon, in the room of Montague Bertie, Esquire, commonly called Lord Norrega, now Earl of Abingdon, called up to the House of Peers; and also, his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Antrim, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Edward William Pakenham, killed in action at Inkerman.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Fermanagh to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Fermanagh, in the room of Sir Arthur Brinsley Brooke, Baronet, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Gloucester for the electing of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Eastern Division of the County of Gloucester, in the room of Sir Michael Hicks Hicks Beach, Baronet, deceased.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Clandestine Outlawries, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Public Income and Expenditure for the year ended the 10th day of October 1854, together with the Balance in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the Amount of Funded or Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That all persons who will question any Returns of Members to serve in Parliament, for any County, City, Borough or place in the United Kingdom, do question the same within fourteen days next, and so within fourteen days next after any new Return shall be brought in.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Elections for which of the places they shall serve, within one week from and after the expiration of the fourteen days before limited for presenting Petitions, provided there be no question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come into question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate, and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Ordered, That all persons who shall question any Return of Members to serve in the present Parliament, upon any allegation of bribery and corruption, and who shall in their Petition specifically allege any payment of money or other reward to have been made by any Member, or on his account, or with his privity, since the time of such Return, in pursuance or in furtherance of such bribery or corruption, may question the same at any time within twenty-eight days after the date of such payment; or, if this House be not sitting at the expiration of the said twenty-eight days, then within fourteen days after the day when the House shall next meet.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall for the time being be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any County, City or Borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom, for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively, where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath in question presented with any Witness, in respect to his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanour; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of Metropolitan Police do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate relating to the last Return for the Borough of Barnstaple; and the same was read, as followeth:

"Borough of Barnstaple, in the County of Devon."

"In obedience to the Precept hereunto annexed, I, the undersigned Robert Budd, Mayor of Barnstaple, do hereby declare that John Laurie, Esquire, and Richard Samuel Guiness, Esquire, have been duly elected Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple."

"Given under my hand this Eighteenth day of August One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-four."

"Robert Budd, Mayor."

"Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Mayor, in the presence of"

"Thomas Boyne, Clerk to Mr. L. Bencroft."

"Town Clerk, Barnstaple."

That subsequently an Indenture, bearing date the 25th day of August 1854, was delivered into my Office, of which the following is a copy:

This Indenture, made the Twenty-fifth day of August, in the Eighteenth year of the reign of Our Lady Victoria the First, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-four, between Robert Budd, Esquire, Mayor and Returning Officer for the Borough of Barnstaple, in the County of Devon, of the one part, and John Marshhall, Esquire, William Griibble, Esquire, John Morris Fuller, Esquire, and John Westacott, Gentleman, and other the Commonalty of the said Borough Electors to vote for Burgess to serve in Parliament for the said Borough, of the other part: Witnesseth, that
by virtue of a Precept directed and delivered to the said Mayor, bearing date the Eleventh day of August instant, for the Election of Two Burgess for the said Borough, to serve in the present Parliament (Notice of the said Election being first made and given), they the said Burgess and Commonalty of the said Borough, and others interested in the said Election, according to the tenor of the said Precept, have elected and chosen John Laurie, Esquire, and Richard Samuel Guinness, Esquire, to be Burgess to serve in the present Parliament for the said Borough, and do hereby give and grant to the said Burgess so chosen full power and authority for themselves and the Commonalty of the said Borough to do and consent to those things which at the said Parliament, by the Common Council of the Realm (by the blessing of God) shall happen to be ordained. In Witness whereof, the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably put their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Robert Budd, Mayor. (L. s.)
John Marshall. (L. s.)
William Gibiblde. (L. s.)
John Morris Fisher. (L. s.)
John Wastawott. (L. s.)

Signed, sealed and delivered by the within-named Robert Budd, John Marshall, William Gibiblde, John Morris Fisher and John Wastawott, in the presence of Thomas Hoyle, Clerk to the Town Clerk of Berastapel, and an Elector.

Given under my hand, at the said Office, this Twelfth day of December 1854.

C. Romilly,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Ordered, That the said Certificate be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker reports Her Majesty's Speech.


Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America, extending the Term allowed for the Operations of the Mixed Commission established under the Convention of February 8, 1857, for the Mutual Settlement of Claims. Signed at Washington, July 17, 1854.

Copy of Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, relative to Fisheries, Commerce and Navigation. Signed at Washington, June 15, 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Prisoners of War.

The hearty and efficient co-operation of the brave Troops of My Ally the Emperor of the French, and the glory acquired in common, cannot fail to cement still more closely the Union which happily subsists between the two Nations.

It is with satisfaction I inform you that, together with the Emperor of the French, I have concluded a Treaty of Alliance with the Emperor of Austria, from which I anticipate important advantages to the common cause.

I have also concluded a Treaty with the United States of America, by which subjects of long and difficult discussion have been equitably adjusted.

These Treaties will be laid before you.

Although the prosecution of the War will naturally engage your chief attention, I trust that other matters of great interest and importance to the general welfare will not be neglected.

I rejoice to observe that the general prosperity of My subjects remains uninterrupted.

The state of the Revenue affords Me entire satisfaction; and I trust that by your wisdom and prudence you will continue to promote the progress of agriculture, commerce and manufactures.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

In the Estimates which will be presented to you I trust you will find that ample provision has been made for the exigencies of the Public Service.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I rely with confidence on your patriotism and public spirit. I feel assured that in the momentous contest in which we are engaged you will exhibit to the World the example of a united People. Thus shall we obtain the respect of other Nations, and may trust that, by the blessing of God, we shall bring the War to a successful termination.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to convey to Her Majesty the Thanks of this House for Her Majesty's most gracious Speech from the Throne:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that Her Majesty has called us together at this unusual period of the year, in order that by our assistance Her Majesty may take such measures as will enable Her to prosecute the great War in which we are engaged with the utmost vigour and effect:

To assure Her Majesty that this assistance will be readily given, and that we fully agree with Her Majesty in the necessity of sparing no effort to augment Her Majesty's Forces now engaged in the Crimea; while we rejoice to learn that the exertions they have made, and the victories they have obtained, which are not exceeded in the brightest pages of our history, have filled Her Majesty with admiration and gratitude:

We participate in the conviction expressed by Her Majesty, that the hearty and efficient co-operation of the brave Troops of Her Ally the Emperor of the French, and the glory acquired in common, cannot fail to cement still more closely the Union which happily subsists between the two Nations:

That we learn with satisfaction that, together with the Emperor of the French, Her Majesty has concluded a Treaty of Alliance with the Emperor of Austria, from which Her Majesty anticipates important advantages to the common cause:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that Her Majesty has also concluded a Treaty with the United States of America, by which subjects of long and difficult discussion have been equitably adjusted:

To thank Her Majesty for the announcement that these Treaties will be laid:

Humbly to concur in the hope expressed by Her Majesty, that, although the prosecution of the War will naturally engage our chief attention, yet that
other matters of great interest and importance to the general welfare will not be neglected:

That we rejoice to learn that the general prosperity of Her Majesty's subjects remains uninterrupted, and that the state of the Revenue affords Her Majesty entire satisfaction; while we humbly beg to assure Her Majesty of our desire to continue to promote the progress of agriculture, commerce and manufactures:

To thank Her Majesty for expressing the hope that, in the Estimates which will be laid before us, we shall find that ample provision has been made for the exigencies of the Public Service:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for the confidence with which Her Majesty relies on our patriotism and public spirit, and for the conviction expressed by Her Majesty that, in the momentous contest in which we are engaged, we will exhibit to the World the example of a united People; that we share Her Majesty's opinion, that we shall thus obtain the respect of other Nations, and may trust that, by the blessing of God, we shall bring the War to a successful termination.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Mercurii, 13° die Decembris, 1854:

And the Question being put: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty upon the said Resolution: And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Henry Herbert, Mr. Leveson Gower, Lord John Russell, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Viscount Palmerston, Sir George Grey, Sir James Graham, Sir Charles Wood, Mr. Secretary-at-War, Sir William Molmowb, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Sir John Young, Mr. Cavendish, The Judge Advocate, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Houghton and Mr. Bowes, or any Five of them: And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mercuirii, 13° die Decembris; Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1854.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of Francis Thomas Bicemain, Robert Farre Dolclymble and William Richard Drake, all of Parliament-street, in the City of Westminster, Attorneys and Solicitors, was presented, and read: setting forth, That the Petitioners are the Attorneys for the Honorable Francis Scott, a Member of the House, and other Gentlemen, at whose suit a Criminal Information hath, by leave of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench at Westminster, been exhibited against the Printer and Publisher of "The Times" newspaper; that such criminal information is intituled, "The Queen v. Harrison," and is now pending in Her Majesty's said Court of Queen's Bench, and the Petitioners are employed as Attorneys for the said prosecution; that the said information is coming on to be tried at the present sittings now holding in and for the City of London, at the Guildhall, in the said City; that the Petitioners are advised and believe, that it is essential to the case of the said information that the Petitioners from the Committee on Group N.N. of Railway Bills, in respect of the Devon and Dorset Railway Bill, which was presented to the House by William Beckett, Esquire, the Chairman of the Committee, on the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, should be produced to the Court and Jury in the trial of the said information; that the Petitioners are also advised and believe, that the production of the short-hand writer's notes of the Proceedings and Evidence had and taken before the said Committee are essential to the case of the said informants; that the same cannot be produced without the leave of Parliament; and praying, that an Order may be made for the production of the said Report on the said Devon and Dorset Railway Bill, and of the Evidence and Proceedings taken and had before the said Committee at the trial of the criminal information of "The Queen v. Harrison," and that the proper Officer of the House do attend therewith and produce the same in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench at the said trial.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers to attend accordingly.

Petitions relating to Roman Catholic Soldiers and Public Sailors; Exciseable Liquors; —and, War, were Petitions presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Herbert reported from the Committee addressed to draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty, and Her Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address, agreeable to accordingly; and the same was read, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to convey to Your Majesty our humble thanks for Your Majesty's most gracious Speech from the Throne.

And humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that Your Majesty has called us together at this unusual period of the year, in order that we may assist Your Majesty may take such measures as will enable Your Majesty to prosecute the great War in which we are engaged with the utmost vigour and effect.

We assure Your Majesty that this assistance will be readily given, and we fully agree with Your Majesty in the necessity of sparing no effort to augment Your Majesty's Forces now engaged in the Crimea; at the same time we rejoice to learn that the exertions they have made, and the victories they have obtained, which are not exceeded in the brightest pages of our history, have filled Your Majesty with admiration and gratitude.

We participate in the conviction expressed by Your Majesty, that the hearty and efficient co-operation of the brave troops of Your Majesty's Ally the Emperor of the French, and the glory acquired in common, cannot fail to cement still more closely the Union which happily subsists between the two Nations.

We learn with satisfaction that, together with the Emperor of France, Your Majesty has concluded a Treaty of Alliance with the Emperor of Austria, from which Your Majesty anticipates important advantages to the common cause.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that Your Majesty has also concluded a Treaty with the United States of America, by which subjects of long and difficult discussion have been equitably adjusted.

We thank Your Majesty for the announcement that these Treaties will be laid before us.

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We humbly concur in the hope expressed by Your Majesty, that, although the prosecution of the War will naturally engage our chief attention, yet that other matters of great interest and importance to the general welfare will not be neglected.

We rejoice that the general prosperity of Your Majesty's subjects remains uninterrupted, and that the state of the Revenue affords Your Majesty entire satisfaction; we also humbly beg to assure Your Majesty of our desire to continue to promote the progress of agriculture, commerce and manufactures.

We thank Your Majesty for expressing the hope that, in the Estimates which will be laid before us, we shall find that ample provision has been made for the exigencies of the Public Service.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for the confidence with which Your Majesty relies on our patriotism and public spirit, and for the conviction expressed by Your Majesty that, in the moments of gloom in which we are engaged, we shall exhibit to the World the example of a united People; we share Your Majesty's opinion, that we shall thus obtain the respect of other Nations, and may trust that, by the blessings of God, we shall bring the War to a successful termination.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to be presented to Her Majesty, in which

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Certificate from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, relating to the last Return for the Borough of Barnstaple; and the same was again read.

Ordered, That the Members chosen to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple, be called to the Table of the House, in order to be sworn.

Richard Samuel Guinness, Esquire, and John Lawrie, Esquire, were accordingly called to the Table, and sworn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Her Majesty to accept the Services of the Militia out of the United Kingdom, for the vigorous prosecution of the War: And that Viscount Palmerston and Mr. Secretary-at-War do prepare, and bring it in.

Viscount Palmerston accordingly presented the said Bill: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 14° die December.

Anno 15° Victorie Reginae, 1854.

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Mr. Fitzroy presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Returns of Agricultural Produce in Ireland, in the year 1853.

Copy of Report on the Condition and Progress of the Queen's University in Ireland, from September 1, 1850, to August 31, 1854, by the Right Honourable Maurice Braly, Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Lord High Chancellor of Ireland.

Mr. Fitzroy also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of April in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Coroners' Inquests held by every Coroner in each of the last three years, stating the Number of Jurors on the Average of Inquests in each year, and the Number of Jurors who have not been able to sign their Names, and the Number of Jurors who have a mark or a seal.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the City 21st day of July in the last Session of Parliament of London, for a Return of the Sums of Money raised and paid by Parishes within the City of London, under the Act 44 Geo. 3, c. 89 (Local and Personal), for the Relief of certain Incumbents of Livings in the City of London, since the passing of the said Act.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March Convicts in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of all Persons under Sentence of Transportation or Penal Servitude in each of the Gaols in Ireland, at any time from the 1st day of April 1852 to the 1st day of April 1854, distinguishing Male from Female; the Period for which each Person was confined in such Gaol from the date of his or her Conviction; and the Total Cost of each Person during such Period, with the Proportions thereof delayed by the Consolidated Fund, or out of Local Rates.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of July Tenements in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing, stating in each Poor Law Union in Ireland, whether the Tenement Valuation is in force, the Name of each Union, the Date when the Tenement Valuation first came into force in each such Union, the Number of Revisions under: the 29th and 30th Section of the Act 15 & 16 Vic. c. 64, which have been made in each Union, the Date of each such Revision, the Cost of each such Revision of the Union or County, and whether the same has been paid or charged against the Union or the County in which it is situated:—And, similar Details as to any corporate Town, or Town under the Act 9 Geo. 4, in which the Tenement Valuation is in force.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of July Aborted in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing Children deserted in Ireland, with the Name, Age and Sex of all deserted Children under the Care of the Metropolitan Police Force, Dublin, during the years ending the 30th day of June 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853 and 1854 respectively: the Street or Place where each Child was found deserted, the Date of the Application made by the Police to the Overseers of the Parish to provide for the Care of such Child, and the Sums paid or agreed to be paid for the Nursing and Maintenance of such Child; the Total Yearly Expense incurred in respect of deserted Children, and the Authority by virtue of which such Expenses were incurred, by the Parish to which the Names of such of the Children as shall have been baptized when under the Care of the Police, the Religious Denomination of the Minister by whom and the Place where such Child shall have been baptized, and a Copy of the Order or Instructions given for the Baptism of such Child.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Roman Catholic Soldiers and public Sailors;—Newspaper Stamps;—Stage Carriages;—Petitions, and, War;—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Public Health an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by Act.

The Clerk of the House, —Copies of Orders in Council applying the Public Health Act, 1848, to the under-mentioned Places:—Heaton; Wensley; Crampooll; Arnold; Garston; Houghton-le-Spring; Barton-upon-Icreel; Burley; Mallow.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Deficiency Statements of the Amount of all Deficiency Bills, or Bills, &c. other Bills in anticipation of the Public Revenue n specifying
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Navy Ser-

of Statements of the Amount of Payments by the Bank, races, &c.

of England, up to the 11th day of December 1854, in respect of the Sum of £. 8,000,000, appropriated in the said Act for the Ordnance Services during the present year, and of the Balance of Credits now in Bank—Same in respect of the Sum of £. 4,585,701, appropriated in the said Act for the Ordinance Services during the present year, and of the Balance of Credits now in Bank—Same in respect of the Sum of £. 3,000,000, appropriated in the said Act for any additional Expense which may arise in consequence of the War with Russia, and of the Balance of Credits now in Bank.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Statute Law

Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Digest of the Poor Laws, prepared by Mr. Coole, late Commissioner of Statute Law; and an expurgatory List of Statutes, prepared by Messrs. Austen and Rogers, late Commissioners of Statute Law.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Russian Return of all Vessels seized under the Flag of Russia, Prices since the 29th day of March 1854, with the Names of the Captains and the Ships that captured the same; specifying the Date of Capture, the Tonnage, the Nature of the Cargo, the Dates when Proceedings were taken in the High Court of Admiralty, the Dates of Condemnation or Restitution, the Amount of such Bills paid off, and when; the Rate per cent. per annum, or per day, of Interest payable; the Amount paid for Interest; and the Amount of such Bills or Securities outstanding on the 11th day of December 1854—Of all Sales or Purchase of Stock, or Exchequer or Deficiency Bills, by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt since the said Return (No. 424) of last Session, either in respect of Savings Banks or the Sinking Fund; with the Dates of the Transactions and Rates of Purchase, and Rate of equivalent Stock, if given, as respects Savings Banks; and Amount of Deficiency Bills, if any, now held by the said Commissioners:—Of the Balances in the Exchequer at the end of the Quarters, on the 10th day of October and the 11th day of December 1854—Of all Additions to and Reductions of the Funded and Unfunded Debt respectively since the Return (No. 424) of last Session; and of the Amount of the Funded and Unfunded Debt respectively on the 11th day of July, and the 5th day of October last, respectively, by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act 10 Geo. 4, c. 27, as being the actual Surplus Revenue beyond the actual Expenditure for the year preceding, with a Statement of the Sums which the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt gave Notice in the Gazette would be applied during the then next ensuing Quarter to the Reduction of the National Debt;—And, of the Sums actually applied, in pursuance of such Notice, towards the Reduction of the National Debt, during each of such Quarters, and of the Sums applied out of such Surplus in paying Deficiency Bills (all in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, Nos. 121 and 424, of last Session).

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the General Board of Health and the Registrar of Metropolis Buildings, in reference to carrying out the provisions of the Metropolis Buildings Act in relation to Noxious Trades and Cellar Dwellings; together with a Copy of any Communication which may have been made by the General Board of Health to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, or the Chief Commissioner of Works.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Navy Ser-

of Statements of the Amount paid by the Admiralty for the purchase of Ships and Stores, Prisoners of War and Packet Service, respectively, on account of Sums granted for the Navy Services, up to the 1st day of December 1854, under the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 121.—And, the same for the Commissariat Department, on account of Sums granted for the Army and Ordnance Services, under the same Act.

Resolved, That such Committee be appointed, to Public

whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the Petitions, House, with the exception of such as complain of undue Returns, or relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare Abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that such Reports do in all cases set forth the number of Signatures to each Petition;—And that such Committee have Power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it;—And that such Committee have power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House;—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Arrowsmith, Mr. Torrey, Admiral, Captains Jones, Mr. Braitherton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Adderley, Mr. Owen Stanley, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Whitbread, Mr. Henry Austin Bruce, Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. John Ball, Mr. Henry George Liddell, and Mr. Gregory.

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Copy of a Digest of the Poor Laws, prepared by Mr. Coole, late Commissioner of Statute Law; and an expurgatory List of Statutes, prepared by Messrs. Austen and Rogers, late Commissioners of Statute Law.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Mr. Queen's Speech into consideration Her Majesty's most gracious consider.
Speech to both Houses of Parliament; and the same was again read by Mr. Speaker.

And a Motion being made, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider that Motion.

Militia Bill.

The Militia Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Petitions.

Sir J. J. Yorke presented a Bill to consolidate and simplify the Laws relating to Juries and Jurors in Ireland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

PRAYERS.

Petitions.

Petitions relating to Roman Catholic Soldiers and Sailors;—Licenses;—Shipping, &c.;—and, Grain,

were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Small Arms.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, at a Return of all Orders given, and Contracts entered into, by the Board of Ordnance for Small Arms, since the 1st day of January 1853, with the Dates thereof; the Time of the Delivery of each Pattern, and also when each Material was given out to be set up; specifying, separately, London, Birmingham, and Foreign Orders and Contracts; and stating what part of them have been received, and what Number of Materials and Muskets, or other Guns have been accepted of 527 bore, and all other kinds, and when.

"The Prince."

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of Warm Clothing lost on board "The Prince;" Mr. Massell accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lieutenants Perry and Greer.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid bfore this House, Copies of the Minutes and Proceedings of the Courts Martial held at Windsor in September last upon Lieutenants Perry and Greer, of the 45th Regiment; together with the Finding and Sentence in each case;—And. of the Circular Letter of the Commander-in-Chief, approving and confirming the Sentences upon Lieutenants Greer and Perry, together with his Remarks thereon.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Austria.

Lord John Russell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treaty of Alliance between Her Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, and the Emperor of the French. Signed at Vienna, December 3, 1854.

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Brigadier General, now Major General the Honourable James York Scarlett;
Major General Henry John William Bentick;
Major General Sir John Campbell, Baronet;
Major General John Lyndgoft Pennefather;
Major General William John Codrington;
Brigadier General, now Major General Henry William Adams;
Brigadier General, now Major General Sir John Campbell, Baronet;
Brigadier General, now Major General George Bully;
Brigadier General, now Major General William Eyre;
Brigadier General, now Major General Arthur Wellesley Torrens;
And to the several Officers who served in the Army under his command, except to Lieutenant General Sir De Lacy Evans, he being a Member of this House.

Resolved, Neminem Contradiciunt, That the Thanks of this House be given to Vice-Admiral James Whiteley Dunsand, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath; to Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Knight Grand Cross of the Most honourable Order of the Bath; and to the several Captains and Officers in the Fleet under the command of the said Vice-Admiral; and also to the Officers of the Navy and Marines employed on shore in the Siege of Sebastopol, for their indefatigable activity and exertions in conveying Her Majesty's Land Forces to the Crimea, in effecting their disembarkation, and in co-operating with them during the Siege of Sebastopol.

Resolved, Neminem Contradiciunt, That this House doth highly approve of and acknowledge the services of the Seamen and Marines on board the Ships under the command of Vice-Admiral Dunsand, and also of the Seamen and Marines employed on shore in the Siege of Sebastopol, for their indefatigable activity and exertions in conveying Her Majesty's Land Forces to the Crimea, in effecting their disembarkation, and in co-operating with them during the Siege of Sebastopol; and that the Captains of the several Ships do signify the same to their respective crews, and do thank them for their praiseworthy and gallant conduct.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do communicate the said Resolutions to Vice-Admiral Dunsand, and that he be requested by Mr. Speaker to signify the same to Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, and the several Officers and others referred to therein.

Resolved, Neminem Contradiciunt, That this House acknowledges, with admiration, the distinguished valour and conduct of those who have perished during the present struggle in the service of their Country, and feels deep sympathy with their relatives and friends.

Resolved, Neminem Contradiciunt, That the Thanks of this House be given to General Conroy and the French Army, for their gallant and successful co-operation with Her Majesty's Land Forces in the attack on the Enemy's position at Alma, for their energetic and timely assistance in repelling the Enemy at Inkerman, and for their distinguished exertions, in concert with Her Majesty's Troops, in the Siege of Sebastopol; and that Field Marshal Lord Raglan be desired to convey to them the present Resolution.

Resolved, Neminem Contradiciunt, That the Thanks of this House be given to Admiral Homeless and the French Navy, for their cordial co-operation with Her Majesty's Fleet in conveying the Allied Forces to the Crimea, in effecting their disembarkation, and in the Siege of Sebastopol; and that Vice-Admiral Dunsand be desired to convey to them the present Resolution.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the House Supply to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Voters Return of all Persons appearing in the Revised Lists in Ireland, and of the Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in Ireland, and to allow Execution to issue in any part of the United Kingdom under Judgments or Decrees obtained in certain Courts of Record in England, Scotland and Ireland; and that Mr. Crawford and Mr. Dunlop do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Foreign Officers and others referred to therein.

PRAYERS.

Petitions relating to Shipping, &c.;—Public Stage Carriages;—Grain;—and, Militia Sur-Petitions, geons,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Blind Inmates Return of the Names and Ages of the Blind Inmates in each Workhouse in Ireland.

Mr. Crawford presented a Bill to enforce, in any part of the United Kingdom, Decrees and Orders of Execution, the High Court of Chancery in England and Ireland, and of the Commissioners for Sale of Incumbered Estates in Ireland, and to allow Execution to issue in any part of the United Kingdom under Judgments or Decrees obtained in certain Courts of Record in England, Scotland and Ireland; and that Mr. Crawford and Mr. Dunlop do prepare, and bring it in.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.
To Lieutenant General the Earl of Lucan:
To Major General the Earl of Cardigan:
To Brigadier General, now Major General the Honourable James Yorke Scarlett:
To Major General Henry John William Denman,
To Major General Sir Colin Campbell, Knight Commander of the Most honourable Order of the Bath:
To Major General John Lyneagh Penruddock, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath:
To Brigadier General, now Major General Henry William Adams, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath:
To Brigadier General, now Major General Sir John Campbell, Baronet:
To Brigadier General, now Major General George Buller, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath:
To Brigadier General, now Major General William Eyre, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath:
To Brigadier General, now Major General Arthur Wellesley Torrens:
And Notice being taken that the Names of Brigadier General, now Major General Richard Airy, Quartermaster General, and Brigadier General, now Major General James Buchanall Buchanall Estcourt, Adjutant General, were omitted in the said Motion:
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The House was also moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 15th day of this instant December, That this House doth highly acknowledge the distinguished discipline, valor and exertions displayed by the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Army, under the command of Field Marshal Lord Raglan, in all the operations in the Crimea; and that the same be signified to them by the Clerk of the House,—Account of the Sums advanced in each year from the Consolidated Fund for the Purchase of Bullion for Coinage, and General the Earl of Cardigan; And Notice being taken that the Name of Rear-Admiral Sir Edmond Lyons, Knight Grand Cross of the Most honourable Order of the Bath, to Rear-Admiral Sir Edmond Lyons, Knight Grand Cross of the Most honourable Order of the Bath; and to the several Captains and Officers in the Fleet under the command of the said Vice-Admiral; and also to the Officers of the Navy and Marines employed on shore in the Siege of Sebastopol, for their indefatigable activity and exertions in conveying Her Majesty's Land Forces to the Crimea, in effecting their disembarkation, and in co-operating with them during the Siege of Sebastopol, might be read; and the same was read.

And Notice being taken that the Name of Rear-Admiral Montagu Stopford, Companion of the Most honourable Order of the Bath, and Captain of the Fleet, was omitted in the said Motion:

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
such extension, and the Counties within which such Lands are situate.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Naval Stores, etc.**

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant December, for Statements of the Amount paid by the Admiralty for Naval Stores, Freight of Ships for Victualling and Conveyance of Troops and Stores, Prisoners of War and Packet Service, respectively, on account of Sums granted for the Navy Services, up to the 1st day of December 1854, under the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 121:—And, the same for the Commissariat Department, on account of Sums granted for the Army and Ordnance Services, under the same Act.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

**Militia Bill.**

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia Bill.  

(Preamble.)

Preamble postponed.

CLauses, No. 1 to No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

CLauses, No. 5 and No. 6, agreed to.

Clause, No. 7 (No Militia Officer to rank higher than Lieutenant Colonel).

Amendment proposed: At the end of the Clause, to add the following words, "But all Militia Officers having also Army rank superior to that held by them in the Militia, shall in all garrisons rank according to the dates of their Commissions in the Army."

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.  

Clause agreed to.

CLauses, No. 8 and No. 9, agreed to.

Clause, No. 10, disagreed to.

CLauses, No. 11 to No. 15, agreed to.

Clause, No. 16, disagreed to.

Clause (That the volunteering of any proportion of any Regiment of Militia for service Abroad shall not operate to disembody that portion of the same of any Regiment of Militia for service Abroad shall not operate to disembody that portion of the same, and Ordnance Services, under the same Act.

Ordered, That the said Report be received To-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Bill now pending in the Colonial Legislature of Canada, touching the future Legislative Constitution of Canada, and that Mr. Mitre and Mr. Napiers do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the Printing executed by Order of this House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for printing Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Strutt, Sir John Young, Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. John Greene, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Beckitt, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Gaskell, Mr. Hume, Mr. Vernon Smith and Mr. Sotheron.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That his Gentleman of the Bedchamber, Mr. Fisher, had on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table:—And the same was read, as followeth:

Pursuant to the Provisions of "The Election Petitions Act, 1848," I do hereby appoint,  

The Right honourable Sir Francis Thornhill, 

Baving,
CHARLES SHAW LEFEBVRE, Speaker.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Jurors and Juries in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Serjeant

Enlistment of Foreigners Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to permit Foreigners to be enlisted, and to serve as Officers and Soldiers in Her Majesty's Forces; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Enlistment of Foreigners Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow.

MARTIS, 19° DIE DECEMBRIS;

Anno 18° Victorise Reginae, 1 S 54.

PETITIONS relating to Roman Catholic Soldiers and Sailors;—Decimal Coinage;—Enlistment of Foreigners Bill;—and, Sale of Beer Act (1854), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Number of Tickets of Leave Men, and of the Committals and Convictions of the same, since the passing of the Abolition of Transportation Act; specifying, in each case of Committal and Conviction, the nature of the offence.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order made upon the 18th day of this instant December, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Bill now pending in the Colonial Legislature of Canada, touching the future appropriation of the Funds arising from the Clergy Reserves, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Acres of Land under Cultivation for Hops in the year 1854, distinguishing the Number of Acres in each Parish, the Amount of Duty charged in each Collection of the growth of the year 1854, from the 5th day of January 1854 to the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing the Districts, and the old from the new Duty in each District; showing the Average Amount of Duty per Acre in each Collection; and also showing, whether the Acres in the Sussex, Hereford or Worcester Collections are according to the Statute or any local or customary Admeasurement.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantities of Malt made in England, Scotland and Ireland, in each year, ending the 5th day of January 1854 and 1855.—Of the Quantities of Foreign Barley imported into the United Kingdom in each year, ending the 5th day of January 1854 to 1855 inclusive:—Of the Quantities of Foreign Hops imported in the year ending the 30th day of January 1855, and the Rates of Duty charged; also distinguishing the Ports where imported, and the Countries from whence exported:—Of the Quantity of English and Foreign Hops respectively exported in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, distinguishing the Countries to which the same have been exported, and also the Quantities to each Country, with the Dates of the years in which the British Hops were grown:—Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Hops charged with Duty in each of the several Collections in the United Kingdom in the year 1854:—Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Foreign Hops charged with Duties for Home Consumption in the year 1854:—And, of the Quantity of Foreign Hops in Bond on the 4th day of January 1855.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons in each of the several Collections in the United Kingdom licensed as Brewers, Victuallers, to sell Beer to be drunk on the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drunk on the Premises: stating the Number of each Class who brew their own Beer, and the Quantity of Malt consumed by them, particularising each Class in each Collection, from the 10th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to the Consolidated Fund might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names, Tonnage, Ports whence dispatched, and Dates of Departure (where and of Arrival at Malta and Constantinople,) of all Transports employed since the 1st day of January 1854, for the Conveyance of Troops or Stores to the Mediterranean from this Country for the Service of Government, distinguishing Steam from Sailing Vessels; and of the Number of Steam Vessels so employed supplied by Companies holding Contracts for the Conveyance of Mails.

The Clerk read the List of Members who have Controverted claims to be excused from serving on Election Commissions, as being upwards of Sixty years of age, as followeth:—


The Right Honourable William Edward Gladstone, Chancellor of the Exchequer, having stated that he could not attend Election Committees without material inconvenience to the public service, during the time he may hold the said office;

Resolved, That the Right Honourable William Edward Gladstone, Chancellor of the Exchequer, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

The Right Honourable Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, having stated that he could not attend Election Committees without material inconvenience to the public service, during the time he may hold the said office;

Resolved, That the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

The Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, having stated that he could not attend Election Committees without material inconvenience to the public service, during the time he may hold the said office;

Resolved, That the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

Mr. Fitzroy presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—A Return showing the Total Receipts, Expenditure and Debts of Turnpike Trusts in England and North Wales, for Nineteen years (1834 to 1852 inclusive), under the following Heads:—Receipts:—Tolls; Statute Labour and Highway Rates; Money borrowed; other Receipts, and Total Receipts. Expenditure: Repairs; Improvements; Salaries; Law Charges; Interest of Debt; Bonded Debt paid off; other Payments; and Total Expenditure, Bonded Debt, and Unpaid Interest.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of August 1853, for Copies of Decisions, in English, of the Sudder Court in Calcutta, of the 13th day of August 1815, in the case of the Collector of Chittagong, Appellant, versus Raja Perver Deo, and others, Respondents.—Of Minute or Resolution drawn up by the Governor of Bengal, dated the 5th day of February 1841, relative to the Assessment of Government Revenue in Chittagong.—Of Letter, No. 13, dated the 5th day of January 1837, from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal to the Judge of the District of Chittagong;—Of Letter from the Commissioner of Land Revenue in Chittagong to the Secretary of the Government of Bengal, No. 894, dated the 24th day of September 1841.—Of Letter in reply, from the Secretary to the Judge of the said District, dated the 24th day of October 1841;—Of Letter, No. 438, dated the 27th day of July 1842, from the Commissioner of Chittagong to the Collector of Land Revenue in that District;—Of Letter or Report from the Commissioner of Land Revenue in Chittagong to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated the 23rd day of September 1848, No. 560; and Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal in reply, dated on or about the 18th day of December 1848;—Of Decision or Decree in English, by Mr. J. Reilly, Principal Sudder Ameer of Chittagong, in the case of Oomaidallee and Choonee Bhee, versus the Collector of Chittagong and other Defendants, dated the 11th day of December 1849;—also, the Decision, in English, of the additional Judge of Chittagong, on the Appeal preferred by the Collector in the said case, dated the 23rd day of July 1850.—Of Minute, written by Mr. Hawkins, Judge of the Sudder Court, dated the 25th day of August 1847.—Of Letter, No. 173, dated the 29th day of April 1846, written by the Civil and Sessions Judges of the Without or Pergunnahs to the Registrar of the Sudder Court of Calcutta;—And, Letter, dated the 26th day of July 1848, from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal to the Superintendent of Police in the Lower Provinces.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Clergy (City Clergy (City of London), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant December, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Tenement Tenement Valuation (Ireland), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant December, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Desertsed Deserted Children (Dublin), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant December, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant December be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolitan Buildings Act, which was presented upon the 18th Building Act day of this instant December, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Naval Naval Stores, Stores, &c., which was presented upon the 18th day &c., of this instant December, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-Succession posed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to re-lease the Property and Effects of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates killed in the Crimean or who have died or may die during the present Campaign, from Wounds, Disease or Fatigue, from the Payment of the Succession and Legacy Duties;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Public for further promoting the establishment of Public Libraries and Public Libraries and Museums in Municipal Towns and for extending it to Towns governed under local Improvement Acts, and to Parishes: And that Mr.Escort, Mr. Brotherton and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Spiritis amend an Act of the eighteenth year of Her Ma. (Ireland) to, to amend the Laws for the better prevention of the Sale of Spirits by unlicensed persons, and for the
the suppression of illicit Distillation in Ireland: And that Mr. Vincent Scully, Mr. Bland and Mr. Cogun do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzroy do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Bowyer reported from the Committee to Supply, whom it was referred to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, to be read a second time; and the same was read, as followeth:

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, Nemine Contradicte, That this House doth agree with the Committee, in the said Resolution, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Navy, Naval Services, to the 31st day of March 1856, be laid before this House.

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Army, Army Services, to the 31st day of March 1856, be laid before this House.

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Ordnance, Ordnance Services, to the 31st day of March 1856, be laid before this House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions to the proper Officers to lay before this House the said Estimates.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That the Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercuri, 20° die Decembris, 1854:

And the Question being put;

The Yeas to the Right;

The House divided.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercuri, 20° die Decembris, 1854;

And the Question being put;

The Yeas to the Right;

The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercuri, 20° die Decembris, 1854:

And the Question being put;

The Yeas to the Right;

The House divided.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

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And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The Yeas to the Right;

The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
Mr. Vincent Scully presented a Bill to amend an Act of the eighteenth year of Her Majesty, to amend the Laws for the better Prevention of the Sale of Spirits by unlicensed Persons, and for the Suppression of the Distillation in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of January next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

A Memorial of the Provincial Council of the Province of Nelson, in the Colony of New Zealand, (signed by the Speaker,) was presented, and read; setting forth, That an Act was passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," which Act was proclaimed as being in force within the colony by publication in the Government Gazette, dated the Tenth of March 1854; that by the said recited Act a General Assembly was constituted for the colony as a whole, and a Provincial Council for each of the six provinces into which the colony was divided; but the subordination of the Provincial Councils was established by the fifty-third clause of the Act, which declares that no law passed by any such Council, "so far as the same is repugnant to or inconsistent with any Act passed by the General Assembly, shall be null and void"; that, in accordance with the terms of the fourteenth and forty-third clauses of the said recited Act, the said Assembly was to be elected by the free election of the members of the Provincial Councils and of the House of Representatives that were issued in the month of June last, and the election of members, both provincial and general, was completed in that province in the month of August; it was there notified in the Gazette that four gentlemen had accepted the honour of a seat in the Legislative Council or Upper Chamber of the General Assembly, which is constituted of members nominated by the Crown; that the forty-fourth paragraph of the said recited Act declares that the time so to be appointed for the first holding of such General Assembly shall be as soon as conveniently may be after the return of the first writs for the election of members of the said House of Representatives; that, notwithstanding such declaratory enactment, the General Assembly has not yet met; and it is of this circuitous action that the Memorialists, for reasons which they will presently submit, beg respectfully to complain; that, notwithstanding the third clause of the Act, which declares that any law made in pursuance of the first writs for the election of members of the said House of Representatives; "that, notwithstanding such declaratory enactment, the General Assembly has not yet met; and it is of this circuitous action that the Memorialists, for reasons which they will presently submit, beg respectfully to complain; that, not with

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

A Return of the Duties payable under Colonial Enactments on Goods imported into the British Colonies.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

20th December.

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most important functions; that in that province his Honor the Superintendent, having convened the Provincial Council, informed it that "he was unable to discover any existing authority for appropriating the Customs revenue other than that possessed by the General Assembly," and consequently declined, excepting at the express desire of the council, to submit to it any Bill for appropriating the revenue; this sanction the council, seeing the necessity of the case, felt it its duty respectfully, to give; that the Memorialists contend that this step of appropriating a certain amount of the revenue of the colony, as well as other Acts which they have been obliged to impose to constitute and define an executive authority for the province, are means taken under a condition of insecurity most injurious to the action of any government, and calculated possibly to place that province in a position of serious embarrassment; for it is evident that it is in the power of the General Assembly, whenever that body shall meet, to over-ride and supersede all that has been done, and even to question the expenditure of the public money, which, in order that the necessary functions of a government should be carried on, the Provincial Council has been obliged to sanction; at all events, it is believed that it will be necessary for the Governor to pass an Act of Indemnity with the object of legalizing what the Provincial Councils have done; and this extraordinary state of things venture to submit arises entirely out of the circumstance that the General Assembly has not yet met; that this is not the only injury which the colony sustains in consequence of the non-convening of the General Assembly; for it is at the same time precluded from dealing with questions of general interest, which demand immediate consideration and action, and with which its well-being and advancement are intimately associated; among these subjects may be mentioned steam communication between this and the provinces of New South Wales and New Zealand, a subject to which too great importance cannot be attached, and which, though doubtless destined at no distant period to be carried out by private enterprise, appears in their present state to demand some assistance from the general government of the colony; that the price and mode of disposal of waste lands is another question of vital importance, upon which the colonists are precluded from legislating by the non-convening of the General Assembly; that the very scheme of the custom of a single company's debt at the time is felt to be a question upon which it is urgently required that the colony as a whole should have an opportunity of expressing its views; postal communication, the law of marriage, and other subjects expressly excepted from the jurisdiction of the Provincial Councils, also demand the immediate attention of the General Assembly; that the injury which above all others they complain of is this, that his Excellency, by the course he has seen fit to pursue, has to a great extent deprived the colony of that power of defining its own form of government which (within certain limits, of course,) the said recited Act conferred upon it, and which they have always regarded as the highest privilege which the generosity of the British Parliament had conferred upon the colony; and this his Excellency has done, by not convening the General Assembly, by substituting for the decisions of that body his own personal views, and by compelling the Provincial Councils to meet first, and that by it, and not by the Governor, should have been defined the respective limits of the general and provincial authorities; the Memorialists therefore respectfully request that the House will take such steps in the matter as in its wisdom it may deem most expedient.

Ordered, That the said Memorial do lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to Wages, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the under-signors—

William Tite, of Lowndes-square, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire, was delivered in, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner was a Candidate at the last Election for Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple, and he claims to have had, and had, a right to be returned at the Election; that the nomination for the said Election took place on the Fifteenth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, that at the said Election John Laurie and Richard Samuel Guiness, Esquires, and the Petitioner, were returned as Candidates, and a poll having been demanded and taken, the said John Laurie and Richard Samuel Guiness were declared, by the Returning Officer of the said Borough, to have the majority of votes, and to be elected, and were returned as Members to serve in Parliament for the said Borough; that the said John Laurie procured his said Election and Return by means of a corrupt and illegal bargain or agreement, against the Statutes in force, and the policy and law of Parliament, whereby the said John Laurie was and is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough, and that the said Election and Return of the said John Laurie were and are wholly null and void; that the said Richard Samuel Guiness procured his said Election and Return by means of a corrupt and illegal bargain or agreement, against the Statutes in force, and the policy and law of Parliament, whereby the said Richard Samuel Guiness was and is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough, and that the said Election and Return of the said Richard Samuel Guiness were and are wholly null and void; that an Election for Members to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough was holden on or about the Eighth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, which Sir William Augustus Fresco, Bart., and Richard Brondmich, Esquire, were returned as duly elected.
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elected, but which said Election was declared by a
Committee of the House to be a void Election ; that
at the said last Election for the said Borough the
said Richard Samuel Guinness was not duly elected,
and ought not to have been returned as one of such
Members ; that the majority of votes so declared by
the Returning Officer, in the month of August, One
thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in favour of
the said Richard Samuel Guinness over the Petitioner was only an apparent and colourable majority,

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the same ; nor was the said Richard Samuel Guinness,

at the time of the said Election, or at the time of
his said Return as such Member as aforesaid, possessed or entitled, for his own use and benefit, at law
or in equity, for his own life, or for the life or lives
of any other person or persons then living, or for any
term of years, either absolute or determinable on his

own life or for the life or lives of any other person
or persons then living, of which term not less than
thirteen years were at the time of the said Election
inasmuch as the votes of divers persons were accepted unexpired, or of or to personal estate or effects of
and recorded on the said poll in favour of the said any nature or kind whatsoever, situate within the said
Richard Samuel Guinness who were not legally 'United Kingdom, or of or to the interests, dividends
entitled, and had no legal right to vote at the said or annual proceeds of any such personal estate or
last Election, and that the real majority of good and effects, such personal estate :or effects, interest, divilegal votes polled at the said last Election was in dends or annual proceeds actually producing the clear
favour of the Petitioner over the said Richard Samuel yearly income of not less than three hundred pounds,
Guinness, and the Petitioner was duly elected a over and above all incumbrances affecting the same ;
Member to serve in the present Parliament for the nor did the said Richard Samuel Guinness, at the time
said Borough of Barnstaple, and ought to have been of the said last Election, and of his said Return as
returned as such Member ; that many persons were such Member as aforesaid, or at any time at and
admitted to vote, and did vote, at the said last Elec- during the said Election, possess more than one of
tion, and were reckoned on the poll at the said the said several kinds of qualification hereinbefore

Election in favour of the said Richard Samuel mentioned, which said several qualifications were
Guinness, who were bribed to vote, or who had given jointly of sufficient value to qualify him as a Member
bribes, or who had been guilty of bribery and other to serve in Parliament fbr any Borough, according
corrupt practices, at or before the said Election, so to the provisions of the statute in that case made and
as to disqualify them from voting thereat, or who provided, although each of such qualifications might,
either before, during, or after the said Election, asked, according to the said provisions, be separately insufreceived, or took money, bribes, rewards, or employ- ficient for that purpose, and, therefore, that the said
ments, to vote, and that the votes of all such persons Richard Samuel Guinness was not, by reason of his
were bad, illegal, and invalid, and ought now to be want of qualification, capable of being elected a
struck off the poll ; that at the time of the said last Member for the said Borough, and was not qualified
Election for the said Borough, and of the Return of as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Bothe said Richard Samuel Guinness as one of the rough, and that the Election and Return of the said
Members as aforesaid, he, the said Richard Samuel Richard Samuel Guinness were and are wholly null
Guinness, was not, according to the true intent and and void ; that on the Sixteenth day of August One
meaning of the Act passed in the second year of the thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and at the
reign of Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend time of the said last Election for the said Borough,
the Laws relating to the Qualification of Members the said Richard Samuel Guinness was duly required
to serve in Parliament," duly qualified to be elected in writing, by two registered electors having a right

as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said
Borough, and was, by reason of his want of such
qualification as is mentioned in the said Act for
Members to be elected to serve in Parliament for
Boroughs, incapable of being elected for the said
Borough ; that by reason of the want of qualifi-

to vote at such Election, to make and subscribe a

declaration of qualification, required to be made pur-

suant to the provisions of the said Act of Parlia-

ment passed in the second year of the reign of Her
present Majesty, intituled, " An Act to amend the
Laws relating to qualifications of Members to serve
cation of the said Richard Samuel Guinness at the in Parliament," and that thereupon the said Richard
time of the said last Election for the said Borough SamuelGuinness made and subscribed the declaration,
of Barnstaple, the votes given for the said Richard of which the following is a copy :" I, Richard
Samuel Guinness at the said last Election were bad Samuel Guinness, do solemnly and sincerely declare
or thrown away ; that the votes of all such persons that I am, to the best of my knowledge and belief;

were bad, illegal and invalid, so far as the same were duly qualified to be elected as a M ember of the
given for or in favour of the said Richard Samuel House of Commons, according to the true intent and
Guinness, and ought now to be struck off the poll as meaning of the Act passed in the second year of
votes in favour of the said Richard Samuel Guinness; the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled, An Act to

that the said Richard Samuel Guinness was not, at
the time of the said last Election for the said Borough of Barnstaple, and of his said Return as such
Member as aforesaid, or at any time at and during
the said Election, the eldest son or heir apparent of
any Peer or Lord of Parliament, or of any person
qualified by the statute in that case made and provided to serve as Knight of the Shire; that the said
Richard Samuel Guinness was not at the time of the
said last Election and of his said Return, or at any

amend the Laws relating to the Qualifications of
Members to serve in Parliament,' and that my qualification to be so elected cloth arise out of the follow-

ing property (that is to say) : An annuity, rentcharge, or annual payment of the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds (£.320), payable half-yearly
to me during the whole term of my life, and which

said annuity, rent-charge, or annual payment is
charged upon and derived from lands, tenements and

hereditaments, situate, lying and being at Bally-

time at and during the said Election, seised or entitled, quirhe, Kiltefadda, Boliyelah, Bally Common, Bal-

for his own use and benefit, of or to an estate, legal
or equitable, in lands, tenements or hereditaments, of
any tenure whatsoever, situate, lying or being within
the United Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland, or
in the rents or profits thereof, for his own life, or for
the life or lives of any other person or persons then
living, or for a term of years, either absolute or determinable on his own life or on the life or lives of
any other person or persons then living, of which
term not less than thirteen years were at the time of
the said Election unexpired, such estate being of the

lyhasty, Kilcregane, Munnia and Bally in Assey, in
the barony of Lower Ormond; Bally-robbin and Ries

Kevallagh, in the barony of Clan William ;

Coolnelosty, Caraline and Knockbrach, in the
barony of Upper Ormond ; ICillenaule, in the barony
of Sherardagh; and which said baronies are all in the
county of Tipperar 12 , in Ireland; and that part of the
lands of Baggotrath, called and known by the name
of New Holland, in the barony of Dublin, county of

Dublin, in Ireland; and that the said annuity, rentcharge, or annual payment is wholly free and uninclear yearly value of not less than three hundred cumbered, and actually produces the clear yearly
pounds over and above all incumbrances affecting income of three hundred and twenty pounds (f. 320)'
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that the qualification mentioned in the said statement is wholly insufficient and invalid to qualify the said Richard Samuel Guinness as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Borough; that at the time of the said Election and Return, the said Richard Samuel Guinness was not seised or entitled, either at law or in equity, and had not such an estate for his own use and benefit of, in or to the annuity, rent-charge or annual payment of the sum for the whole term of his life mentioned in the said declaration, or of, in or to the lands, tenements or hereditaments mentioned in the same declaration, or in the rents being his own life, as is mentioned in the said declaration, or as would qualify him the said Richard Samuel Guinness to be elected as a Member for the said Borough, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act, and that the qualification mentioned in the said declaration is insufficient, both as regards the title of the said Richard Samuel Guinness, and the value of the property described, to confer a qualification of the said Richard Samuel Guinness to be elected as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Borough; that during this present Session of Parliament the said Richard Samuel Guinness delivered in to the Clerk of the House at the Table of the House, as by Law provided, a paper, signed by him the said Richard Samuel Guinness, containing a statement of the estate and effects whereby he made out his qualification, to the purport and effect following (that is to say):

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION.

Statement of the lands, tenements and hereditaments, or of the interest therein, or arising therefrom, whereby I make out my qualification as a Member to serve in Parliament, pursuant to the Act of the first and second years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act for amending the Laws relating to the Qualification of Members to serve in Parliament."

Note.—If the Member qualifies in respect of lands, tenements or hereditaments, he must state the barony or baronies, parish or parishes, township or townships, or in or county or counties in which such lands, tenements or hereditaments are situate; and also the county or counties in which such lands, tenements or hereditaments are situate; and also the county or counties in which such lands, tenements or hereditaments, or in the rents and profits thereof, of or to which he is seised or entitled.

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Topspring and Enfield. (Signed) R. S. Guinness.

Freeland.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Waterford, Waterford, &c. Nails, which was presented upon the 12th day of August last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Turmipike Trusts, which was presented upon the 19th day of Trusts, this instant December, be printed.

The
Consolidated Fund.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Consolidated Fund Acts; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion, relative to the Consolidated Fund Acts, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to create a Charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in respect of the Sums due to Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, and to provide for the payment of Interest thereon, to the Commissioners of the National Debt at Three per centum per annum; and also to make provision out of the said Consolidated Fund, or by Exchequer Bills or Exchequer Bonds, for any difference which may now or hereafter exist between the assets in the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, and the liabilities thereon; and also for the Interest on such Exchequer Bills or Exchequer Bonds.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowyer reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Enlistment of Foreigners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Enlistment of Foreigners Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; And a Debate arising thereupon—

A Member was sworn.

Resolved, That the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tomorrow.

Turnpike Trusts (Ireland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Queen's Letter or Treasury Minute, appointing a Commission to inquire into certain Turnpike Trusts in Ireland, with a view to their Abolition, and the Instructions issued to such Commission;—And, Return of the Names of all Persons engaged in such Inquiry, the Number of Witnesses examined on each Trust respectively, and the Sums ordered for their Attendance.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Government Prisons (Ireland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Minute or Document constituting the Board of Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of Vic. c. 19, for the Management of the Government Convict Prisons Establishment in Ireland; with a Return of the Names, Ages, and Salaries of all Persons appointed under the said Minute or Order; also, the Nature of any Office, whether Civil or Military, held previously by any of said Persons, with the Amount of Salary and Length of Service;—And, of any Order, Minute or Letter made by the Lords of the Treasury, or the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, directing the Disposal or Removal from Office of the Officers entrusted with the Management of said Convict Prisons previous to the passing of said Act; together with their Age, Length of Service, and Amount of Compensation awarded by the Lords of the Treasury for the Loss of Office.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Foreign Return of the Sums of Money paid in each year Officers, since 1815, as Half-Pay and Reduced Allowances to Officers of Disbanded Foreign Corps, as Pensions to Wounded Foreign Officers, and as Allowances to the Widows and Children of Deceased Foreign Officers; specifying in each year of such Return, the Number of such Foreign Officers to whom such Half-Pay has been allowed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Arctic Copies of all Despatches from the Commanding Expeditions. Officers of the various Ships employed in the Arctic Seas in the Search for Sir John Franklin; and, of the Reports of Dr. Rae, in respect to the Relics of the missing Expedition; and, of any Orders that may have been given, with the view of obtaining further intelligence of the fate of that Expedition (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers [1725], Nos. 129, 171 and 206, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Norwich Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Norwich, in the room of Samuel Moreton Peto, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Hemp Howe.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow.

Jovis, 21° die Decembris.

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1854.

PRAYERS.

PETITIONS relating to New South Wales:—Public Stage Carriages;—and, Enlistment of For.-Petitions, regiments Bill,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 9 Cholera. Copy of the Report to the Postmaster General on any Measure of Prevention employed in the General Post Office in relation to Epidemic Cholera in the year 1854.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Linseed, &c. Returns of the Quantities of Linseed, Corn, Hemp, Flax or Tallow, imported, during the year 1854, into the United Kingdom, from the Baltic Sea or the Sea of Azoff; stating into what Port or Ports the same have been imported, and from what Ports the same have been exported; and what is the Dates of such Exports and Imports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported;—And, of all Linseed, Rapseed, Tallow, Hemp, Linseed or Copper imported into the United Kingdom, in the year 1854, from the Baltic or any Port of the Provision Domains, and from what Port or Ports the same have been exported; with the Dates of such Exports and Imports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported.

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Veneris, 22° die Decembris;

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1854.

PRAYERS.

PETITIONS relating to licences;—Stage Carriages; and, Enlistment of Foreigners Bill—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie Vise Second Report.

Mr. Fitzroy presented, by Her Majesty's Command, the General Board of Health: Appendix 5, to the Second Report on Quarantine—Report of Dr. W. H. Burrell on the Plague of Malta in 1813.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of June last, for a Return from all Local Boards of Health of all Sums of Money expended in and about and preliminary incident to the application of the Public Health Act, or charged or owing in respect thereof; and also of any and every Sum or Sums of Money, Per- centage, Commission, or other Payment or Remu- neration, charged or claimed by, or paid or agreed to be paid or due, or accruing to any and what Inspector or Engineer, or other Person, or having held an Appointment as inspector of the General Board of Health, and whether arising in respect of the matters aforesaid, or in respect of the transaction of any and what Business for or on behalf of any such Local Board, and stating the Nature of the Business done or to be done, and the Amount paid or expectant in respect thereof, and also of all Sums of Money for the raising of which, on Mortgage of Rates, the consent of the General Board of Health has been obtained, and of the Amount of any and all estimated Expenditures incurred, or to be incurred, in the complete execution of any Works, in respect of the construc- tion or partial construction of which any such consent to raise Money has been obtained or applied for.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copies of all Cases which have been stated and signed by Com- missioners acting in the execution of the Acts relating to the Assessed Taxes, subsequent to the 9th day of February last, being the Date of a like Return made under the directions of the same Act in the last Session of Parliament.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Public reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of February next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Tallow, &c. Return of the Amount and Official Value of Tallow imported for Consumption into Great Britain in each half-year of the years 1852, 1853 and 1854, distinguishing the Countries whence imported:—The same in respect to Hemp:—The same in respect to Linseed:—The same in respect to Flax:—The same in respect to Tar:—And, the same in respect to Timber, so far as we regards Deals.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Jurors and reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2d day of February next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Jurors reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2d day of February next.
Mr. Chandler of the Exchequer presented a Bill to make further Provision for the Investment and Security of the Monies received by the Commissions for the Reduction of the National Debt from Savings Banks and Friendly Societies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of January next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of such Information as may be in the possession of the Government respecting the Nature and Quantity of the Coal derivable from the Mines near Hercules, on the Exnise; showing also, how far it has been, or may be, applicable to the purposes of Steam Navigation, and for Fuel for our Army.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Peel also presented, by Her Majesty's Command, another Paper relative to the discovery of Gold in Australia (in continuation of Papers presented 14th February 1854).

Mr. Peel also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of this instant December, for Copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Bermuda, enclosing a Report from the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the origin of the Epidemic which lately prevailed at Bermuda.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Osborne presented, Return to an Address by the 9th day of August last, for a Return of the Number of Persons flogged in the Navy since the 1st day of November 1852, and the 1st day of November 1853, with the Sums and Taxed Expenses decerned for therein: Similar Return as to Cases commenced subsequently to the 1st day of November 1853, with the Sums and Taxed Expenses decerned for therein. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third reading of the Enlistment of Foreigners Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon another day six months." And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.

A Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Militia Bill, without any Amendment: And then the Messenger withdrew.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas for the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 173.]

Tellers for the [Viscount Mandeville, Noes, [Colonel Taylor: 155.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill by adding, at the end of Clause 4, the words "Provided always, that at least one-third of the "Officers of the said Ten thousand men shall be "British subjects;"

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill by adding, at the end of Clause 5, the words "This Act shall continue in force until the end of "the next Session of Parliament;"

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Hayter do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Supply.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Ordered, That a Standing Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements of the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. French, Colonel Dunne, Mr. Rich, the Earl of Malden, Mr. Archibald Hatton, Colonel Boldero and Mr. Hayter.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Fairs and Markets in Ireland:—And that Sir John Young and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of litigated Cases in the Sheriff Courts of Scotland, commenced subsequently to the 1st day of November 1852, and finally decided prior to the 1st day of November 1853, with the Sums and Taxed Expenses decerned for therein:—Similar Return as to Cases commenced subsequently to the 1st day of November 1853, and finally decided prior to the 1st day of November 1854:—Return of the Number of Cases sent to Proof between the 1st day of November 1852 and the 1st day of November 1853, in which such Proof was concluded within that period; showing the time occupied by such Proof in each case, and the Sums paid to Commissioners for taking the
the same.—Similar Return for the period between the 1st day of November 1853 and the 1st day of November 1854:—Return of the Number of Criminal Cases before the Sheriff Courts of Scotland in which the Party was convicted; for the period between the 1st day of November 1852 and the 1st day of November 1853, and the Sums charged and paid in Exchequer on account of Witnesses in such Cases:—And, similar Return for the period between the 1st day of November 1853 and the 1st day of November 1854.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Sir John Young presented a Bill for the Regulation of Fairs and Markets in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 21st day of January next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned to this day.

**Sabbati, 23° die December**;

*Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1854.*

**PRAYERS.**

**PUBLIC PETITIONS.**

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A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Serjeant Manning:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Enlistment of Foreigners Bill; and, F. H. Molesley, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Public Petitions have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the House this day, adjourn till Tuesday the 23rd day of January next.

A Message by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of Royal Assent, the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to enable Her Majesty to accept the Militia Bill. Services of the Militia out of the United Kingdom for the vigorous Prosecution of the War:

An Act to permit Foreigners to be enlisted and to Enlistment of Foreigners Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Crown Lands Returns of the Amount payable by all Tenants and Under-Tenants holding under the Crown, in the King's County, on the Lands of Kilconcouse, and the Amount of Arrears due up to and ending on the 1st day of November 1853:—And, of the Particulars of Sale of said Lands, and Number of Years' Purchase produced by such Sale.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented from the 15th to the 23rd days of this instant December, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Savings Return, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. Banks. 70, of Session 1854, giving, under the head No. 1, the altered form of Classification of Depositors' Balances, as rendered by the Banks to the National Debt Commissioners for 1853 and 1852; and under head No. 5, showing, in addition to the detailed Statements there given, the Aggregate Amount of Stocks and Securities sold and purchased by the Commissioners on account of Savings Banks, for the year ending on the 20th day of November 1854.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Savings Return, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. Banks. 71, of Session 1854, showing, in addition to the detailed Statements there given, the Aggregate Amounts, under column 1 to column 6 inclusive, for the year ending on the 20th of November 1854; and, giving, under column 5, a detailed Account of the incidental Expenses defrayed by the National Debt Commissioners out of the Funds of the Savings Banks.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Tuesday the 23rd day of January next.

A Message by Mr. Bonham Carter, from the Select Committee on Public Petitions, to the House:

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Boards Local Boards of Health, which was presented upon the 6th day of March 1854 and the 19th day of this instant December, be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 23d day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply upon Wednesday next, was read, and discharged.

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said Kenneth Macaulay and John Harvey Astell,
Esquires, and that the said Robert Alexander Shafto
Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires, did by themselves and by their agents, friends, and others acting
for them, pay and give, before, during, and after the
said last-mentioned Election, divers sums of money
and other valuable considerations to divers persons
entitled to vote at the said last-mentioned Election,
and to other persons on behalf of such persons so
then entitled to vote, and to other persons related to
the persons so then entitled to vote as aforesaid, by
kindred or affinity, on account of such persons so
entitled to vote as aforesaid having voted or refrained
from voting and being about to vote or refrain from
voting at the said last-mentioned Election, and also
to other persons, in order to induce divers voters to
vote or refrain from voting, and on account of such

voters having voted or retrained from voting at the
said last-mentioned Election, and that the said Robert Alexander Shafto Adair and Francis Mowatt,
Esquires, before, during, and after the said Election,
by themselves, their agents, friends, and partisans,
and by other persons on their behalf; and by divers
ways and means, did, directly and indirectly, give,
provide, and cause to be given and provided, meat,
drink, and provision to and for divers persons having
votes at the said last-mentioned Election, in order
that they might be elected, and for being elected,
and did also knowingly allow to be given and provided, and did pay, wholly or in part, the expenses
incurred for meat, drink, and provision so supplied
and provided to persons having votes at the lastmentioned Election ; that gross and systematic bribery, treating, and other corrupt and illegal practices
were resorted to by the said Robert Alexander Shafto
Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires, their agents,

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Esquires, then being Candidates to represent the
said Borough, of the said incapacity, disqualification,
and ineligibility of the said Robert Alexander Shafto
Adair, Esquire, and also of the said Francis Mowatt,
Esquire, to be elected and returned to serve in Parliament at the said Election, and that all votes given
in favour of either of them would on account of such
their ineligibility be of no effect, but entirely lost and
thrown away; that such printed placards and notices,

and also the notices personally delivered to each
Elector as to the disqualification, incapacity, and
ineligibility of the said Robert Alexander Shaft()
Adair, were in the words and figures following (that

is to say)

You are hereby requested to take
notice, that Alexander Shafto Adair, Esquire, did
before, during, and after the Election of Burgesses
to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Cambridge,

which took place in the month of July, 1852, by
himself; his agents, and others on his behalf, give,
provide, and consent, and knowingly allow to be
given, meat, drink, entertainment, and provisions at
his expense, to divers persons then being Electors of
the said Borough, for the purpose of corruptly influencing such persons to give their votes at such

Election, and did also, by himself and his agents,
and in his behalf, give, provide, and consent, and
knowingly allow to be given, meat, drink, entertainment, and provisions at his expense to divers other
persons then being Electors of the said Borough, for
the purpose of corruptly rewarding such persons for

having given their votes, whereby and by means
thereof the said Alexander Shift° Adair became and
was and is incapable of being elected a Burgess for
the said Borough of Cambridge during the present
Parliament ; and you are hereby required to take
notice, that any vote given for the said Alexander
Shafto Adair at the present Election will be thrown

friends, and partisans at the said last-mentioned away and lost.

Charles Balls, Charles Edward

Election, and that such bribery, treating, and corrupt Brown, Electors of the said Borough of Cambridge.
practices were open and notorious to all the Electors Maidstone, F. W. Slade, Candidates for the repreof the said Borough ; that by reason of the said sentation of the said Borough of Cambridge. Cambribery, treating, and illegal practices at the said bridge, August 16th, 1854 ;" and such printed pla-

Election in July, One thousand eight hundred and
fifty-two, and also by reason of the said Report of
the Commissioners aforesaid, the said Robert Alexander Shafto Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires,
became and were wholly incapacitated, disqualified,
and ineligible to become Candidates, or to be elected
and returned, or to sit in this present Parliament for
tne said Borough on the vacancy occasioned by the
setting aside of the said former Election and Return

cards and notices, and also the notices personally
delivered to each Elector as to the disqualification, incapacity, and ineligibility of the said Francis Mowatt,

Esquire, were in the words and figures following
(that is to say) :" You are hereby requested to take
notice, that Francis Mowatt, Esquire, did before,

during, and after the Election of Burgesses to serve
in Parliament for the Borough of Cambridge, which
took place in the month of July, 1852, by himself,
of the said Kenneth Macaulay and John Harvey his agents, and others on his behalf, give, provide,
Astell, Esquires ; that the fresh Writ having issued and consent, and knowingly allow to be given, meat,
in the month of August, One thousand eight hundred drink, entertainment, and provisions at his expense
and fifty -four, as aforesaid, such new
was to divers persons then being Electors of the said
held on the Seventeenth day of August, One
One thousand Borough, for the purpose of corruptly influencing
eight hundred and fifty-four ; that at this last-men- such persons to give their votes at such Election,
tioned Election the said Robert Alexander Shafto and did also, by himself and his agents, and in his
Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires, notwithstand- behalf, give, provide, and consent, and knowingly
ing their said disqualification and incapacity to be allow to be given, meat, drink, entertainment, and
returned, or to sit in Parliament on the said vacancy, provisions at his expense, to divers other persons then
again became Candidates to represent the said Bo- being Electors of the said Borough, for the purpose
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Election for the said Borough, and that all votes
given in favour of either of them at the said lastmentioned Election would on account of such their

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Election will be thrown away and lost. Charles

Balls, Charles Edward Brown, Electors of the said
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Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties for the said Election to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough; and praying that the House will take the premises into their consideration, and declare that the said Robert Alexander Shafto Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires, were not duly elected at the said last Election for the said Borough, and ought not to have been returned theretofore, but that the Petitioners were duly elected and ought to have been returned theretofore; and that the House will direct the Return to be amended accordingly, by the substitution therein of the Petitioners' names in lieu of the names of the said Robert Alexander Shafto Adair and Francis Mowatt, Esquires, or to declare the said last Election for the said Borough to have been wholly null and void, and to give to the Petitioners such further and other relief as to the House shall seem meet.

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Petitions relating to Newspaper Stamps;—Stage Carriages;—Succession to Real Estates; and, Public Libraries and Museums Bill,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.
Vide Third Report.
Controverted Elections.

The Right Honourable Sir Francis Thornhill Dering, Baronet, the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Wolseley and Robert Palmer, Esquire, being three of the Members appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, were sworn by the Clerk at the Table.

Steam Ship "Forerunner."

Mr. Corbett presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of an Investigation into the Circumstances attending the Loss of the Steam Ship "Forerunner" on the Coast of Madeira, on the 25th October 1854, and into the Competency and Conduct of the Master and Officers of the said Vessel; with the Minutes of Evidence.

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Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return of the Names, Tonnage, Ports whence despatched, and Dates of Departures, and of Arrival at Malta and Constantinople, of all Transports, on its Place, for the Conveyance of Troops or Stores to the Mediterranean from this Country, for the Service of Government, distinguishing Steam from Sail vessels; and of the Number of Steam Vessels so employed supplied by Companies holding Contracts for the Conveyance of Mails.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

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acquaint you that I have fulfilled your instructions,

Army, and to General Canrobert; and

municate them to the Officers and Men of the British

the 15th and 18th days of December last, relative

the Table.

Public Revenues, and upon the Consolidated Fund.

pursuance of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 94, intituled,

Expenses now charged upon certain Branches of the

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Copy of the Directives and Regulations of the

General Board of Health issued under the authority

of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John

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An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of

the Duchy of Corunwai, in the year ended on the

31st December 1854.

Copy of an Account of the Naval Receipt and

Expenditure, for the year ended 31st March 1854.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 11th of August

1854, granting a Compensation Allowance to Mr.

Young, Receiver General of the Post-office.

A Return of Rules and Regulations issued by the

Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in

pursuance of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 94, intituled,

"An Act for the Operation of Her Majesty's Forces

in pursuance of such Notice, towards the Reduction

of the National Debt gave notice, in the Gazette

would be applied during the then next ensuing

Quarter to the Reduction of the National Debt;—And,

of the Sums actually applied, in pursuance of such

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PRAYERS.

A PETITION relating to the Militia Act, was

presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the

Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had

received a Letter from Lord Raglan, in answer to a

Letter communicating the Thanks of this House of

the 18th and 19th days of December last, relative

to the Operations of Her Majesty's Forces in the

Crimea, as followeth:

Sir,

Before Scutagopol, January 7th, 1855.

I have had the honour to receive your Letter of

the 18th December, transmitting the Resolutions

of the House of Commons, and requesting me to com-

municate them to the Officers and Men of the British

Army, and to General Canrobert; and I beg to

acquaint you that I have fulfilled your instructions,

and am proud of having been charged with so

aggrease a commission.

The Officers and Men of the British Army derive
their gallant exertions in the cause in which they
are engaged must be engaged by the approval of
the Representatives of the British Nation, and they
accept with feelings of the deepest gratitude the
unanimous Thanks of the House of Commons.

The House of Lords shall heartily join in the
unanimous sentiments entertained by General Canrobert
of the public

recognition of the brilliant achievements of the
French Army, in cordial co-operation with the Troops
of Her Majesty, by presenting you a copy of his
Excellency's Letter* in reply to my communica-
tion, and the General Order in which he announced

the Army under his command the Resolutions of
the House, and expressed his due appreciation of the

Thanks they conveyed.

I trust you will be so good as to assure the House
that I am deeply sensible of the great distinction
it has conferred upon me in noticing my services, and
that you will yourself accept my warmest acknow-

ledgments for the manner in which you have per-

formed the duty of communicating to me its

Resolutions.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Your most obedient servant,

Raglan.

The Right Honourable The Speaker.

" [Signe]

Au Quartier General devant Scutagopol,
le 6 Janvier 1855.

Le Parlement Anglais, en prenant les Resolutions que
vous voulez bien me transmettre, a cblem d'honnne
l'Armee Francaise. En combattant a Alma a coté de
l'Armee Britanique, dont l'insurmontable solidite a ete si
hauteamement remarquee, en l'aident a Tiumana a battre
l'ennemi ennemi, ell cyrait avoir fait son devoir
seulement, et se s'attendait pas au recevoir des Represen-
tants de la nation Anglaise un hommage d'estime a la
fois si bienvenu et si edifiant.

Permettez que je vous prie d'etre auprès du Gouverne-
ment de Sa Majesté la Reine et du Parlement Anglais
l'interpret de sentiments qu'ont fait naître dans nos
esprits ces actes solennels. Ils rendent plus edifiant, par
les armes, la solidarite qui unit les deux peuples dans
cette guerre entreprise pour la defense du droit.

La lettre si affectueuse que votre Seigneurie a bien
voulu m'adresser a cette occasion, ajoute un nouveau
prix a l'honneur qui nous est fait. Je pense avec vous,
Mylord, que l'amitié entre les Generaux-en-Chef est la
meilleure garantie de l'union entre les armes, et depuis
quelques operate ensemble, votre bienveillance m'a rendu
le concert si facile, qu'il est pour moi un entraitement
naturel autant qu'un devoir de situation.

Recevez, Mylord, l'expression de mon respectueux
devouement.

Le General-en-Chef,
(signe) Gc. Canrobert.

A S. le Feld-Maréchal
Lord Raglan,
Commandant-en-Chef de l'Armee Anglaise.

P. S. — J'ai l'honneur de vous donner communication
de l'Ordre General par lequel J'ai fait connaître a l'Armee
Francaise les Resolutions du Parlement Anglais.

Pour copie conforme,

Raglan.

ORDRE GENERAL.


Soldats,

Je vous ai fait connaître les termes si flatteurs et si

dignes dans lesquels il a été à Sa Majesté la Reine de la

Grande Bretagne de louer, par l'organe de son Ministre de

la Guerre, votre conduite devant l'ennemi.

Aujourd'hui, j'ai à vous informer, avec un légitime
orgueil, que vous partagerez, de l'honneur insigne et rare
que les grands pontifices publiques de l'Angleterre viennent
de vous décerner.

A la date du 15 Décembre, la Chambre des Pairs et la
Chambre des Comptes vous ont voté solennellement
les félicitations et des remerciements qu'elles ont chargé
le Génie de l'Armée Anglaise, le Feld-Maréchal
Lord Raglan, de vous transmettre.

La résolution des deux hautes Assemblées est ainsi
en vigueur.

"Répond à l'Unanimité, que des remerciements seront
portés à l'Armée Française et à son Chef, pour le
valor ant et merveilleux service, dans l'issue des
positions ennemies à Alma, avec les forces de terre de
Sa Majesté, pour l'assistance opiniâtre et énergique
qu'ils ont été prêts pour repousser l'ennemi à
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Public Income and Expenditure, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1855; together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the Commencement and at the Termination of the year, and the Amounts of Funded or Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cobbett and Mr. William Fox.

A Petition of Trustees acting in the execution of an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, relating to the Bolton and Nightingales' Turnpike-road, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Bolton and Nightingales' Turnpike-road, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wilson Potten, Mr. Heywood, Mr. William Brown and Mr. Cheetham.

A Petition of Trustees for executing an Act for more effectually repairing, widening, amending and improving the Road from Wigan to Preston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, so far as such Act relates to the district of certain Roads north of Yarrow, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act relating to the Wigan and Preston Roads as relates to the district of the said Roads north of Yarrow, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heywood and Mr. Horfall.

A Petition of the Munmohshire Railway and Canal Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Munmohshire Railway and Canal Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Octavius Morgan and Mr. Crochety Bailey.

A Petition of the Birmingham Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Birmingham Gas-Light and Coke Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Muirz and Mr. Scholfield.

A Petition of Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of Brighton, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer to the Corporation of the Town of Brighton the Property, Powers, Privileges and Liabilities of the Brighton Improvement Commissioners, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Brooke Pechell and Lord Alfred Hervey.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and to create Preferential Stock for the purpose of paying off their Mortgage Debt, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edmund Ffner, and Mr. Masters Smith.

A Petition of the Ulster Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Ulster Railway Company to make a Railway from Armagh to Monaghan, and to enlarge their Station at Belfast, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Verney and Mr. Cairns.

A Petition of the Lands Improvement Company, for lands Improvement Company's Act, 1853, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milner Gibson and Mr. Booker.

A Petition of the Bristol and Exeter Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable some Exeter Railway Company to raise further Sums of Money, to acquire additional Lands, to lease or purchase the Somerset Central and North Devon Railways, and to hold additional Shares in the Exeter and Crediton Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Miles and Mr. Henry Berkeley.

A Petition of the Secosition Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain arrangements with respect to the Capital of the Secession Dock Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Talbot and Mr. John Henry Vivian.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Commissioners of the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated at Taxes, the 23d day of December last, for Returns of the Names, Dates of Appointment, Salaries and Emoluments of all Persons appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Taxes for Special Purposes since January 1848; the Date of the Certificate of every such Appointment laid upon the Table of the House of Commons by the Lord of the Treasury, pursuant to the provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Vic. c. 35, s. 23—And, of the Days upon which the Commissioners of Taxes for Special Purposes sat in Ireland to hear and decide upon Appeals against Assessments, the Name of each Commissioner, the Town or District where he sat, and the Number of Appeals left undisposed of at each place.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions East India, of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Resolutions of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, being the Warrants or Instruments granting any Pension.

Resolutions of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, being the Warrants or Instruments granting any Salary or Gratuity.

A Return, showing the Names, Dates of Appointment, Commissions, Salaries and Emoluments of all Persons appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Taxes for Special Purposes since 17th August 1853.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Public Revenue and Consolidated Fund Charges Act, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant January, be printed.

Public Petitions.

Petitions relating to Bishops (Northumberland) ;—Stage Carriages ;—Criminal Law ;—Poor Law ;—Public Libraries and Museums Bill ;—and, Wages, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Clergy Reserves, &c.

Of Canada, referring to the Clergy Reserves, and of British Colonies, forwarding Addresses and Resolutions on the subject of the War with Russia.

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Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had selected the following six Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session:—George Meld Burt, Esquire (Waymouth), George Alexander Hamilton, Esquire (Dublin University), Robert Ingham Esquire, the Right honourable Lord Seymour (Totnes), Henry Ker Seymour, Esquire (Dorset), the Right honourable James Stuart Wortley.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had divided into five Panels the List of Members to serve on Election Committees. Whereupon the Clerk decided by lot, at the Table, the order of the said Panels, and distinguished each of them by a number, denoting the order in which they were respectively drawn, as follows:—Panel D, No. 1; C, No. 2; E, No. 3; A, No. 4; and B, No. 5.

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Saveing Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Lord Adolphus Vene Tempiet have leave of absence during the time he is on active service.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Papers relating to the construction of the late Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws, and the Provision of Funds for defraying Expenses of and incident to such Board; and of any written Instruction or Note as to the Revision of the Statute Law given by the Lord Chancellor to Mr. Commissioner Bellenden Ker, or to the late Commissioners of the said Board, Messrs. Coode, Anstey, and Rogers, and the Secretary of the present Board, Mr. Britchdale.—Of all Minutes of the Proceedings of the late Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws down to the presentation of Mr. Commissioner Bellenden Ker's third and last Report (23rd day of this instant January), to the Lord Chancellor — Of the Paper on the Consolidation or Revision of the Statutes relating to Property:—Of all Papers relating to the Construction of the present Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws, and the Provision of Funds for defraying the Expenses of and incident to such Board:—And, of all Minutes and Proceedings of the said last-mentioned Board, down to this Date inclusive.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

I veris, 26° die Januarii;
Anno 18° Victorise Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Darcy, selected from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 22d, 23d, 24th, and 25th days of this instant January, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Petition of the Snaresco Vale Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Snaresco Vale Railway Company to extend their Railway, and to maintain and work the same as a Passenger Railway, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Tyler, Mr. Henry Bruce and Mr. Hussey Vivian.

A Petition of the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Staines Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to vary the mode of carrying the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway across certain Roads, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Walter and Mr. Coles.

A Petition of the Pudsey Coal Gas Company, for Pudsey Gas, leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Pudsey Gas Act, 1845, and to enable the Company thereby incorporated to raise a further Sum of Money, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Smollett and Mr. Alexander Hustie.

A Petition of Persons thereto-subscribing, and of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making certain Railways to connect Glasgow, Dumbarston and Helensburgh, in the Counties of Lanark and Dumbarton, and for making provision for the use and working of the said Railways, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Smollett and Mr. Alexander Hustie.

A Petition of the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Staines Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway Company to make a Railway to connect Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway with Dumbarton.

A Petition of Sir George Goodman and Mr. Wickham, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Swan Railway Company to make a Railway to connect Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway with Dumbarton.

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A Petition of Suitors thereto-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway through part of the Valley.
A Petition from the town of Aberdare, in the County of Glamorgan, to join the Vale of Neath Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Tyler, Mr. Gwyn and Mr. Hussey Viscount.

A Petition of the Vale of Neath Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Vale of Neath Railway Company to raise further Monies for the purposes of their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Tyler, Mr. Gwyn and Mr. Hussey Viscount.

A Petition of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company to make a Branch from their Railway to Wharton, and other Works, and to alter and amend the Act relating to the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the South Staffordshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the South Staffordshire Railway Company to make certain Branch Railways, for the Purchase of additional Lands at Wickersham and Dudley, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Alfred Paget and Mr. Charles Forster.

Mr. Mintz presented a Bill to confer further Powers on the Birninghams Gas-Light and Coke Bill Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal so much of the Act relating to the Wigan and Preston Roads as relates to the District of the said Roads North of Yarrow Bill, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Bolton and Nightingales' Turnpike and other Roads, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Ulster Railway Company to make a Railway from Belfast, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Grosvenor and Mr. Repton.

A Petition from the City of London to authorize the London Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter, enlarge and amend the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for better lighting the Streets and Houses of the Metropolis with Gas," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Grosvenor and Mr. Repton.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to alter and amend "The Lands Improvement Company's Act, 1853:" And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and to create Preferential Stock for the purpose of paying off their Mortgage Debt: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize certain Arrangements with respect to the Capital of the Dock Bill.

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A Petition of the Gwyn and Mr. Hussey Vivian.

A Petition of the Liverpool Trustees of the Liverpool Docks to construct new Docks Bill.
Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to transfer to the Corporation of the Town of Brighton the Property, Powers, Privileges and Liabilities of the Brighton Improvement Commissioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Resolved, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the Adjournment House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Return of the Name, Age, Nationality, Office, Salary, and Length of Service, of all Persons employed in the Poor Law Office in Dublin, together with the Gross Amount (if any) contributed by each of them to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund since their Appointment.

Ordered, That a Standing Committee of Sixteen Members be appointed, to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, and to whom shall be referred all matters relating thereto:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Wilson Patten, Lord John Russell, Mr. Goulburn, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Napier, Sir James Graham, Mr. Monckton Milnes, Mr. Disraeli, Lord Advocate, Mr. Macnally, Lord Soane, Mr. Sidney Herbert, Sir William Heathcote, Sir Thomas Acland, and Mr. Walpole; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Bullion purchased and sold by the Bank of England, distinguishing Gold from Silver and Bar Gold from Foreign Gold Coin, in each month from the 31st day of December 1853 to the 31st day of December 1854; and the Excess of Payments to or of Receipts from the Public of British Gold Coin; and also the Amount received from the Mint during the same Period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 192, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return exhibiting the Number of Principals and (Ireland,) Assistant Teachers in the Service of the Board of Education in Ireland at any period of the year 1854; distinguishing the Number in each Class and Division of the Class to which they respectively belong.
and exhibiting the Amount of Salary payable to the Teacher of each Division in the respective Classes, and also distinguishing the Number of Industrial Teachers in the Service of the Board, and their Classification of Salary.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly Societies: And that Mr. Sotheron, Mr. Bonham Carter and Mr. Adderley do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to Newspaper Stamps, the Printing and Publishing of Newspapers, and the Duties of Postage, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

Mr. Sotheron presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly Societies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of February next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

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**Lunar Calendar for January 1855**

**A. 1855.**

**Wolverhampton Waterworks.**

A Petition of the Wolverhampton Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Works of the Wolverhampton Waterworks Company, and to amend the Acts relating to that Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Wood and Mr. Crossley.

**Halifax Gas.**

A Petition of the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company to raise a further Sum of Money for better supplying with Gas the Borough of Halifax and the Neighbourhood thereof, within the Parish of Halifax, in the West Riding of the County of York, to repeal and amend the Act relating to the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Shelley.

**Halifax Gas.**

A Petition of the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Law relating to Friendly Societies, might be read; and the same being read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Labouchere and Sir John Remond.

**Dundalk and New Water.**

A Petition of The Torquay Market Company, for Torquay leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Torquay Market Company to raise a further Sum of Money, to sell or lease their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Yarde Butler and Sir Thomas Acland.

A Petition of Persons whose Names are thereunto-subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying with Water the Town and Parish of Wolverhampton, the Suburbs thereof, and the Parishes and Places adjacent thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Forestier, Mr. Clive and Mr. John Lewis Ricardo.

**Wolverhampton Water.**

A Petition of the Torquay Market Company, for Torquay leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually repairing and improving the Road from Wadhurst to the Turnpike-road on Lambridge, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fortescue, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Boryer.

**Dundalk Harbour and Port.**

A Petition of Commissioners for preserving, improving and maintaining the River, Port and Harbour of Dundalk, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Conservancy and Improvement of Dundalk Harbour and Port, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fortescue, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Boryer.

**Worcester Railway.**

A Petition of Subscribers to the Undertaking thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the making and maintaining of the West Somerset Mineral Railway, and the improving and regulating of the Harbours of the County of Somerset, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act for more effectually repairing and improving the Road from the Trent Bridge, in the County of the Town of Nottingham, to Crop Bridge, in the County of Leicestershire, for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Nottingham and Loughborough Turnpike-road, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Barrow and Mr. Walters.

A Petition of the Taunton Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Taunton Gas-Light and Coke Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Labouchere and Sir John Remond.

A Petition of Mrs. Richardson, and also distinguishing the Number of Industrial Teachers in the Service of the Board, and their Classification of Salary.
Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Regent's Canal Company of Proprietors of the Regent's Canal to purchase the Herford Union Canal, and for other Bill purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders was Standing nominated of Mr. Wilson Pattens, Mr. Henley, Mr. Soothern, Mr. Thomas Greene, Sir John Yarde Ballyer, Sir Robert Ferguson, Mr. Bonham Carter, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Committee of Selection was nominated of Committees Mr. Soothern, Sir John Yarde Ballyer, Sir Robert Ferguson, Mr. Bonham Carter, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order, That Mr. Smollett and Mr. Alexander Glasgow, Hustie do prepare, and bring in the Glasgow, Dumfartan and Helensburgh Railway Bill, was read, and ordered to be discharged.

Mr. Masterman presented a Bill to alter, enlarge London City and amend the Provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for better lighting the Streets and Houses of the Metropolis with Gas": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from West Somerset one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Mineral in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions relating to Newspaper Stamps;—Paper, Public Newspaper Stamps, Foreign Books, &c.;—State Carriages;—and, Her Majesty’s Ministers,—were pre-Vide Fifth sented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Report.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Service Copies of the Report, dated November 1854, from the East India Company, as to the Company’s College at Haileybury.

Sir Charles Wood accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented a Bill to alter and Public Health amend the Public Health Act, 1848: And the same Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of February next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report on the Common and Model Lodging Houses of the Metropolis, with reference to Epidemic Cholera in 1854, addressed to the President of the General Board of Health by Mr. George Glover, one of the superintending Medical Inspectors of the Board.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty’s Command—Statement of Excess of Expenditure for Her Majesty’s Navy, for the year 1853–54.

Estimate of the Excess of Expenditure for Her Majesty’s Navy, for the year 1853–54. No. 35. Ordered.
Ordered, That the said Paper and Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Malt. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt in stock on which the additional Duty was imposed in the last Session of Parliament in England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, and the Dates on which the said Duty on stock has been paid, and the Amounts paid at each respective Date.

Banks of Issue. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of any Banks, being Banks of Issue previously to the passing of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 32, which have ceased to issue their own Notes, and of the Amount of Circulation of such Banks respectively.

Statute Law Commission. Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to the Statute Law Commission, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant January, be printed.

Stores for the East. Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Stores sent to the East, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; with the Totals of each, the Dates when sent, and when arrived in the East.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Transports. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Ships engaged as regular Transports, with the Names (stating whether Steam or Sailing), from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855, with the Dates of Engagement, and if still in the Service; the Register Tonnage on which the Freight is calculated; the Rates of Freight, and whether reduced or increased since first engaged; the Service performed, with the Quantity of Cargo, Troops, or Stores taken by each; the Length of the Passages; in Steam Ships, the Horse-power and Consumption of Coals or Fuel per Hour.

Malt. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Bushels of Malt in Stock when the increased Duty was imposed:—Of the Number of Bushels of Malt made and brought into Charge from the 1st day of August 1853 to the 1st day of January 1855:—And, of the Number of Bushels of Malt made from the 1st day of August 1853 to the 1st day of January 1854.

Coffee. (Crimea.) The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of this instant January, for a Return of the Quantity of Coffee, Roasted and Ground, sent to the Army in the Crimea previous to the 22d day of December last, specifying, in detail, the Nature and Extent of the Accommodation provided.

National Debt. The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—An Account of the Gross Amount of all Summs of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives and for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, under the Provisions of the Acts of 10 Geo. 4, c. 24, and 3 Will. 4, c. 14, and 15 & 16 Vic. c. 45, within the year ending 5th January 1855.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Monies received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for the Military Savings Banks, from the 10th September 1844 to the 5th January 1855, inclusive.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Army before Sebastopol, upon the 20th day of this instant January, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;—Martis, 30° die Januarii, 1855:

And the Question being put;—The House divided:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Mr. Drummond, Yea;
 Mr. Green Berkeley: ] 305.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Hyder, Noes, The Earl of Malgrave: ] 146.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill:—Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee for Postage and Stamp Duties;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Expense charged or to be charged on the County Rate of every County of England and Wales since the 1st day of January 1852, in providing Depots and Staff Houses for the Militia; distinguishing the different Regiments and Counties, and specifying, in detail, the Nature and Extent of the Accommodation provided.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of any Banks, being Banks of Issue previously to the passing of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 32, which have ceased to issue their own Notes, and of the Amount of Circulation of such Banks respectively.
Officers of the Army; Number of Sons of Officers of the Navy and Marines; Number of Orphans of Officers of the Army; Number of Orphans of Concerns of the Navy and Marines. Of the Amount paid to that Establishment by the Gentlemen Cadets:—Of the Amount paid yearly by the Officers of the Senior Department:—Of the Total Annual Cost of that Establishment:—And, of the Total Amount received by the Exchequer above the Total Expenses of the Establishment since the year 1851.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of February next.

Mr. Secretary-at-War presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Supplementary Estimate of the Charge which will probably be incurred during the year 1854-55, for Ordnance Services. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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**Martis, 30**° **die Jannarii:**

**Anno 18° Victoriae Regnas, 1855.**

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**NEWCASTLE.**

A Petition of the Chesterfield Waterworks and Gas-Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Chesterfield Waterworks and Gas-Light Company to extend their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Cavendish and Mr. Thornhill.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Newport, in the County of Monmouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of Newport, in Monmouthshire, to purchase the Interest of the Freemen in Newport Marshes, to extend the Limits of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Octavius Morgan and Mr. Crossley Bailey.

A Petition of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Completion and Maintenance of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway on the Narrow Gauges; and to alter and amend the Provisions of the Acts relating thereto, and to certain Powers conferred on the Great Western Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Rushout and Mr. Oliveira.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act therein-after-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to renew the Term and continue the Powers of an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for repairing the Road from Alford to Boston, and from thence to Cambridge, in the Township of Fritchville, in the County of Lincoln," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Christopher and Sir John Trollope.

A Petition of Directors of the Company therein-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton Consumers' Protective Gas Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Woolwich one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Consumers' Protective Gas Bill. In respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Woolwich Consumers' Protective Gas Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Sheffield United Gas-Light Sheffield Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for merging the Sheffield Gas Consumers' Company in the Sheffield United Gas-Light Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Roe-buck and Mr. Heatfield.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Londonderry, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Londonderry to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Robert Fergusson and Mr. Brody.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lin-cashire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Manchester, Sheffield and Lin-cashire Railway Company to make a Branch Railway from Lincoln to Lincoln, to hire Vessels, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heatfield and Mr. Hindley.

A Petition of the Cornwell Railway Company, Cornwall for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Time Railway, for the Completion of the Cornwell Railway Company, and for making further Provisions as to the Superintendence of the Cornwell Railway Company, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Michael Williams and Mr. Roberts.

A Petition of the Over Darwen Gas-Light Com-over Darwen company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Pro-visions and extend the Limits of the Act relating to the Over Darwen Gas-Light Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Heywood and Mr. Wilson Patten.

A Petition of the Dundee and Porth and Aicer-Deed Railway Junction Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for consolidating into one Act, and amend-ing the Provisions of the several Acts relating to the Dundee and Porth and Aberdeen Railway.) Junction Company, and for enabling the Company to raise Money for the Payment of Debts, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Den-can and Mr. Kinnaired.

A Petition of the Cork and Youghal Railway Cork and Youghal Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Youghal Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Youghal Railway to Queenstown, and to make certain Deviations in, and an Extension of, their Line, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Isaac Butt and Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Brotherston presented a Bill to renew the Wallhurst and Term and continue the Powers of an Act passed in the ninth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the Road from Wallhurst to the Turnpike-road on Lamberhurst Down, both in the County of Sussex, and from the Turnpike-road on Pullein's Hill to West Farleigh-street, both in the County of Kent: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to amend an Act of the first year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter one hundred, to enable Her Majesty's Commissioners of Luenitenancy for the City of London to purchase certain Lands and Houses for building more convenient and requisite Head- quarters, Hospital, Storehouses and other proper Accommodation for the Royal London Militia, and to confer certain other Powers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from the Town of Dundalk, in the County of Louth, to the Town of Blackrock, in the said County: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Conser- vancy and Improvement of Dundalk Harbour and Port, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Taunton Gas-Light and Coke Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to extend the Works of the Wolverhampton Waterworks Company, and to amend the Acts relating to that Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Company to raise a further Sum of Money, to sell or lease their Undertaking, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Provisions of the Act relating to the Ratchiff Gas-Light and Coke Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating the "Colonial Life Assurance Company," for enabling the said Company to sue and to be sued, to take and hold Property, and for other purposes relating to the said Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for better sup- plying with Water the Town and Parish of Wolverhampton, the Suburbs thereof, and the Parishes and Places adjacent thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from and out of the Great North of Scotland Railway, in the Parish of Inverury, to the Town of Old Meldrum, in the County of Aberdeen, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Nottingham and Loughborough Turnpike-road, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Edward Elllice presented a Bill for making Glasgow, Doubarton and Helenburg, in the Counties of Lowark and Dunbarton; and for making Provision for the use and working of the said Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Book of Common Prayer;—Public Stage Carriages;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Militia Petitions.

Ordered, That Mr. Smollett have leave of absence Leave of absence for a month, on account of illness in his family.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Steam Ship to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased "Philadelphia," to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Special Inspectors appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the Steam Ship "Philadelphia."

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the Adjournment House this day, adjourn till Thursday next.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit Committees. To-morrow, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

Mr. Fitzroy presented, pursuant to the directions Poor Relief of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of three (Ireland.) General Orders issued by the Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Com- Steam Ship mand, — Copy of Report of the Special Nuisances Inspection into the "Philadelphia". inspectors appointed to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Special inspections attended to as "Philadelphia." in the pamphlet "Erin's Queen." ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit Committees.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of Bank of the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the England. 24th day of this instant January, for an Account of all Gold, Silver and Copper Monies of the Realm, coined at the Mint, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1854.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of this Cholera instant January, for Copy of a Report on the Common and Model Lodging-houses of the Metropolis, with reference to Epidemic Cholera in 1854, addressed to the President of the General Board of Health by Mr. George Glover, one of the Superintending Medical Inspectors of the Board.

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Ordered, That the Return ordered on the 8th day Railways.
of May last, of all Sums of Money expended or then due by the several Railway Companies, Proprietors or Shareholders in the United Kingdom, in obtaining Acts of Parliament for establishing such Companies and their Undertakings, or subsequent thereto, and for Branches and Additions, or for purchasing other Railways, or amalgamating with Railways or Canal Companies, or otherwise howsoever; and all Costs, Charges and Expenses incurred and occasioned by any Actions, Suits and other Proceedings at Law or in Equity, by the said Companies, Proprietors and Shareholders, and particularly including in such Sums, Costs, Charges and Expenses of any kind; and showing what proportion of the said Sums, Costs, Charges and Expenses has been paid and borne out of Capital, and what part is to be paid and borne out of the Profits of the said Companies respectively, be laid before this House forthwith by the Railway Companies who have not already complied with that Order.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Newspaper Return of the Number of Newspaper Stamps at One Penny issued to Newspapers in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, for the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 117, of Session 1854).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Peel presented a Bill to carry into effect a Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Peel presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Carriage of Passengers by Sea: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, Judgments Expenses, &c. in the Matter of Chester, and also of Denton, in the County Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned till Thursday next.

Jovis, 1° die Februarii;
Anno 15° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Warrington Waterworks Warrington Water.

A Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Powers of the Warrington Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wilson Patten and Mr. Greenall.

A Petition of Isaac Booth, of Hyde, in the County of Chester, and also of Chester, and of Preston, in the County of Lancashire, Gas Proprietor, and also of Subscribers to the Undertaking thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for lighting with Gas the Township of Hyde, in the County of Chester, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Chesterton and Mr. Brotherton.

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A Petition of the Cromford and High Peak Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and extend the Line of the Cromford and High Peak Railway, and to amend and consolidate the Provisions of the Acts relating thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cotile and Mr. Thornhill.

A Petition of Subscribers to the Undertaking or Company thereafter referred to, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for making a Railway from the Bishop Auckland Branch of the North Eastern Railway, in the Township of Esholt, to the Township of Brandon and Dyshottles, all in the County of Durham, was called "The Dearness Valley Railway," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milner and Mr. John George Smyth.

A Petition of the Rotherham Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually supplying with Gas the Parish of Rotherham, and certain Places adjacent thereto, in the West Riding of the County of York, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Denison and Mr. Cheetham.

A Petition of Trustees for executing two several Acts for more effectually repairing the Commercial-road and other Roads connected therewith, in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending "The Commercial-roads Act, 1827," and "The Commercial-roads Continuation Act, 1849," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Clay and Mr. Butler.

A Petition of the Londonderry and Coleraine Railway Company, and of William M'Cormich, of Saint Martin's-place, Trafalgar-square, in the County of Middlesex, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Londonderry and Coleraine Railway Company to lease a portion of their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Robert Ferguson and Captain Jones.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Cardiff, for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually paving, cleansing, lighting and otherwise improving the Town of Cardiff, in the County of Glamorgan; for the construction of Reservoirs for flushing the Sewers within the Town; for opening new Streets and widening some of the existing Streets, and for providing a Cattle Market, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Coiffin and Mr. Booker.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Derby, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Municipal Boundary of the Borough of Derby, and for more effectually paving, lighting and otherwise improving such Borough, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Biss and Mr. Heyworth.

A Petition of Lords in Trust for Charitable purposes of the Manor and Borough of Ushbridge, in the County of Middlesex, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Sale of the Ushbridge Barge Lands, and directing the Application of the Proceeds thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Grosvenor and Mr. Tucker Smith.

A Petition of the Belfast and County Down Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to extend their Railway in the County of Down, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ker, Mr. Harden and Mr. Kirk.

A Petition of the Great North of Scotland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend of Scotland Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thompson and Mr. James Duff.

A Petition of Subscribers to the Undertaking of the Phoenix, South Metropolitan, the London Gas-Light and Coke Company, and the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Districts within which the Phoenix, South Metropolitan, London and Surrey Consumers' Gas Companies may supply Gas within the Counties of Surrey and Kent, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Duke and Mr. Locke King.

A Petition of the Provost, Bailies and Council of Reet for the Royal Burgh of Renfew, for leave to bring in a Police and Improvement Bill for establishing and maintaining an efficient System of Police for the Royal Burgh of Renfew, for improving the said Burgh, and for other purposes in relation thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bowier and Colonel More.

A Petition of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company to make New Branches and other Works, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Harry Vane, Mr. Parver and Mr. Cogey.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for Ayr Harbour, leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and improving the Harbour of Ayr, and for the better management thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Crawford and Sir John M'Taggart.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Liverpool of the Borough of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Improvement Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool to acquire Lands and construct New Streets, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thomas Liddell and Mr. Horsfall.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Liverpool of the Borough of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Corporation Bill for amending the several Acts relating to the Liverpool Corporation Waterworks, and for facilitating the Navigating Deviations and the Construction of Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thomas Liddell and Mr. Horsfall.

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A Petition of the London and South Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for South Western authorizing Railway.
A Petition of the Madras Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Madras Railway Company to issue and register Shares and Securities in India, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Chaplin and Mr. Hutchins.

A Petition of the Trustees for executing four several Acts of Parliament relating to the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Acts relating to such Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mangles and Mr. Robertson.

A Petition of Trustees of the Turnpike-roads in the County of Lincoln: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Birmingham Canal Navigations, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Birmingham Canal Company to issue and register Shares and Securities in India, and for other purposes in relation to such Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. O. Glyn and Mr. Willocks.

A Petition of Trustees of the Turnpike-roads thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to amende the Glasgow and Lockhead Bridge, and Possil and Balmore Turnpike-road Trusts, and to make Branch Roads, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stirling and Mr. William Lockhart.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto annexed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining a Turnpike-road from Charlestown of Aboyne to Ballater, Crathie, and Castletown of Braemar to Cairnwell Hill, with a Branch at Gairnour, in the County of Aberdeen, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Logard and Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for merging the Sheffield Gas and Light Company in the Sheffield Gas and Light Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Collier, Mr. Roundell Palmer and Sir Eshwine Perry.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to amend the Over Darwen Gas-Light Company Act, for extending the Powers of the Over Darwen Gas-Light Company; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make a Branch Railway to Queenstown, and to make certain Deviations in and an Extension of their Line, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Cork and Youghal Railway Company to make a Branch to Queenstown, and to make certain Deviations in and an Extension of their Line, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Chesterfield Waterworks and Gas-Light Company to extend their Undertaking, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Newport Corporation to purchase the Interest of the Freemen in Newport Marshes, to extend the Limits of the said Borough, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Lounderry Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Londonderry to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Cornwall time for the Completion of the Cornwall Railway Company Bill, and for making further Provisions as to the Share Capital of the Cornwall Railway Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for consolidating Dunoon and into one Act, and amending the Provisions of the Perth Railway Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Standing Orders.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That in the case of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
2. That in the case of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
3. That in the case of the Leeds, Bradford and Halifax Junction Railway Petition, the Select Committee on Standing Orders be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Notice has been given to every Shareholder before the 7th day of February; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.


The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Leeds, Bradford and Halifax Junction Railway Bill, might be read; and the same was read;
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Leeds, Bradford and Halifax Junction Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Edmund Denison and Mr. Wickham do prepare, and bring it in.

West Somerset Mineral Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the West Somerset Mineral Railway, might be read; and the same was read;
Ordered, That Sir John Yardie Bulter be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
Ordered, That Mr. Deedes be added to the Committee.

Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Sir John Yardie Bulter be discharged from further attendance on the Committee of Selection.
Ordered, That Mr. Deedes and Mr. Greene be added to the Committee.

Birmingham Gas Bill.

The Birmingham Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Brighton Improvement Commissioners and Municipal Corporation Bill.

The Brighton Improvement Commissioners and Municipal Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Bristol and Exeter Railway Bill.

The Bristol and Exeter Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Lands Improvement Company Bill.

The Lands Improvement Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Liverpool Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill was Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Oldham Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill was South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Swansea Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Ulver Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Earl of Mulgrave presented, by Her Majesty's International Command.—Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians for the Establishment of International Copyright. Signed at London, August 12, 1854.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of July last, for Returns from the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, of the Amount of Suitors' Cash in Court on the 1st day of October 1853;—Of the Amount thereof invested in Stock placed to the Account of Securities, purchased with Surplus Interest arising from Securities carried to the "Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery," and the Amount of such Stock on the 1st day of October 1853;—Of the Balance of Suitors' Cash in the Bank of England on the 1st day of October 1853;—Of the Amount of the Cash invested in Stock placed to the Account of Securities, purchased with Surplus Interest arising from Securities carried to the "Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery," and the Amount of such Stock on the 1st day of October 1853;—Of the Amount of the Cash laid out in the Purchase of Stock placed to the Account of Monies placed out to provide for the Officers of the High Court of Chancery; distinguishing the Amount of the Cash which has arisen from the Surplus Fees from the Amount of Cash which has arisen from the Surplus Interest laid out in the Purchase of such Stock, and the Amount of such Stock on the 25th day of November 1853;—Of the Result of the Investigation, if any, under the 1st section of the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 98, showing the Total Amount of the Stock on Accounts not dealt with for Fifteen years, and the Number of such Accounts, and the Amount of the Annual Dividends accruing thereon;—Of the Balance of Cash on the Suitors' Fund on the 1st day of October 1853, and the Income of the Suitors' Fund for the year ending the 1st day of October 1853;—distinguishing the Amounts arising from

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from the Dividends on Stock referred to in Nos, 2 and 4 from any other Sources, and also the Expenditure therefor for the same year, distinguishing therein the Amounts of Salaries and Compensation and Retiring Pensions from other Payments, and the Amount carried over to the Suitors' Fee Fund:—Of the Balance of Cash on the Suitors' Fee Fund on the 24th day of November 1853, and the 29th day of December 1853 (being the day of annually balancing this Account), and the Income of the Suitors' Fee Fund for the same year, distinguishing therein the Amounts arising from Fees collected by the sale of Stamps, Brokers', Poundage under the Windings-up Acts, Interest of Stock referred to in Nos. 5 and 6 respectively, and Surplus Income of Suitors' Fund, from any other Sources thereof, and also the Expenditure for the same year, distinguishing therein the Amount of Salaries and Compensation under the Acts 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103, from other Compensations, Retiring Pensions, Allowances for Writing and other Purposes, and stating what part of them is charged on Stock and Securities in Court on the 1st day of October 1853, exclusive of the Amount of Stock purchased with Suitors' Cash:—Of the Amount of the Payments into Court, and of the Payments out of Court, for the year ending the 1st day of October 1853:—Of the Amount of Stock transferred into Court, and the Amount of Stock transferred out of Court, for the year ending the 1st day of October 1853:—Of the Number of Accounts in the Books of the Accountant General on the 1st day of October 1853:—And, of the Number of Powers of Attorney issued from the Accountant General's Office for the year ending the 1st day of October 1853; distinguishing those impressed with a £1 Stamp from those impressed with a £1. 10s. Stamp.

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of December last, for a Return of all Orders given, and Contracts entered into, by the Board of Ordinance for Small Arms, since the 1st day of January 1853, with the Dates thereof, the Time of the Delivery of each Pattern, and also when each Material was given out to be set up; specifying, separately, London, Birmingham, and Foreign Orders and Contracts; and stating what part of them have been received, and what Number of Materials and Muskets or other Guns have been accepted of 577 bore, and all other kinds, and when.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Statement of the Advances out of the Consolidated Fund to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, &c.; of the Application of the Funds so advanced; and of the Monies paid into the Consolidated Fund between the 1st January and the 31st December 1854.

Sir John Young presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of December last, for Copies of Correspondence between the Reverend Mr. Fethier, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the House of Industry in Dublin, and the Poor Law Commissioners, relative to the Admission of Visitors into said House, together with the Evidence and Report made to the Commissioners upon the Inquiry arising therefrom:—Of the Rules and Orders for the Regulation of the Establishment;—And, Return of the Number of Inmates in the House, specifying those who are Roman Catholics.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Young, presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant February, for a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the Board for the Encouragement of Trade and Manufactures in Scotland, for the years 1843 to 1854, both inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 176, of Session 1844). Vol. 110.
A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act for making a Turnpike-road from the Hope Turnpike, in the Leominster and Hereford Road, to or near Barley Gate in the Hereford and Bromyard Turnpike-road, and from thence to a place called the Trumpet in the Leominster and Hereford Turnpike-road, all in the County of Hereford, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Leominster and Leubury Turnpike Trust, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Booker, Mr. Haunbury and Mr. Robert Phillimore.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Glasgow, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise and empower the Magistrates and Council of the City of Glasgow to supply with Water the said City and Suburbs thereof, and Districts and Places adjacent; to purchase and acquire the Glasgow Waterworks and the Gorbals Gravitation Waterworks, and to introduce an additional Supply of Water from Loch Katrine, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alexander Hasting, Mr. John M`Gregor and Sir James Anderson.

A Petition of the Birkenhead Docks, for leave to bring in a Bill for exempting Vessels resorting to the Birkenhead Docks, and their Cargoes, from dues payable to the Trustees of the Liverpool Docks, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Liverpool respectively, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hutt, Mr. Christopher and Sir John Shelley.

A Petition of the Newport Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal, alter and amend some of the Provisions of the "Newport Gas Company's Act, 1854," to enable the Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hudson, Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Moubray.

A Petition of the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Torquay, Tor Church Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling and Vauxhall Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Clay and Mr. Hutt.

A Petition of the Grand Junction Waterworks Grand Junction Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Undertaking of the Trustees of the River Lee to create a further Term therein, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Clay and Mr. Hutt.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Committee on Standing Orders, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Cawley.

A Petition of the Gomersal and Dewsbury Turnpike-roads, and from thence to a place called the Trumpet in the Gomersal and Dewsbury Turnpike-roads, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Poulett Scope and Mr. Horsman.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Gloucester, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act for making and maintaining a Turnpike-road, all in the County of Gloucester, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Benjamin Hall and Sir John Shelley.
Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Municipal Boundary of the Borough of Derby, and for more effectually paving, lighting and otherwise improving such Borough: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the West Somerset Mineral Railway, and the improving and regulating of the Harbour of Watchet, in the County of Somerset, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to incorporate a Company for making a Railway from the Bishop Auckland Branch of the North Eastern Railway, in the Township of Elvet, to the Township of Brandon and Byshottles, all in the County of Durham, to be called "The Dearness Valley Railway," and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to extend the Great North of Scotland Railway from Huntly to Scotland : And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to extend their Railway in the County of Down: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for authorizing the Sale of the Uskbridge Burgage Lands, and directing the Application of the Proceeds thereof, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending several Acts relating to the Liverpool Corporation Waterworks, and for authorizing Deviations, and the Construction of Works, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Supplies and Securities in India, and for other purposes in relation to such Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the London and South Western Railway Company; for regulating their Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for amending the Liverpool Corporation Water Bill.
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Mr. Peel also presented,—Return to an Address Emigration to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of December (Australia.) last, for Copies or Extracts of any Despatches relative to Emigration to the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 436, of last Session).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statistical Tables relating to Foreign Countries, compiled for the most part from the Official Returns of the respective Countries, Part I. containing the information for the respective Countries from the Supplemental Volume (Section A.) to Part XVIII. of Tables of Revenue, Population, Commerce, &c. of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant General Sir De Lacy Evans, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, being come to the House, Mr. Speaker (sitting, and uncovered) acquainted him with the Resolution of the House of the 13th day of December last, which he read as followeth:

"Resolved, Nominem Confirmavit, That the Thanks of this House be given to Lieutenant General Sir De Lacy Evans, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and to the several other Officers therein named, for their zeal, intrepidity, and distinguished exertions in the several Actions in which Her Majesty's Forces have been engaged with the Enemy:"

And then Mr. Speaker gave him the Thanks of the House accordingly, as followeth—

Lieutenant General Sir De Lacy Evans,—It is in feelings of pride and satisfaction that this House welcomes the return of one who has borne so conspicuous a part in the brilliant achievements which have characterized the present War.

At the Battle of the Alma you encountered and overcame with admirable coolness and judgment the almost insuperable difficulties which opposed the advance of the gallant Second Division against the position of the Enemy.

Your repulse of the formidable attack of the Russians on the 20th of October, and the energy and valour with which you led the Troops upon that occasion, have been honourably recognized by Lord Raglan.

But it was on the Heights of Inkerman that you displayed that undaunted courage and chivalrous generosity which have called forth the admiration of your Country, when, rising from a bed of sickness, you hastened to assist with your counsel and experience the gallant Officer in temporary command of your Division; and you refused to withhold from him the honours, whilst you shared with him the dangers, of that Battle Field.

Your conduct throughout this memorable Campaign has been marked by the same intergal gallantry which distinguished your early military career, and has justly earned for you the highest honour which is in the power of this House to confer.

It is therefore my agreeable duty, in the name and by the command of the Commons of the United Kingdom, to deliver to you their unanimous Thanks for your zeal, intrepidity and distinguished exertions in the several Actions in which Her Majesty's Forces have been engaged with the Enemy.

Upon which Sir De Lacy Evans rose, and said:—

Mr. Speaker,—I beg to assure you, Sir, and this House, that I appreciate most deeply the very high honour which has now been conferred upon me. I am quite aware, and deeply impressed with the conviction, that there is no honour to which a British Subject can look with more ardent desire or be more proud of than the recognition of his services, whatever they
they may be, by the Representatives of his fellow-subjects in this Kingdom.

Sir, I am equally and indeed still more grateful to you for the reference which you have made to the Second Division, which I had the honour to command. I should not have had the most remote conception of obtaining the kind and honourable distinction which I have this day received at the hands of this House, had it not been for the noble gallantry of that Division, from the first Officer under my command to the humblest Soldier in its ranks.

I feel deeply grateful for the honour which has been now conferred upon me. I should certainly like to say a few words, but I think this is not the proper time for it, as regards the position of those who are still struggling gloriously in this contest. I do hope that, although I am not completely prepared perhaps to take an arduous and constant part in the transactions of this House, I may have some opportunity of expressing my feelings on that subject. I will only further say, that I am deeply convinced that the manifestation of the approbation of the House upon this occasion to so humble an individual of the Army as I am will have a considerable effect upon the feelings which animate my brother Soldiers. I again say, Sir, that I am most deeply grateful for the kind expressions which you have used towards me.

Ordered, Namine Contradictente. That what has been now said by Mr. Speaker in giving the Thanks of this House to Lieutenant General Sir De Lucy Evans, together with so much of his answer thereto as relates to Thanks, be printed in the Votes of this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Fox have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health; and, by the unanimous vote of the House, adjourn till Monday next.

Juries and Jurors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Jurors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Juries and Jurors (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Jurors (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Kilmarnock Gas.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Kilmarnock Gas-Light Company, established to supply with Gas the Town of Kilmarnock, and the Suburbs thereof, the Streets, and Villages and Places adjacent, all in the County of Ayr, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bow- evert and Mr. Archibald Houstie.

Airrie Rural District Police.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the 10th Geo. IV. c. 92, for constituting a Police District within certain Parishes therein mentioned, near to Airrie, in the County of Lanark; to oppress the Provisions thereof to adjoining Lands, and for other purposes in relation thereto; and to erect and maintain a Hall, Court-house and Public Offices in or near Airrie, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Lockhart and Mr. Alexander Houstie.

Bognor Railway.

A Petition of the Bognor Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Completion of a Railway from Chichester to Bognor, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Abel Smith and Mr. Living.

Heywood Water.

A Petition of the Heywood Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Heywood Waterworks Company to extend their Undertaking, and to increase their Capital, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Brown and Mr. Cheetham.

Burtonon Improvement.

A Petition of Inhabitants and Rate-payers of the Ecclesiastical District of Saint Mark’s, Surbiton, in the Parish of Kingston-upon-Thames, in the County of Surrey, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Oliphant and Mr. Stewart.

Great Northern Railway (Increase of Capital.)

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Northern Railway Company to increase their Capital, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Denison and Mr. Ostrousa Duncombe.

Birkenhead New Dock.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Birkenhead Docks, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Trustees of the Birkenhead Docks to make and maintain the South Reserve Dock, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hutchins and Sir John Shelley.

Cambridge University and Town Water.

A Petition of the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company to raise further Money, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Goulburn and Mr. Wigram.

Basingsworth, Stockbridge, and Lobony Corner Road.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the several Acts thereunto-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts relating to the Basingsworth, Stockbridge and Lobony Corner Turnpike-roads, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Foles and Mr. Caditt.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Glossop Gas Company to raise Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Henry Cavendish and Lord Edward Howard.

A Petition of the London and North Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the London and North Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Companies to enlarge the North Union Station Railway at Preston, and to construct a Branch Railway thereon; for vesting in them the Ribble Branch Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Manly and Mr. Wickeham.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Manchester, for leave to bring in a Bill in an Improvement. Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and Borough of Manchester to make a new Street from Manchester, across the River Irwell, into Salford, and authorizing Arrangements with the Corporation of Salford, in reference thereto, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milner Gibson, Mr. Bright and Mr. Brotheron.

A Petition of the South Wales Railway Company, South Wales for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the South Wales Railway Company, and to authorize the Construction of new Works and alterations of existing Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Talbot and Mr. Saunders Davies.

The Order, That Mr. Huchins and Mr. Headlam Birkenhead do prepare, and bring in the Birkenhead Docks Bill. By the Order, Mr. Brotheron presented a Bill to authorize and enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Glasgow to supply with Water the said City and Suburbs thereof, and Districts and Places adjacent; for the purchase and acquisition of the Glasgow Waterworks and the Gorbals Gravitation Waterworks; and to introduce an additional Supply of Water from Loch Katrine, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotheron presented a Bill to amend and extend the Provisions relating to the Dewsbury Road Bill. By the Order, Mr. Brotheron presented a Bill to repeal, alter Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill, and amend some of the Provisions of "The Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Act, 1834," to enable the Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotheron presented a Bill to enable the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company to make a Branch from their Railway to the Middleborough and Guisborough Railway, and also a Branch
Branch to Whorlton, and other Works, and to alter and amend the Act relating to the said Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Leominster and Ludlow Turnpike Trust, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Sunderland Dock Company to make further Works, and to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the said Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Grand Junction Waterworks Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to re-incorporate Price's Patent Candle Company, and to extend its Powers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Company to construct Extension Railways, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for better lighting with Gas the Town and Borough of Newport and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the County of Monmouth: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act for making and maintaining a Turnpike-road from Caisthorpe, through Sandall and Mexchillhampton to Norwood and Barnsley, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Acts relating to the Lightpill to Birdlip, and make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Company of Proprietors of the Birmingham Waterworks to construct new Waterworks, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the London Dock Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to alter and amend the Acts relating to the East and West India Dock Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the further Improvement of the Southampton Paving Trust District, in the Parish of Saint Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had Controverted this day received a Report from the Examiner of Elections, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of the Honourable George James Finch Hatton, commonly called Viscount Melistone, and Frederick William Pole, Esquire, relating to the Borough of Cambridge, is unobjectionable.

A Petition of Travellers for executing the Act Kingston-therewith-mentioned, for leave bringing in a Bill upon-Hall, and for repairing the Road from the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull, through the Town of Hesle, to the East end of the Town of Ferrybridge, in the East Riding of the County of York, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Hotham, Mr. Watson and Mr. Digby Seghewy.

The Aberdare Valley Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Cleveland and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Colonial Life Assurance Company Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Dundalk and Blackrock Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway (Steamboats) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Bill be read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

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Regent's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Royal London Militia Bill.

The Royal London Militia Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

South Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The South Staffordshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Reading Junction) Bill.

The Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Reading Junction) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Swansea Vale Railway Bill.

The Swansea Vale Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Tunton Gas Bill.

The Tunton Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill.

The Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Vale of Neath Railway Bill.

The Vale of Neath Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Wadhurst and West Farleigh Roads Bill.

The Wadhurst and West Farleigh Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Wolverhampton New Water Bill.

The Wolverhampton New Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Wolverhampton Water Bill.

The Wolverhampton Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Sligo Gas.

A Petition of Richard Hand Wood, of Sligo, Ireland, Surgeon; George Leech, of Sligo aforesaid, Ironmonger; Moses Monds, of Sligo aforesaid, Merchant; James Harper, of Sligo aforesaid, Steam Packet Agent; and Henry Lyons, of Sligo aforesaid, Merchant and Alderman, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Gas Light Company of Sligo, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Isaac Butt and Sir Robert Booth.

Highways.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Particulars of the Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Highways in each County of England and Wales, for the year ending the 25th day of March 1855, made out in the form required by the Act 12 & 13 Vict. c. 35; distinguishing the Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Places under Local Acts, from the ordinary Highways.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Fisheries (North America) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Peel do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-Army posed, That there be laid before this House, a Return (Crimes) of the Total Number of Officers and Men in the Army who have been sent to the Seat of War in the Crimea:—Like Return of the killed; of the wounded; of the wounded who have since died; of those who have been invalided; of those who have recovered and returned to their duty; of those who have died from sickness; of those who are invalided, up to the latest date; and of the efficient Officers and Men, to the latest date; distinguishing in each, Cavalry, Infantry, Artillery, Sappers and Miners, as well as Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men:—And, Return of the Total Number of Horses which have been sent out to the Seat of War; Total Number killed; Total Number dead from other causes; and Total Number effective, up to the latest date:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-Poor Law posed, That there be laid before this House, a Return (Orphans) of the Names of the Poor Law Board in Ireland, and the Names of the Poor Law Inspectors, as also the Names of the several Poor Law Inspectors removed or dismissed within the last Twelve Months, with the Dates of their respective Appointments, and whether Protestant or Roman Catholic; together with the Correspondence that has taken place on the subject of the Removal or Dismissal of such as have ceased to be Inspectors:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Title Return, in a Tabular form, of the Applications for Rent-charge variation in lieu of Tithe made to the Commissioners of Income Tax in Ireland, or at the respective Quarter Sessions held in each County in Ireland during the year 1854; distinguishing those in which the Applications were successful from those refused, as also, where successful, the Amount or Extent of the variation made. Petitions
A Petition of Trustees acting in the execution of Peterborough and Wellingborough Road, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Peterborough and Wellingborough Turnpike-road, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Vernon Smith and Mr. Augustus Stafford.

A Petition of Trustees acting in execution of the Guildford Acts thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts relating to the Turnpike-road from Guildford to the Directing-post near the Town of Farnham, in the County of Surrey, and make other provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mangles and Mr. James Bell.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Ashton-under-Lyne, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the County of Lancashire, to purchase and maintain Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hinsey and Mr. Brotherton.

A Petition of the Surrey Consumers’ Gas Company and the Deptford Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Deptford Gas-Light and Coke Company to the Surrey Consumers’ Gas Company, and to wind-up the Affairs of the first-named Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Duffe and Mr. Pellett.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Kingston-upon-Thames, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the limits of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, and to provide for the better paving, lighting, draining, and otherwise improving the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Wynn and Mr. Pugh.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Folkestone, in the County of Kent, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the limits of the Borough of Folkestone; to enable the Corporation of the said Borough to construct a Market-House; to make certain New Streets and other Improvements; and to pave, light, drain, and otherwise improve the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Atcock, Mr. Lock and Mr. Ecoly.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Welwyn, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish an Urban District for the Improvement of the Town; to make a Market House, and other Improvements; and to pave, light, drain, and otherwise improve the Town, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brockman, Mr. Deedes and Sir Edward Dering.

A Petition of the Castle, Stone Valley, and Saltdean Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the limits of the Borough of Stone Valley, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Williams Wynne, Mr. Osmery Gove, Colonel Wynna and Mr. Pugh.

A Petition of the Castle, Stone Valley, and Saltdean Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish an Urban District for the Improvement of the Town; to make a Market House, and other Improvements; and to pave, light, drain, and otherwise improve the Town, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Williams Wynne, Mr. Osmery Gove, Colonel Wynna and Mr. Pugh.
Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to amend the West Bromwich Improvement Act, with Improvement Bill, 1854, with relation to the Prevention of Smoke. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Great North Railway Company further to increase the Capital of the Company; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the London and Blackwall Railway Company to widen certain portions of their Railways, and for amending some of the Provisions of the Acts relating to such Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize Improvement Bill, in a Bill to incorporate the Woolwich Equitable Gas Company in the Parish of Kingston-upon-Thames, in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to extend the Bognor Railway Act. The said Resolutions, being read a second time

1. That in the case of the Woolwich Consumers Woolwich Protective Gas Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted Gas.

2. That in the case of the Torquay, Tor and Saint Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Company, that Sir John Yarde Buller and Sir Thomas Acland do be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted Gas.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary ChurchGas Petition, the Standing Orders for granting further Powers to the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Company, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton Consumers' Gas Company: And that Mr. Holt and Mr. Montague Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Sandars presented a Bill for supplying with Gas the Townships of Ossett-cum-Gauntershaw, in the Parish of Dewsbury, and Horbury, in the Parish of Wakefield, all in the West Riding of the County of York; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lord Batham presented a Bill for repairing the Road from the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull, through the Town of Hessle, to the East end of the Town of Ferriby, in the East Riding of the County of York; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Alford and Boston Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Chesterfield Water and Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Cork and Youghal Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Cornwall Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, that the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Consolidation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Londonderry Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Lincoln Branch, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Newport Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Over Darwen Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Sheffield Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the London City Gas Bill; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant February.

Mr. Isaac Butt presented a Bill for incorporating Sligo Gas Bill.

The Cork and Youghal Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Wed. Episcopalian and the 21st day of this instant February, the Capitular Estates Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ratcliff Gas Bill; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant February.

Mr. Fitzroy presented,—Return to an Address to Bullion, &c. Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of January last, for a Return of the Amount of Bullion purchased and sold
sold by the Bank of England, distinguishing Gold from Silver, and Bar Gold from Foreign Gold Coin, in each Month from the 31st day of December 1853 to the 31st day of December 1854: also the Excess of Payments to or of Receipts from the Public of British Gold Coin: and also the Amount received from the Mint during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 102, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Arctic Expeditions.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Further Papers relative to the Recent Arctic Expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin and the Crews of Her Majesty's Ships "Erebus" and "Terror."

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Police.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—Accounts showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police, Police Superannuation Fund, and Police Courts, in the year ended the 21st December 1854.

Account, pursuant to Act 6 & 7 Vic. c. 83, intituled, "An Act for granting Relief to the Islands of Antigua, Saint Kitts, Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat," of all Sums advanced to the said several Islands, and of all Sums repaid by reason of such Advances, with the Interest paid thereon, during the year ending 5th January 1855.

Account, pursuant to Act 11 & 12 Vic. c. 130, intituled, "An Act for guaranteeing the Interest on such Loans not exceeding £300,000 as may be raised by the British Colonies on the Continent of South America, in the West Indies and the Monarckites, for certain purposes," of all Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom during the year ending 5th January 1855, to make good the Deficiency in the regular Payment on the part of the said Colonies of the Interest due on the Loans advanced to them respectively, and of all Sums repaid by the said Colonies by reason of such Advances, with the Interest paid thereon, during the year ending 5th January 1855.

Account, pursuant to Act 11 & 12 Vic. c. 22, intituled, "An Act for granting Relief to the Island of Tobago, and for aiding the Colonies of British Guiana and Trinidad in raising Money for the Promotion of Immigration of Free Labourers," of all Sums advanced to the said Islands or Colonies, and of all Sums repaid by reason of such Advances, with the Interest paid thereon, during the year ending 5th January 1855.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration (Australia), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coffee, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant February, be printed.

Cathedral and Collegiate Churches.

No. 43.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Steam Ship "Philadelphica," which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant February, be printed. And then the House adjourned till To-morrow. 

Mercurii, 7° die Februaire.

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PRAYERS.

A MESSAGE from the Lords, by Mr. Blunt: Message from the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to continue, until the end of the present Session of Parliament, a Provision contained in the Act of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty-five, concerning certain of the Estates of the Deans and Chapters of York and Carlisle: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bills of Exchange Bill was read the first bills of Ex-time; and ordered to be read a second time upon change Bill. Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Bill 19.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Aston-under-Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Lymes and Water Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating the Woolwich Consumers' Protective Gas Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to renew the Turnpike-Charlbury, Winch, &c. Road Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Dursley and continue the Powers of an Act passed in the first year of the reign of his Majesty King George Norton to Burford, all in the County of Oxford: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to alter and amend the Acts relating to the Saint Katherine Dock Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Dursley and Railway from the Midland Railway, in the Parish of Dursley: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for repealing the Act relating to the Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Turnpike-road from Guildford to the Directing-post near the Town of Farakous, in the County of Surrey, and make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to extend the Kingston-Limits of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, and provide for the better paving, lighting, draining, and...
and otherwise improving the said Borough, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to incorporate the Steanbridge Gas Company, and to enable them to light with Gas the Town of Steanbridge in Worcesterhire, and other places: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to grant further Powers to "The Colchester, Stour Valley, Sudbury and Halstead Railway Company": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from Oswestry, in the County of Salop, to Newtown, in the County of Montgomery: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to extend the limits of the Borough of Folkestone; to enable the Corporation of the said Borough to construct a Market-house; to make certain new Streets and other improvements; and to pave, light, drain, and otherwise improve the said Borough, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for granting further Powers to the Folkestone Waterworks Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Deptford Gas-Light and Coke Company to the Surrey Consumers Gas Company, and to wind up the Affairs of the first-named Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for granting further Powers to the Torpway, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for more effectually lighting with Gas the Town of Stalybridge and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the Counties of Chester and Lancaster, and in the West Riding of the County of York: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for transferring the Undertaking of the Trustees of the River Lee to the New River Company, and for other purposes: And that Sir John Johnstone and Mr. Mills do prepare, and bring it in.

The Aboyne, Ballater, Braemar and Cairnwell Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Ayr Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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The Banff, Macduff and Turriff Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply. the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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Ordered, That the Bill be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bouvier, reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Bank of England, which were presented upon the 30th day of January last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Bullion, &c., which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Metropolitan Police, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant February, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

A Petition of Shareholders in the Birkenhead, Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for a Lease of the Undertaking of the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company to the Great Western Railway Company, and to authorize, until the granting of such Lease, Traffic Arrangements between the said two Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount Barrington and Sir Watkins Williams Wynne.

A Petition of Lawrence Polk, of Haldon House, Torquay in the County of Devon, Esquire, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying with Water the Parishes of Tormoham and Saint Mary Church, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Yarde Buller and Sir Thomas Acland.

A Petition of the Somerset Central Railway Company, Somerset, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Somerset Central Railway Company to construct Railways to Wells and to Burnham, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tudway, Mr. Dunsby Seymour and Major Read.

A Petition of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Gas- Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Gas-Light Company's Act, for the Supply of Gas, and to authorize the raising of a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Christy and Mr. Jackson.

A Petition of the London Necropolis and National London Mausoleum Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Act, 1852, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alocok and Mr. Berkeley.

A Petition of the Saint Helen's Improvement Saint Helen's Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Town of Saint Helen's, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Brown and Mr. Greenwell.

A Petition of the same undersigned, for leave to have a Bridge over the River Wye, at a Place called Hoarwithy Ferry, in the Parishes of Huntland and King's Cople, in the County of Hereford, and for making convenient Approaches thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Hanbury, Mr. Booker and Mr. King King.

A Petition of Trustees acting in the execution of Wigan and Preston Roads, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the
Act relating to the Wigan and Preston Roads, as relates to the District of the said Roads South of Yarrove, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Lindsay and Mr. Acton.

Honiton Road. A Petition of Trustees acting in the execution of the Act therein-after-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act for making, widening, repairing and maintaining certain Roads leading to and from the Town of Honiton, in the County of Devon, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Yardes Butler and Mr. Polk.

Great Western and Brecon Railway. A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Great Western Railway, at Southall, in the County of Middlesex, to Brecoftord, in the same County, with Docks at the last-mentioned place, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Francis Villiers and Mr. Brotherton.

Western Bank of Scotland. A Petition of Directors and the Manager of the Western Bank of Scotland, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Banking Company, called "The Western Bank of Scotland," for enabling the said Company to sue and be sued, and to take and hold Property, and for other purposes relating to the said Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Lockhart, Mr. Alexander Hastie and Mr. Baird.

Union Bank of Scotland. A Petition of Directors and the Manager of the Union Bank of Scotland, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Banking Company, called "The Union Bank of Scotland," for enabling the said Company to sue and be sued, and to take and hold Property, and for other purposes relating to the said Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kinneir and Mr. Ferguson.

South Wales Mineral Railway Bill. Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the South Wales Mineral Railway Company to grant a Lease of their Undertaking; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Wolverhampton Corporation Water Bill. Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for better supplying the Borough of Wolverhampton, in the County of Stafford, and its Neighbourhood, with Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill. Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for transferring the Undertaking of the Trustees of the River Lee to the New River Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Banbury Markets and Public Institutions Bill. Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for constructing a Market-house, Market-place, and other Buildings for Public Accommodation at Banbury, in the County of Oxford, and for the better Regulation and Maintenance of the Markets there, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lancaster Water and Gas Bill. Mr. Green presented a Bill to amend "The Lancaster Waterworks and Gas Act, 1852," and to raise an additional Sum of Money for the purposes of the said Act, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Trustees for executing an Act relating to the Roads therein-after-mentioned, for leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That, in consequence of the adjournment of the House, they had changed the day for choosing from Panel No. 1, the Select Committee to try and determine the Barnstaple Election Petition, from Monday the 12th day of February to Monday the 19th day of February, at Three o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Mr. Greene as Chairman for the day the 25th day of February to choose from Panel No. 2.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply ; and that Mr. John FitzGerald, Mr. Napier and Mr. Francis William Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Lord John Russell and Mr. Hastings Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote Education in England: And that Lord John Russell and Mr. Hastings Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Encouragement of the Working of Mines in Ireland: And that Mr. John FitzGerald, Mr. Napier and Mr. Francis William Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Lord John Russell presented a Bill to promote Education in England: And that the same was read Bill the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence connected with the construction of certain Works at the Mouth of the River Tyne, between the Admiralty, the Officers of the River Tyne Commissioners, Messrs. Clayton and Brooks, and Mr. James Walker, C.E., since the 24th day of February 1853.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next.

Ordered, That Lord Harry Vane have leave of absence for a month, on urgent business.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply, into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,615,600, Excess of Naval Expenditure, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Estimated Excess of the Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. Bouverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote Education in England: And that Lord John Russell and Mr. Hastings Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Encouragement of the Working of Mines in Ireland: And that Mr. John FitzGerald, Mr. Napier and Mr. Francis William Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. John FitzGerald presented a Bill for the further Encouragement of the Working of Mines in Ireland: And the same was read Bill the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
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**Prayers.**

A Petition of the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Lockhart and Mr. Archibald Houtie.

A Petition of the Maryport and Carlisle Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Maryport and Carlisle Railway; to authorize the Company to improve their existing Railway; to make new Branches, Stations and other Additions to their Works; to raise further Monies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hildyard and Mr. Steel.

A Petition of the Grand Surrey Canal, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Grand Surrey Canal; to amend their Acts; to authorize them to construct a new Railway from Llangusgoed to Bridgend, and to extend their present Line from Ystawe to Pontypridd, near Dilton Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads therein described, and also for altering the Line of a certain part of the first above-mentioned Road, for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Gateshead, in the County of Durham, to the Hexham Turnpike-road, near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henry George Liddell and Mr. Shatto.

A Petition of the Llynvi Valley Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Llynvi Valley Railway Company; to enable them to construct a new Railway from Llanrogadoed to Bridgend, and to extend their present Line from Ystawe to Pontypridd, near Dilton Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads therein described, and also for altering the Line of a certain part of the first above-mentioned Road, for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Gateshead, in the County of Durham, to the Hexham Turnpike-road, near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Talbot and Mr. Grey.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Surrey Canal, for leave to bring in a Bill to change the Corporate Name of the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Surrey Canal; to amend their Acts; to authorize them to construct a new Entrance from the Thames, and additional Docks and other Works; to raise further Monies; to amalgamate with the Commercial Dock Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Duke and Mr. Freshfield.

A Petition of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company to raise further Monies; to amalgamate with the other companies, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Monsell and Mr. Esmonde.

A Petition of above-mentioned Trustees acting in virtue of the Acts Congleton thereafter recited, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Congleton Enclosure Trustees to exchange certain Portions of the Lands vested in them for certain Portions of other Lands, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Philip Egerton and Mr. Tollemane.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for erecting and maintaining a Bridge over the River Wye, at a Place Bridge Bill, called Henochrif Ferry, in the Parish of Hensland and King's Caple, in the County of Hereford, and for making convenient Approaches thereto. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Manchester Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester to make a new Street from Manchester, across the River Irwell, into Salford, and authorizing Arrangements with the Corporation of Salford in reference thereto, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for better supply of Water the Parishes of Tornahoon and Water Bill. Saint Mary Church, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating a Tornahoon Company for manufacturing and supplying Gas for and Saint Mary Church, the use of the Inhabitants of the Parishes of Tor- Gas Bill. Saint Mary Church, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Somerset Somerset Central Railway Company to construct Railways to Wells and to Burnham, and a Pier at Burnham, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Uphill and Road from Uphill to Bleadon, in the County of Bleadon Road Bill. Somerset: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for more effectual Weston-supersupplies with Gas the Town of Weston-super- Mare Gas Bill. More, in the County of Somerset: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal so much Wigan and of the Act relating to the Wigan and Preston Roads Preston Roads South of Yarrow Bill. and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Improvement of Saint Helen's, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Great Western Railway from the Great Western Railway at Southall, in the County of Middlesex, to Brentford, in the same County, with Docks at the last-mentioned place, and for other purposes: And the same was read
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Honiton Road Bill

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal an Act for making, widening, repairing and maintaining certain Roads leading to and from the Town of Honiton, in the County of Devon, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birkhead, Latrobe, Cheshire and Great Western Railways Bill

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for a Lease of the Undertaking of the Birkhead, Latrobe, Lieutenant and Cheshire Junction Railway Company to the Great Western Railway Company, and to authorize, until the granting of such Lease, Traffic Arrangements between the said two Companies, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London and Coleraine Road Bill

Mr. Mundy presented a Bill for more effectually repairing the Cavanhill Bridge and Brasington Road, and for making a Branch Line of Road in connexion with the same, all in the County of Derby: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London and Coleraine Railway Bill

The London and Coleraine Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Bill (Narrow Gauge Bill)

The Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Narrow Gauge) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Phoenix, South Metropolitan, London and Surrey Gas Companies Bill

Ordered, That the Phoenix South Metropolitan, London and Surrey Gas Companies Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Public Petitions

Petitions relating to Newspaper Stamps; — Stage Carriages; — and, Intoxicating Liquors,— were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

New Zealand Company

A Petition of the Commons of New Zealand, as assembled in their House of Representatives (signed by the Speaker), was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners humbly beg leave to submit to the House the following Resolutions passed by the House of Unanimity in reference to the claims of the New Zealand Company upon the land fund of that colony:

1. That the debt of 268,370l. 15s. to the New Zealand Company imposed upon the colony by Act of Parliament ought to be considered as an equivalent in money, at 5s. an acre, for 1,007,300 acres alleged to be surrendered to the Crown for the service of this colony.

2. That at the time the arrangement was entered into by which this debt was saddled upon the colony, the Crown was, in terms of the 13th chapter of the Royal Instructions of 1846, a trustee of the land and land fund of the colony for the benefit of its subjects, and especially for the benefit of such of them as have or are likely to become land purchasers, carried into effect in July 1847, and to promote the establishment of new settlements in the colony, the inhabitants of New Zealand have a right to inquire whether the public money given to the New Zealand Company was applied fully and fairly to the objects for which the Crown constituted it its trustee.

3. That the arrangement of 1847 between the New Zealand Company and Lord Grey subsequently given effect to by the Act 10 & 11 Vic. c. 112, was obtained by misrepresentation and suppression of the truth, and appears to have been entered into in a state of comparative ignorance on the part of the Crown of the position and transactions of the Company both in England and the colony, and in particular that the existence and extent of the claims of the settlers of Wellington and Nelson were not made known in the House this day, adjourn till Friday next.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to construct a Junction Line to the Cromford and High Peak Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, to the colony to the liquidation of its outstanding and undisclosed liabilities, excepting engagements on the condition that the value of any land so applied by the Company or by the Government in fulfilment of the Company's contracts should be deducted from the amount of the debt.

5. That the minimum amount of loss of land fund sustained by the colony is, including the expense of surveying the compensation land, 120,000l.

6. That, inasmuch as the money advanced by Parliament was said to be afforded to the Company to restore the property of the existing settlements, and to promote the establishment of new settlements in the colony, the inhabitants of New Zealand have a right to inquire whether the public money given to the New Zealand Company was applied fully and fairly to the objects for which the Crown constituted it its trustee.

7. That the compromise of claims of the Nelson land purchasers, carried into effect in July 1847, was essentially modified in favour of the Company by the following means: a legal opinion favourable to the claims of the settlers, which the Company had promised to obtain, and to make public among them for the adjustment of their mutual differences, was suppressed; and a second opinion unfavourable to their claims was substituted and made use of by the Company's agent, and, as appears by his own letters to the secretary of the Company, not without effect.

8. That vigorous efforts ought to be made in the ensuing Session of Parliament, to obtain inquiry into and relief from the matters complained of in the foregoing Resolutions.

9. That, should any amount be fixed on as ultimately due to the Company, the same ought to be distributed amongst the provinces upon principles to be settled by the General Assembly.

10. That it is expedient that an Act should be obtained in the next Session of the Imperial Parliament for obtaining such relief, and for enabling the General Assembly to effectuate such distribution; and that it will be desirable in any such Act to obtain power to commute the Company's claim for colonial or provincial securities.

And praying that the House will be pleased to institute an inquiry into the origin, nature and extent of the debt to the New Zealand Company, and to take such steps as the House in its wisdom may think fit to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions, and to relieve that colony, in whole or in part, from the burden of a debt which, the Petitioners venture to believe, would, if left to accumulate in the manner in which it has done, be essentially modified in favour of the Company by the following means: a legal opinion favourable to the claims of the settlers, which the Company had promised to obtain, and to make public among them for the adjustment of their mutual differences, was suppressed; and a second opinion unfavourable to their claims was substituted and made use of by the Company's agent, and, as appears by his own letters to the secretary of the Company, not without effect.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of New Windsor, in the room of the Honourable Charles Wellesley, commonly called Lord Charles Wellesley, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Hemp-holme.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Despatches from Governors of British Colonies, transmitting Addresses and Resolutions on the subject of the War with Russia (in continuation of Papers presented 29th January 1855).

Mr. Peel also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of this instant February, praying that She will be graciously pleased to cause Her Royal Warrant for regulating Promotion and Retirement in the Army to be laid upon the Table of the House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee of Supply a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £1,615,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the estimated Excess of the Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1855.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £176,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the estimated Excess of Expenditure for Printing and Stationery of Public Departments, beyond the Grant for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1855.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the estimated Excess of Extraordinary Expenses of Ministers at Foreign Courts, beyond the Grant for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1855.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

Mr. Bouverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the deficiency in the Grants for the Service of the year ending the 31st day of March 1855, the Sum of £2,000,000, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Bouverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Markets (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamps Duties; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Staff Officers. Return of those Officers who have received Certificates at the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, and have been subsequently employed on the Staff of our Army, during the last Twenty years.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Agents of Transports.

A Petition of William Bowles, of Crown-hill Great North-Lodge, Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, gent; Henry Vigars East, of 14, Centerbery Villas, Maida Vale, in the same County, Esquire; Charles Harrison, of 7, Cambridge-square, Paddington, aforesaid, Esquire; Henry Philip Hawkehill, of 38, Harrington-square, Hampstead-road, Middlesex, aforesaid, Engineer; Thomas Hawkehill, of 38, Harrington-square, aforesaid, Esquire; James M'Gill, of 4, Eaton-place, Parish of Saint Pancras, in the said County of Middlesex, Esquire; the Reverend William Slamman Rowle, of 2, Marlborough-place, Waltham-road, in the County of Surrey, Clerk; and Edmund Alexander Spurr, of 3, Newton-place, Bayswater, in the said County of Middlesex, Architect, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining the Great Northern London Cemetery, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Exowt and Mr. Donley Sevent.

Mr. Stirling presented a Bill to amend the Law schools (Scotland) Act 1855.

Ordered, That there be given to bring in a Bill Schools (Scotland) Act 1855: And that Mr. Stirling and Mr. Henry Bailie do prepare, and bring it in.
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in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Ferness one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Railway.
in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Ferness Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Liverpool one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Port.
in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Liverpool Port Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Westminister one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Terminus Railway (Chapman to Norwood) in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Westminister Terminus Railway (Chapman to Norwood) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Fife and Kinross one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Fife Railway, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Fibre one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Company, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Fibre Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Cardiff one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Writ, for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Cardiffian, in the room of Pryse Llewelyn, Esquire, deceased.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, in answer to a Letter communicating the Thanks of the House of the 15th and 18th days of December last, relative to the exertions of the Fleet in conveying the Land Forces to the Crimea:—And the same was read, as followeth:—

Sir,

Having succeeded Vice-Admiral Dundas in the Command of this Station, the honour has devolved upon me of communicating to Rear-Admiral the Honourable Montagu Stopford, and to the several Captains, Officers, Seamen and Marines in Her Majesty's Fleet in the Black Sea, the unanimous expression of the Thanks and Approbation of the House of Commons for the services rendered by them during the present War, and of communicating to them also the unanimous acknowledgments of the distinguished valour and conduct of those who have perished
perished in the struggle, and the deep sympathy felt for their relatives and friends.

All are deeply impressed with the honour conferred upon them. All are encouraged in the performance of their duty to their Queen and Country, and the Seamen and Marines more so, I believe, than on any other occasion, for the blessing of education enables them to appreciate, better than their predecessors, the Thanks and Approbation of Parliament.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
With the highest respect and regard,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

E. Lyons,
Rear-Admiral and Commander in Chief.

To the Right Honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre,
Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That he had received a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, transmitting a Letter from Vice-Admiral Bruat, in answer to the Thanks of the House of the 15th day of December last, relative to the operation of the French Navy in conveying the Allied Forces to the Crimea, as follows:

Agrippines, off Scæveapel, 30 January 1855.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you therewith a Letter, which I have received from Vice-Admiral Bruat, who has succeeded Admiral Hauëlia in the command of the French Fleet, showing how highly the French Navy feel honoured and gratified by the Thanks of Parliament.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
With much respect and regard,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

E. Lyons, Rear-Admiral and Commander in Chief.

To the Right Honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. French presented a Bill for making a Railway from the Waterford and Limerick Railway at Killarney to Castletownsend, to be called “The Limerick and Castlecottonnell Railway,” and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Barrow Harbour Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the limits of the Harbour of Barrow, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and to enable the Commissioners of the said Harbour to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Cawdell and Sir Joseph Paxton.

A Petition of the Furness Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal and consolidate the several Acts relating to the Furness Railway Company, to enable the said Company to raise a further Sum of Money, to give further Powers to the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Gateshead, for leave to bring in a Bill for erecting and completing the Borough of Gateshead, in the County of Durham, and for the Improvement of the same Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hutt and Mr. Henry George Liddell.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Acts of Holon and thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts passed for repairing the Road from Holon, through Preston and Bolton, to Hull, and other Roads in the County of York, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Hotham and Mr. Arthur Duncombe.

A Petition of Trustees acting in the execution of Keighley and the Act thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining the Yorkshire District of the Road from Keighley, in the West Riding of the County of York, to Kirkby in Kendal, in the County of Westmoreland, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edmund Denison and Mr. Farrer.

A Petition of the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for repealing an Act and Water called “The Hartlepool Gas and Waterworks Act, 1849,” and granting other Powers in lieu thereof, and for enabling the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company to raise further Money, and for other purposes, the short Title of which is “The Hartlepool Gas and Waterworks Act, 1855,” was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Harry Vane and Mr. Farrer.

A Petition of Commissioners of the Pier and Port Hartlepool, for leave to bring in a Bill for the construction of a Harbour and for enabling the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company to erect and maintain a Pier and Harbour, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Harry Vane, Mr. Farrer and Mr. Monckay.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company for the Improvement, Maintenance and Regulation of the Port of Hartlepool, for the construction of a Harbour of Refuge there, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Harry Vane, Mr. Farrer and Mr. Montcavy.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Gateshead, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company, under the Act thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest the York District of the Road from Keighley, in the West Riding of the County of York, to Kirkby in Kendal, in the County of Westmoreland, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edmund Denison and Mr. Octavius Duncombe.

A Petition of the Waveney Valley Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Valley Railway, Times granted to purchase Lands for, and to construct the Part of the Waveney Valley Railway between Huyway and Beccles, and for authorizing the Transfer of the Waveney Valley Railway to the Eastern Counties Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Colebott and Sir Samuel Bignold.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, Metropolitan Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter certain Portions of the Metropolitan Railway, and to amend the Provisions of the Act relating thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thomas Dancombe and Mr. Malins.

A Petition
A Petition of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the 'Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway, with respect to the Completion of such Railway on the Broad and Narrow Gauges, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Rushout and Mr. Oliveira.

A Petition of Commissioners for executing the Act thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as the said Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Adderley and Mr. Child.

A Petition of Directors of the Medical Invalid and General Life Assurance Society, for leave to bring in a Bill for better enabling the Medical Invalid and General Life Assurance Society to sue and be sued, and to alter some of the Provisions of their Deed of Settlement, and to give further Powers to the Society, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Plimm and Mr. Otway.

A Petition of Directors of the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society, for leave to bring in a Bill to change the Name of "The National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society" to the Name of "The International Life Assurance Society"; and to enable the said Society to sue and be sued in the Name of the Chairman or Secretary, or any one Director of the said Society, and to give additional Powers to the said Society, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Follett and Mr. Cairns.

A Petition of Suitors for the Bill thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Barony, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Otway, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Swift.

A Petition of the Salisbury and Yewhil Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Salisbury and Yewhil Railway Company to make a Deviation in the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Wyndham and Mr. Dandy Segmier.

A Petition of Owners or Occupiers of lands and houses situated on or in the neighbourhood of the Turnpike-roads leading from Dublin to Carlow, from Dublin to Dundonv, from Dublin to Mullingar, from Dublin, by Athboy, to Slane and Drogheada, from Dublin to Kilkenny, from Dublin to Clonfor, Malahide and Howth, from Dublin to Nenagh, from Dublin to Rutland, from Kinnead to Atkilton, or some of them, and of Persons otherwise interested in the abolition of the Tolls payable on the said respective Turnpike-roads, for leave to bring in a Bill to discontinue the taking of Tolls on the Turnpike-roads leading from the City of Dublin, and on the Turnpike-road from Kinnead to Athkilton, and to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as Public Roads, and for the discharge of the Debts due thereon, and other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hans Hamilton, Colonel Taylor and Mr. Dott.

A Petition of Members of the Provisional Executive Council of the Executive and Trustee Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Executive and Trustee Society, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Headton and Mr. Montagu Chambers.

A Petition of the Most Honourable Francis Nelson, Daniel Marcus Conyngham, and of George Wyndham, of Petworth, in the County of Sussex, Esquire, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Reclamation of Land in the Estuary of the River Fergus, in the County of Clare, in Ireland, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Earl of March, Sir William Somervelle and Mr. William Fitzgerald.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto annexed for the East of Fife, subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Leven Railway, at the Town of Leven, to the Town of Kilconquhar, in the County of Fife, to be called "The East of Fife Railway," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fergus and Sir Graham Montgomery.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto annexed, subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Leven Railway, at Markbush Station, to the Town of Leith, with Branches to Princes Works, Leven Bank Mills and Rothes Mills, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fergus and Mr. Edward Ellice.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto annexed, subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Ladyburn, on the Line of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway, by Auchter- nocht and Strathmiglo, to Milnathort and Kinross, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking Abington thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Oxford Branch of the Great Western Railway to Abington, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount Barrington and Major Reel.

A Petition of the Portsmouth Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Portsmouth Railway Company to make an Alteration in the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mengles and Mr. Bouchan Carter.

A Petition of the Worcester and Hereford Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Time for completion of the Worcester and Hereford Railway, and authorizing the Midland, London and North Western, Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton, and Newport, Abercromby and Hereford Railway Companies, to subscribe to and acquire and hold Shares in that Undertaking, and to work and use the Line, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ghye and Sir Joseph Paxton.

A Petition of the South Wales Railway Company, South Wales for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the South Wales Railway, Penbiwre Line, &c. Act, 1853, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Talbot and Mr. Saunders Davies.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for Hamilton leave to bring in a Bill for the Sanitary Improvement of the Burgh of Hamilton; for the removal of land, and for the improvement of their Residences, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fergus and Sir Graham Montgomery.
A Petition of Shareholders in the Undertaking thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Shrewsbury Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tomline and Mr. Baldock.

A Petition of Shareholders in the Hyde Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Hyde Gas Company, and to grant more effectual Powers for supplying with Gas the several Townships of Hyde, Werneth, Bredbury, Romiley, Newton and Godley, in the County of Chester, and of Denton and Healds, in the County of Lancaster, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hastings Russell, Mr. Cowper and Mr. Godley, in the County of Chester, and of Denton and Healds, in the County of Lancaster.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Shrewsbury, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Salop, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Meldock and Mr. Loat.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Gloucester, acting as the Local Board of Health for the said City, as well as in the capacity of a Municipal Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better Supply of the City of Gloucester and the Neighbourhood thereto with Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Admiral Berkeley and Mr. Price.

A Petition of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Borough of Shrewsbury, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Collier and Mr. Cruikshank.

A Petition of Subscribers to the Undertaking thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the London and North Western Railway at Dunstable, in the County of Beds, to the Great Northern Railway, at or near the Roxburgh Station, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Radi and Mr. Baird.

A Petition of the Benevolent Electric Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for preparing Materials from Flax, Straw and other fibrous substances, to be used in the manufacture of Paper, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the British and American Turnpike-roads, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Collier and Mr. Cruikshank.

A Petition of Shareholders in the Limerick and Foynes Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to increase and extend their Supply of Water, and to enable the said City to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Collier and Mr. De Vere.

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Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Gateshead, in the County of Durham, to the Hexham Turnpike-road, near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Petition of the Birkenhead Dock Company, for Birkenhead leave in a Bill for exempting Vessels re- for repairing, widening and maintaining several Journeys to and through the Borough of Lyme Regis, and the Roads in the Counties of Dorset and Devon, leading for repairing, widening and maintaining several for repairing, widening and maintaining several Roads in the Counties of Dorset and Devon, leading

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The Basingstoke, Stockbridge and Loboum Corner Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Birkenhead Dock Trustees Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Birmingham Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Bognor Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Cardiff Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Charlbury, Witney, &c. Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Colchester, Stour Valley, Sudbury and Halstead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Dursley and Midland Railway Bill was read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the East and West India Dock Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Folkestone Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Folkestone Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Glasgow Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Glossoy Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The General and Dewsbury Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Grand Junction Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Great Northern Railway (Increase of Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Heywood Water Bill was read a second time; Heywood Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Kilmarnock Gas Bill was read a second time; Kilmarnock Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Kingston-upon-Hull, Hessle and Ferriby Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Kingston-upon-Thames Improvement Bill was Kingston-upon-Thames Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Leominster and Ledbury Road Bill was read Leominster and Ledbury Road Bill.

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The Lightpill and Birdlip Road Bill was read a Lightpill and Birdlip Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The London and Blackwall Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The London and North Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the London Dock Bill be read a London Dock Bill second time upon Monday next.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement Bill was Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Newport Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2d day of March next.

The Newstead and Oswestry Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.
The Ossett Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Price's Patent Candle Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Southampton Paving Trust (Saint Pancras) Bill was read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The South Wales Mineral Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The South Wales Railway (Consolidation) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Stalybridge Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Stourbridge Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Stroud, Caisncross and Minchinhampton Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Sunderland Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Syston Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Surrey Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.
16th February. A. 1855.

Superintending Medical Inspector, General Board of Health; formerly Vice-President, Royal Scottish Society of Arts, and President, Royal Medical Society; Lecturer on Natural Philosophy and Medical Physics, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Copies of the Reports of the Tithe Commissioners to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 31st January 1855 [for the year 1854].

Copy of the Thirteenth Report of the Copyhold Commissioners to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act 4 & 5 & 6 Will. 3, c. 35, s. 3.

Copy of the Tenth Annual Report of the Copyhold Commissioners, 1855.

Mr. Fitzroy also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return of the Total Number of Tickets of Leave Men, and of the Committals and Convictions of the same, since the passing of the Abolition of Transportation Act; specifying, in each case of Committal and Conviction, the Nature of the Offence.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return of the Name, Age, Nature of Office, Salary, and Length of Service of all Persons employed in the Poor Law Office in Dublin, together with the Gross Amount (if any) contributed by each of them to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund since their Appointment.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant February, That, in addition to the Correspondence ordered regarding the Supply of Coffee to the Crimean, there be added any Letters between the Public Departments with Lord Raglan and the War Department.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account, made up to the 31st December 1854, of the Sums which have been paid and applied within the year 1854, by virtue of an Act 55 Geo. 3, c. 113, intitled, "An Act for carrying into effect a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the Netherlands and the Emperor of all the Russias," for paying and satisfying the Interest on the part of the Loan therein agreed to be borne by his Majesty, on all or any of the Securities therein-mentioned, and towards paying and satisfying the Principal thereof (in case the Principal of any of the said Securities shall have been paid), and also for paying the Expenses of carrying the said Act into execution, and the Sinking Fund for the extinction of the same.

An Account of Monies paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan guaranteed by this Country under the Authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same.

Abstract Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure on the Works and Public Buildings, or otherwise received and appropriated in the Department under the Control or Management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, for the year ended 31st March 1854.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, for the year ended 31st March 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers, except the first, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the War with Russia, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Promotion and Retirement (Army), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies (or Extracts therefrom) of any Despatches received by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from the British Minister at Washington, relative to Negotiations between the Government of the United States and that of Denmark, on the Sound Dues:—And, of the Correspondence between the American and Danish Governments respecting the Sound Dues; and, Extracts from the Minutes of Congress of the President of the United States, on the 1st day of January 1855, relating to the same subject.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by each Member of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £77,099, Excess of Naval Expenditure, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Excess of Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1854.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,322,504, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum for defraying the Estimated Excess of the Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1854.

3. Resolved, That 70,000 Men be employed for the Seamen, &c. Sea Service for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, including 16,000 Royal Marines and 10,000 Boys.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,883,567, Vittuals to be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Vittuals to Seamen and Marins, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,374,081, Vittuals to be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Vittuals to Seamen and Marins in Her Majesty's Fleet, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £749,400, Admiralty to be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of Officers of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges of the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,167,676, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Several Scientific Departments of the Navy, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

9. Resolved,
Naval Establishments at Home.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,422,571, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Naval Establishments Abroad.

10. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £26,919, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Wages to Artificers at Home.

11. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,102,290, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Wages to Artificers, Labourers, and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Wages to Artificers Abroad.

12. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £57,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Wages to Artificers, Labourers, and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Naval Stores.

13. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,929,304, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Stores for the Building, Repair, and Outfit of the Fleet, the Purchase of Stores, Machinery, and for other purposes connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

New Works, &c.

14. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £567,568, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Medicines and Medical Stores.

15. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £62,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Medicines and Medical Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Naval Miscellaneous Services.

16. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £73,686, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of divers Naval Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Half-Pay.

17. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £635,497, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Half-Pay, Reserved Half-Pay, and Retirement to Officers of the Navy and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Military Pensions and Allowances.

18. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £409,222, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Military Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Civil Pensions and Allowances.

19. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £149,258, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Transport Service, &c.

20. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,181,456, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Transport Service, for the Freight of Ships, for the Victualling and Convoyage of Troops on account of the Army and Ordnance Departments, and for Expenses arising from Prisoners of War, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 17° die Februari, 1855 : Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bow- Verey reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Bow Verey also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mune, &c.

Service, &c.

Transport Civil Pensions

Military Allowances.

Medicines Naval Miscellaneous Services.

New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Naval Stores.

Wages to Artificers, Labourers, and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Wages to Artificers Abroad.

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Service, &c.

Transport Civil Pensions

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New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

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Wages to Artificers Abroad.

Resolutions to be reported.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mune, &c.

Service, &c.
Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Friendly Societies Bill.
The Friendly Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 14th day of March next.

Bills of Exchange Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February.

Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Consolidated Fund (£2,000,000) Bill.
Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February.

Militia.
Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations made by the Secretary-at-War, in pursuance of the Militia Acts. Dated War Office, 1st September 1854.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 19th die Februarii:
Anno 18° Victoriae Regine, 1855.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th day of this instant February, and directed them to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

Lancashire and Yorkshire and Blackburn Railways.
A Petition of the Blackburn Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the consolidation into one Undertaking of the Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Blackburn Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wilson Patten and Mr. Starkie.

Rhydymyr Railway.
A Petition of the Rhydymyr Railway Company; for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Rhydymyr Railway Company to extend their Railway to the Taff Vale Railway, to construct Branch Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Tyler and Mr. Henry Bruce.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Sergeant, from the Lords:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords have agreed to the Fisheries (North America) Bill, without any Amendment.—And the Committee of the Whole House, for Wednesday the 14th day of March next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Petition of the Westminster Improvement Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the times granted to the Westminster Improvement Commissioners by "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1845," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1847," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1850," and "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1855," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands, and the Completion of Works; and for altering the corporate name of "The Westminster Association for improving the Dwellings of the Working Classes" to "The London and Westminster Association for improving the Dwellings of the Working Classes," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir De Lacy Evans and Sir John Shelley.

A Petition of William MacKenzie, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the working of Mines in Mining Commissions in Ireland, and to incorporate a Company for that purpose, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Robert Ferguson and Mr. Macartney.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for facilitating the completion of the Westminster Improvements, and for the Incorporation of the Westminster Land Company for a limited period for that purpose, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir De Lacy Evans and Sir John Shelley.

A Petition of the thereundersigned Persons, for leave to bring in a Bill for a Railway from the Manor-street Terminus of the authorized Westminister Terminus Railway, in the Parish of Chepham, in the County of Surrey, to Norwood, in the Parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, in the same County, connecting the Westminster Terminus Railway with the West end of London and Crystal Palace Railway, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually repairing the Road leading from Wem to the Lime Rocks at Bromsgrove, in the County of Salop, and for making several Lines of Road connected with the same, in the Counties of Salop and Denbigh, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Watkin Williams Wyn, Mr. West and Mr. Ormsby Gore.

A Petition of the Guardians, Trustees and Wardens of the Gun-barrel Proof-house of the Town of Birmingham, and of the Master, Wardens and Company by the Mystery of Gun-makers of the City of London, for leave to bring in a Bill for ensuring the due Proof of Gun-barrels in England, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Munz and Mr. Schoefield.

A Petition of Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the District thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Town of Newton in Shocketer Improvement.
in Mackerfield and Neighbourhood, in the County of Lancaster, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Greenall and Mr. Dundy Seymouir.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for continuing the Bridport and Term and amending and extending the Provisions of Broad Windsor Roads Bill. Turnpike-roads: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating British and the British and American Great Railway Land Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a penny Bill second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Great Northern Railway Company to erect and endow a Church and Schools at Doncaster: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal an Act Stroud and for making and maintaining certain Roads from the South of the Glangow and for enabling the Commissioners of the said Harbour to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Barrow and Harbour Bill. Limits of the Harbour of Barrow, in the County of Lancaster, and for enabling the Commissioners of the said Harbour to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the Edinbghergh Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company to enlarge their Station at Queen-street, Glasgow, to raise Salt and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Worcester and Hereford Railway, and authorizing the Midland, London and North Western, Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton, and Newport, Abercaveny and Hereford Railway Companies to subscribe to and acquire and hold Shares in that Undertaking, and to work and use the Line, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Weymouth Weymouth Waterworks Company to increase and extend their Supply of Water, and to construct New Works, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for maintaining Keighley and the Yorkshire District of the Road from Keighley, to Kirkby, in the West Riding of the County of York, to Kirkby, in the County of Westmoreland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Jedburgh Railway from the Town of Jedburgh to the Kelso Railway Bill. Branch of the North British Railway, after the commence ment of the Act therein mentioned, all in the County of Roxburgh, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for constructing Gateshead and maintaining a Quay and other Works in the Borough of Gateshead, in the County of Durham, and for the Improvement of the same Borough, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Sanitary Improvement of the Borough of Hamilton, for the removal of decayed, ruinous and dilapidated Buildings, and of Nuisances therein, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the better Supply of the City of Gloucester and the Neighbourhood thereof with Water, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making Railways from the South Devon Railway to Exmouth, and to the Basin of the Exeter Canal, to be called "The Exeter and Exmouth Railway: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for regulating the Share Capital of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Times granted to purchase Lands for, and to construct the part of the Waveney Valley Railway between Beccles and Bungay, and for authorizing the Transfer of the Waveney Valley Railway to the Eastern Counties Railway Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for repealing an Act called "The Harlepool Gas and Waterworks Act, 1849," and granting other Powers in lieu thereof, and for enabling the Harlepool Gas and Water Company to raise further Money, and for other purposes, the short Title of which is "The Harlepool Gas and Waterworks Act, 1856:" And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Improvement, Maintenance and Regulation of the Port of Harlepool, for the Construction of a Harbour of Refuge there, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for a Railway from the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway at Market Station, to the Town of Leslie, with Branches to Prinlaw's Works, Leven Bank Mills, and Rothes Mills: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to amalgamate the North Staffordshire Railway Company with the London and North Western Railway Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Portsmouth Railway Company to make an Alteration in the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to alter certain Portions of the Metropolitan Railway, and to amend the Provisions of the Act relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to consolidate Electric the Capital Stock of the Electric Telegraph Company, and of the International Telegraph Company, and to grant further Powers to the Electric Telegraph Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to change the National Name of "The National Loan Fund Life Assurance Fund Life Assurance Society" to the Name of "The International Life Assurance Society Bill, and to be sued in the Name of the Chairman or Secretary, or any one Director of the said Society, and to give additional Powers to the said Society: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating Bombay, Buxton, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Sanitary Undertaking of the Birkenhead Dock Company in and Liverpool Docks respectively, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Masterman presented a Bill for vesting the Birkenhead Dock Company in and Liverpool Docks (Trustees of the Birkenhead Dock Trust, of the Liverpool Dock Trustees, and of the Liverpool Dock Trustees, respectively, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Masterman presented a Bill for exempting Birkenhead Vessels residing to the Birkenhead Docks, and the Cargoes thereof, from the Payment of certain Duties to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, and of the Liverpool Docks respectively, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Masterman presented a Bill to alter the Acts of 1854, and of 1855, for the Provisions of the Act relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Masterman presented a Bill to amend the Acts of 1854, and of 1855, for the Provisions of the Act relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Oliver presented a Bill to amend the Acts of 1854, and of 1855, for the Provisions of the Act relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Severn Valley Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the making and maintaining of the Severn Valley Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; And a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Forster, Sir Thomas Winnington, Mr. Pitts, and Mr. Watmough.
The Weston-super-Mare Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Wigton and Preston Roads south of Yarrow Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Wolverhampton Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Dursley and Midland Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the East and West India Dock Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;


Then the main Question, so amended, being put; The Question being put, That the word "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the London Dock Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Saint Katherine Dock Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Petitions relating to Clergy (London);—Episcopal, Palatine and Capitular Estates Bill:—Newspaper Stamps;—Petitions. —Stage Carriages;—Intoxicating Liquors; and, Vide Eighth Intramural Burials (Ireland), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Wheat, &c. Return of the Number of Quarters of Foreign and Colonal Wheat, Wheat Flour, and all other Kinds of Grain, Meal and Flour imported from Foreign Countries into Ireland, from the 1st day of July 1853 to the 31st day of December 1854 inclusive:—Similar Return of all Grain, Meal and Flour imported from Great Britain into Ireland:—And, similar Return of Grain and Flour of all Kinds imported into Great Britain from Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 954, of Session 1853).
Investments
Societies
Sand
Duties.
Postage
Newspaper,
Supply.
Absence.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee of Supply. Supply, several Resolutions; which were, read, as follow:
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 77,069, be Excess of granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Excess of Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1854.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 522,504, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum for defraying the Estimated Excess of the Naval Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1853.
3. That 70,000 Men be employed for the Sea Service for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, including 16,000 Royal Marines and 10,000 Boys.
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,883,967, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Wages to Seamen and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,574,081, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Victuals to Seamen and Marines in Her Majesty's Fleet, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 110,649, be Admiralty granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 50,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges for the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 51,676, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Scientific Departments of the Navy, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 142,571, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 26,919, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,102,220, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Wages to Sailors, Artificers, Labourers and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
12. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 57,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
13. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 2,028,364, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Naval Stores for the Building, Repair and Outfit of the Fleet, the Purchase of Steam Machinery, and for other purposes connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
14. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 567,568, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Naval Establishments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.
15. That
Military Pensions and Allowances.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £62,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of
 disappeared, Military Pensions and Allowances, which will come
 in course of payment during the year ending on the
 31st day of March 1856.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £149,558, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of
 Civil Pensions and Allowances, which will come
 in course of payment during the year ending on the
 31st day of March 1856.

Transport Service, &c.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,181,465, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and
 Contingent Expenses of the Transport Service, for
 the Freight of Ships, for the Victualling and Con-
 venance of Troops on account of the Army and
 Ordnance Departments, and for Expenses arising
 from Prisoners of War, which will come in course
 of payment during the year ending on the 31st day
 of March 1856. The said Resolutions, being read a second time,
 were agreed to.

Marine Mutiny.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Her Majesty’s Royal Marine
 Forces while on Shore: And that Mr. Bonariste, Sir
 James Graham and Admiral Berkeley do prepare,
 and bring it in.

Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second
 reading of the Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill; 
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
 upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the
 Committee of Ways and Means; 
 Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday
 next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (£2,000,000) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund (£2,000,000) Bill was,
 according to Order, read a second time; and
 committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this
 day.

Convict Prisons (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
 Copies of all Correspondence between the Irish Gov-
 ernment and the Lords Commissioners of Her Ma-
 jesty’s Treasury, in the year 1854, in reference to
 fixing the Salaries and Allowances of the Directors of
 Convict Prisons in Ireland, and the Removal of
 Henry M. Hitchin from the Public Service in con-
 nection with that Department.

Intramural Burials (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
 amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in
 Ireland, within the Limits of the Police District of
 Dublin Metropolis, and other Corporate Cities and Towns
 in Ireland: And the same was read the first time;
 and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday
 next; and to be printed.

Poor Relief (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
 amend the Laws in force for the Relief of the Desti-
 tute Poor in Ireland, and to amend an Act of the
 eleventh year of Her Majesty, providing for the exe-
 cution of the said Laws: And that Sir John Young
 and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present to Harbours, &c.
 this House, a Report upon the Private Bills for Har-
 bours, Docks, Navigations, &c., in conformity with
 the practice in force with respect to Railway Bills,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a
 Wrecks. Copy of the Admiralty Register of Wrecks and
 other Casualties to Vessels which occurred in the Seas
 and on the Shores of the United Kingdom during
 the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary
 Paper, No. 337, of Session 1854.)

Sir John Young presented a Bill to amend the Intramural
 Burials (Ireland) Bill. 
 Bill 23.

Sir John Young presented a Bill to amend the Poor Relief
 Laws in force for the Relief of the Destitute Poor
 in Ireland, and to amend an Act of the eleventh
 year of Her Majesty, providing for the execution of
 the said Laws: And the same was read the first
 time; and ordered to be read a second time upon
 Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Young presented,—Return to an Order,
 dated the 16th day of December last, for a Return
 of the Names and Ages of the Blind Inmates in each
 Workhouse in Ireland.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant
 Poor Law February, for a Return of the Names of the Poor Law
 Inspectors in Ireland, with the Dates of their
 Appointments, as also the Names of the several
 Poor Law Inspectors removed within the last Twelve
 Months, or about to be removed, in Ireland, with
 the Dates of their respective Appointments; together
 with a Copy of the Correspondence on the subject
 of such Removals or intended Removals. 

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the
 Table. 

And then the House, having continued to sit
 till a quarter of an hour before Two of the
 clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this
day.

Martis, 20° die Februarii ; 
Anno 18° Victoriae Regine, 1855. 

Prayers.

A PETITION of the Provost, Bailies, Treas- taidley Burghs.
 suer and Councillors of the Burgh of Paisley,
 for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Affairs
 of the Burgh of Paisley and the River Cott Navi-
 gation, and for other purposes, was presented, and
 read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in ac-
 cordingly, by Mr. Archibald Hostie and Colonel
 Muir.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto Dagenham
 subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize
 the Construction of a Dock on the North side of the
 River Thames, to be called “The Dagenham (Thames
 Dock),” was presented, and read; and referred to the
 Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Dagenham Docks Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Great Northern Railway to the West London Railway, with Branches, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Barnet and Willesden Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the there-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Iptonen to Froghall, in the County of Stafford, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Lewis Ricardo and Mr. Bromley Moore.

A Petition of the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Company to make certain Deviations in their line of Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Saunders Davies and Mr. Henry Bruce.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for ensuring the due Proof of Gun-barrels in England, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Improvement of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Salop: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to facilitate the working of Mines in Ireland, and to incorporate a Company for that purpose: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for the Improvement of the Town of Newton in Macherfield and Neighbourhood, in the County of Lancaster: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for extending the Times granted to the Westminster Improvement Company for that purpose: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for facilitating the Completion of the Westminster Improvements, and for the Incorporation of the Westminster Land Company, for a limited Period, for that purpose: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to incorporate the Executor and Trustee Society; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from the Leven Railway, at the Town of Leven, to the Town of Kilconquhar, in the County of Fife, to be called “The East of Fife Railway”; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to discontinue the taking of Toll on the Turnpike-roads leading from the City of Dublin, and on the Turnpike-road from Kinnegad to Athlone, and to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as Public Roads, and for the discharge of the Debts due thereon, and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from the London and North Western Railway at Dunstable, in the County of Bedford, to the Great Northern Railway at or near Warkworth, in the County of Northumberland, to be called the “Dunstable and Warkworth Railway,” and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating the Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale and Leven Railway Company, for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Rhymney Railway Company to extend their Railway to the Taff Vale Railway, to construct Branch Railways, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Manchester Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Birkenhead Dock Trustees Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Liverpool Corporation Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Liverpool Improvement Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Saint George's Harbour Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill; that Notice of the provisions of the Bill be given to the several Proprietors prior to the second reading of the Bill; that proof be given before the Committee on the Bill that such Notice has been given.

2. That in the case of the Torquay District Churches Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on proof being given before the Committee on the Bill that Notice of the Clauses affecting the Parish of Upton be given in the local Newspapers published on Saturday, February 24, Wednesday, February 28, and Saturday, March 3; and that similar Notices be posted on the Church-doors of Upton on Sunday, February 25, and Sunday, March 4.

3. That in the case of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Improvement and Branches) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on depositing a fresh Declaration in strict conformity with the Terms of the Standing Order, and that the Parties do prove the same before the Committee on the Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Petitions relating to the Episcopal and Capitoluar Estates Bill;—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.)—Newspaper Stamps;—Paper, Newspaper Stamps, Foreign Books, &c.;—Stage Carriages;—Bills of Exchange Bill, and Bills of Exchange Bill and Propository Notes Bill;—Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill;—Grain;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Charities;—Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill;—Public Departments;—Public Health Bill;—Real Estates;—Sale of Beer Act (1854) and Intoxicating Liquors;—Wages; and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Vote Eighth.

Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. Cardwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, for the year 1854.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Exchequer Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of all Exchequer Bills raised, or authorized to be raised, charged on the Aids or Supplies of 1855, unspecified for.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Account.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Pupil Teachers.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Pupil Teachers appren
ticed, from the first operation of the Minutes of August and December 1846 to the 31st day of De

November 1854:—Of the Number who, having terminated Apprenticeships, are now in Training Colleges:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

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and Mr. Pollard-Urquhart do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro

Business of the House relating thereto, and the List of Voters which had been delivered in by the Petitioner:—George Mold Butts, Esquire, Chairman: Sir John Hannay, Marquis of Blenheim; Henry Denny Seymour, Esquire, Lord Lovaine.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to.Tenants' provide Compensation for Improving Tenants, and

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time after the 1st day of July, without special leave:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Dwelling-

facilitate the Erection of Dwelling-houses for the Working Classes in Scotland: And that Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Baird and Mr. Cowan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Appointment of Public Prosecutors: And that Mr. John George Phillimore and Mr. Watson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Compensation for Improving Tenants, and to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Leasing Powers in Ireland: And that Mr. Sergeant Shoe and Mr. Pollard-Urquhart do prepare, and bring it in.

A Message was made, and the Question was pro

Business of the Lords, by Mr. Sergeant Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Army Service to amend the Term of Service in the Army; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And the Messenger withdrew.

The Army Service Act Amendment Bill was read Army Service the first time; and ordered to be read a second time. To-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being pro

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Law as to the Inland Fisheries of Ireland to that of England: And that Mr. M'Cahan and Mr. Duffy do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all Officers of Her Majesty's Army who have been promoted for distinguishing Services since the commencement of the War in the Crimea, distinguishing between Officers on the Staff and Officers serving with their Regiments: stating also the respective Ranks to which they have been promoted, the particular Services upon which they were employed during the Battles of Alma, Balaklava and Inkerman, and whether they were actually engaged in any of the above Actions.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Regulation Price for the Purchase of a Commission in the Line and in a Cavalry Regiment:—Of the Regulation Price for the Purchase of each subsequent step in the Service:—Of the Annual Pay of Regimental Officers of all Grades:—Whether any, and if any, what Portion of the Money paid by an Officer on the Purchase of his Commission, and subsequent steps, is returned to his Representatives in the event of his death either in Action or under other circumstances:—Whether the whole of the Money paid by an Officer for his Commission, and subsequent steps, is sacrificed by him when he attains the Rank of Major General:—And, of the Annual Pay of a Major General, and of other Ranks of higher grade.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 192,568 Men (exclusive of the Men employed in the Territorial Possessions of the East India Company), Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers included, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,334,384, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Her Majesty's Land Forces in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and on Foreign Stations (excepting India), which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters: And that Mr. Bowes, Viscount Palmerston and Mr. Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee on Papers relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, the Printing and Publishing of Newspapers, and Registration and giving Securities in connexion therewith, and the Regulation of the Duties of Postage on Printed Papers.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. Bonar, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Consolidated Fund (£ 2,000,000) Bill; and for the Amendment of Criminal Procedure in England and Wales:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John George Philimore presented a Bill to Public Prosecutors, and for the Appointment of Public Prosecutors, and for the Amendment of Criminal Procedure in England and Wales:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

Sir James Graham presented a Bill for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

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Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties, several Resolutions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. M'Cahan presented a Bill to assimilate the Sea Coast Law as to the Sea Coast Fisheries of Ireland to Fisheries of England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. M'Cahan presented a Bill to assimilate the Inland Fisheries of Ireland to that of England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Two of the clock in the afternoon.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Mercurii, 21° die Februarii:

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

Prayers.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 19th part. of this day of this instant February; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Denby presented a Bill to facilitate the Erection of Dwelling-houses for the Working Classes in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Rynd have leave of absence for three weeks, on urgent business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy, &c. an Account of the Quantity of Copper exported from the Port of London in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing each Sort of Copper, from what Country, and into what Ports exported:—Similar Return for the Port of Liverpool:—Accounts of all Copper Ore which has been imported into the United Kingdom for the year ending the 4th day of January 1855, showing the Quantity upon which Duty has been paid, the Countries from which the same has been imported, and the Per-centnge Quantity of Metallic Copper contained in each Parcel of Ore upon which Duty has been paid, together with the Rate and Amount of Duty received thereon:—Of all Copper imported into the United Kingdom in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing each Sort of Copper, from what Country, and into what Ports imported:—Similar Return of Quantity exported:—Account of Tin imported into the United Kingdom in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing from what Countries imported:—Similar Return of Exports of Tin:—And, Account of all Zinc and Zinc Ore imported and exported during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, and the Duty paid thereon (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 310, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Paupers of all Classes in Receipt of Relief, on the 1st day of January 1854, and the 1st day of January 1855, in Unions, &c. in England and Wales:—Of the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers in receipt of Relief on the 1st day of January 1854 and the 1st day of January 1855; together with a Return showing the Causes of Relief upon which the Adult able-bodied were relieved: And, showing the Amount of Money expended for In-maintenance and Out-door Relief in Unions, &c. under the Poor Law Amendment Act in England and Wales, during the Half-years ending at Michaelmas 1853 and Michaelmas 1854 respectively.

Ordered, That Mr. Baines accordingly presented the said Returns.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The Names of the Five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complained of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Barnstaple, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition and List relative to the said Election be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet-to-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at One o'clock in the afternoon.

The Cathedral Appointments Act Continuations was read the first time; and ordered to be read Appointments a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Fitzroy presented,—Return to an Address to Highways. Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant February, for a Return showing the Particulars of the Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Highways in each County of England and Wales, for the year ending the 22d day of March 1853, made out
in the Form required by the Act 12 & 13 Vict. c. 35; distinguishing the Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Places under Local Acts, from the ordinary Highways.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Finance.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Finance Accounts, 1. to VIII. of the United Kingdom, for the Quarter to 5th April 1854.

Rensgate Harbour.

An Account of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Royal Harbour of Rensgate Trust, from 24th June 1853 to 24th June 1854.

Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Public Health Bill.

The Public Health Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £17,183,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bills charged on the Aids of 1855, unprovided for.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowverie reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. Bowverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £29,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Deficiency of Grants.

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the deficiency in the Grants for the Service of the year ending the 31st day of March 1855, the Sum of £1,300,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowverie reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. Bowverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Army Service Act Amendment Bill was, ac. Army Service ordering to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Marine Mutiny Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a broad of Return of all Vessels seized under Neutral Flags for Blockade, &c. Breach of Blockade, for carrying simulated Papers or Goods contraband of War, since the 24th day of March 1854, with the Names of the several Cap- tains, and of the Ships, or of the Authorities that seized the same, with the Dates of the several Seiz- urs, and when Proceedings were taken in the Court of Admiralty, with the Dates of Condensation or Restitution; stating the Nature of the Cargo, the Tonnage, and the Amount of the Sale of each Vessel and of the Cargo, with the Amount of all Costs, Charges and Expenses incurred; distinguishing the Expenses of the several Proceedings in the Court of Admiralty, and the Amount of Fees in each case paid to the Officers of the Crown and Counsel em- ployed, with the Amount of the Balance remaining for distribution to the Captors, and when Notice of the same was published in the Gazette.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of make Provision for the more speedy and effectual Chancery and in the Equity side of the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of the Practice and course of Proceeding in the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to the Law and Practice of the High Court of Chancery in Ireland, in relation to the Appointment Receivers and the Management of Estates under the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to in Ireland: And that the Control of the said Court: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of executory of the Title of the Purchasers of estates sold Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to the Revenue and Expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of facilitate and diminish the Expense of Appeals from Chancery and in the Equity side of the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of the Costs of Proceedings in the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that the Control of the said Court: And that Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Nepier and Mr. Malins do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the proper Officers do attend at Sligo Election.

Ordered, That the proper Officers do attend at Sligo Election. Sligo at the next Assizes, and produce such Docu- ments as may be necessary for the Trial of Michael Gethin, Henry Simpson and James Simpson, ordered by
by the House to be prosecuted on the 27th day of March 1854; and that Henry Ker Seymer, Esquire, a Member of this House, be at liberty to attend and give evidence on the Trial.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to make Provision for the more speedy and effectual despatch of Business in the High Court of Chancery in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to amend the Practice and course of Proceeding in the High Court of Chancery in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to alter the Law and Practice of the High Court of Chancery in Ireland, in relation to the Appointment of Receivers and the Management of Estates under the Control of the said Court: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill for securing the Titles of Purchasers of Estates sold under the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to facilitate and diminish the Expense of Appeals from the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to amend an Act of the fourth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, for granting additional Stamp Duties on certain Proceedings in the Court of Chancery and in the Equity side of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Oslo, 29° die Februarii ;

Anno 18° Victorii Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Improvements and Branches) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company to alter and improve certain of their Works, and to construct additional Works, and to authorize Arrangements with respect to the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, and the Stratford and Moreton Tramway, and for other purposes: And that Colonel Rushout and Mr. Oliveira do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Torquay District Churches Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Erection of one or more Churches in the Parishes of Tormoham and Saint Mary Church, at or near the Town of Torquay, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes: And that Sir John Yarde Bellew and Sir Thomas Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence, since the 1st day of January 1844, by or between the Governors or Lieutenant Governors of any of the West India Colonies, the Treasury, the Colonial Office, or the Commissioners for the West India Islands' Relief Fund, relative to Estates in the West Indies indebted to Government for Advances made to them by reason of Loans sustained by them in the Hurricanes of 1831-32.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the recent Correspondence between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Acting Governor of New Zealand, on the subject of Responsible Government.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Savings Return of the Number of Cwts. of Raw or Muscovado Sugar admitted for Consumption, at each of the principal Ports of the United Kingdom, at the lowest Duty of 11 s. per Cwt.; and also, of the Number thereof admitted for Consumption at the same Ports, at the highest Rate of Duty of 12 s. per Cwt.; distinguishing the different Countries and Colonies from which the same was imported.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Savings Return of the Amount of Stock sold in each Week, since the 1st day of July 1854, on account of the Savings Banks.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the recent Correspondence between Her Majesty and the Commissioners for the West India Islands' Relief.
give directions, that there be laid before this House, an Account of all Expenses paid by the several Counties in England and Wales relating to the Preparation and Completion of the Register of Voters for the respective Counties for the year 1854-55, setting forth the Items of such Expenses.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all Officers serving on the Staff in the Crimea, with the Dates of their Appointments to the Staff; distinguishing such as have obtained Certificates at the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter in certain respects the Law of Intestate moveable Succession in Scotland: And that Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Kinnaird do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mines (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Return of the Names of all Officers serving on the Staff in the Crimea, with the Dates of their Appointments to the Staff; distinguishing such as have obtained Certificates at the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, who since 1830 have received First Class Certificates, specifying the Dates of their First and subsequent Commissions, and whether obtained by Purchase or not; as also the Staff Appointments held by any such Officer.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Royal Military Return of all Students at the Senior and at the Junior College (Sandhurst,) Departments of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, which were presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Accounts relative to Trade and Navigation be printed.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Banks of Issue, which were presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Finance, which were presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law (Scotland), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Banks of Issue, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of January last, Commission, for Copies of all Papers relating to the Construction
of the late Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws, and the Provision of Funds for defraying Expenses of and incident to such Board; and of any written Instruction or Note as to the Revision of the Statute Laws given by the Lord Chancellor to Mr. Commissioner Bellenden Ker, or to the late Commissioners of the said Board, Messrs. Coote, Austing and Rogers, and the Secretary of the present Board. Mr. Brickdale.—Of all Minutes of the Proceedings of the late Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws down to the presentation of Mr. Commissioner Bellenden Ker's third and last Report (31st May 1854) to the Lord Chancellor.—Of the Paper on the Consolidation or Revision of the Statutes relating to Property.—Of all Papers relating to the Construction of the present Board for the Consolidation of the Statute Laws, and the Provision of Funds for defraying the Expenses of and incident to such Board.—And, of all Minutes and Proceedings of the said last-mentioned Board, down to this Date inclusive.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 25° die Februarii ;

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for regulating the Affairs of the Borough of Paisley and the River Clyde Navigation, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lancashire and Yorkshire and Blackburn Railways Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Consolidation into one Undertaking of the Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Blackburn Railways, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Wens and Bromyard Roads Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for more effectually regulating the Road leading from Wens to the Lime Rocks at Bromyard, in the County of Salop, and for making several Lines of Road connected with the same in the Counties of Salop and Denbigh. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Public Petitions (Sixth Report.)

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th, 21st and 22d days of this instant February; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

Grand Surrey Canal Bill.

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill.

Ordered, That the Caledonian Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Grand Surrey Canal Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Great Northern London Cemetery Bill was read a second time; and committed. VOL. 110.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Oxford, Wor-

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway

and Company to alter and improve certain of their

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port (improvisations) and (inquiries) and

Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Se-

Committee on the Constitution of the Barton

Private Bills, which, in their opinion, it is expedient to submit to the same Committee; and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayter presented, by Her Majesty's Com- Railway

mand,—Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade upon certain Accidents which have occurred on Railways during the Months of November and December 1854.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Cholera

Copy of Report made by Mr. Thomas E. Black (Sandgate.)

well, c.e., to the President of the General Board of Health (bearing date the 21st day of February 1855), on the Drainage and Water Supply of Sandgate, in connection with the late Outbreak of Cholera in that Town.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Paper, on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which Orders were read, as follow:—

1. That in the case of the Bradford Corporation Waterworks Amendment Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; and that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition accordingly.

2. That in the case of the Hyde Gas Petition, Hyde Gas the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Chester and Holyhead Gas the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

4. That in the case of the Medical Benevolent College Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

5. That in the case of the Farns Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; and that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

6. That in the case of the Liverpool Port Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

7. That in the case of the Stockport, Didsbury and Stockport, Whalley Bridge Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

8. That
8. That in the case of the Fife and Kinross Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
9. That in the case of the Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
10. That in the case of the Fibre Company Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
11. That in the case of the Dagenham Docks Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
12. That in the case of the North Metropolitan Water Trust Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Liverpool Port Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Conservancy of the Port and Harbour of Liverpool, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Philip Egerton and Mr. John Tollemache do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Medical Benevolent College Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Medical Benevolent College, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Freshfield and Mr. Gregson do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Fibre Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for preparing Materials from Flax, Straw and other fibrous substances to be used in the Manufacture of Paper, and for other purposes: And that Sir Edward Bickersteth Latton and Mr. Edward Bell do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Dagenham Docks Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction of a Dock on the North side of the River Thames, to be called "The Dagenham (Thames) Dock." And that Mr. Bramston and Sir John Smith do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to construct a Junction Line to the Central and High Peak Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. George Henry Cavendish and Mr. Thorold do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Serjeant Shoe presented a Bill to provide Tenants’ Compensation for Improving Tenants, and to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Leasing Powers in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dublin Port, Returns of the Accounts and Disbursements by the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin, from the 1st day of January 1853, up to the latest Period to which the same have been made up, distinguishing the same under different Heads, and under what Authority:

—Of all Monies borrowed by Debentures or otherwise under the authority of the Act 26 Geo. 3, c. 19, and of the Act 32 Geo. 3, c. 35, or of any other Act, the Rate of Interest at which the same was borrowed, what part of the same has been paid off, and the Annual Amount of Interest payable on the subsisting Debt or Debts (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 57, of Session 1851, and of No. 105, of Session 1853) —And, Statement of the Sum of Receipts above Disbursements, for the years ending on the 31st day of December 1853 and 1854 respectively, and of the Total Surplus on the last of these Days, and of the Application or Investment of such Surplus, and the Dates thereof, and of the Dividends received thereon.

Ordered, That Sir John Trollope have leave of Leave of absence till the 5th day of March next, on account of a domestic affliction.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Tallow, &c. the Clerk of the House,—Return to an order, dated the 22d day of December last, for a Return of the Amount and Official Value of Tallow imported for Consumption into Great Britain in each half-year of the years 1852, 1853 and 1854, distinguishing the Countries whence imported:—The same in respect to Flax:—The same in respect to Hemp:—The same in respect to Linseed:—The same in respect to Flax:—The same in respect to Tar:—And, the same in respect to Timber, so far as regards Deals.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Act (Scotland.) of Sedentar extending the Winter Session of 1854-55 of the first Division of the Court of Session (Scotland), to the 17th day of March.

An Account of all Receipts and Disbursements by Queen Anne’s the Governors of Queen Anne’s Bounty, during the Bounty year ending on the 31st day of December 1853.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Staff and Garrison Appointments (Colonies), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery, which was presented upon the 1st day of Chancery, this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Garrison Appointments, which was presented upon the 22d day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wrecks, Wrecks, which was presented upon the 22d day of this instant February, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Maynooth Public College;—Newspaper Stamps;—Stage Carriages;—Petitions; Rural Grounds;—Inebriating Liquors;—Public Health Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—and, War Report, with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply, of the Estimate:—And
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Order be postponed till after the Notice of Motion for nominating the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol; and the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Sabbati, 24 die Febraruii, 1855:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The other Orders of the day being read; Ordered, That the said Orders be postponed till after the Notice of Motion for nominating the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol; and the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol was nominated of Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Drummond, Sir John Pakington, Colonel Lindsay, Mr. Layard, Mr. EdGC, Lord Seymour, Sir Cornelius Lewis, General Peel.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Bramston be one other Member of the said Committee; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out the name of "Mr. Bram- "ston," and inserting the name of "Captain Scobell," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the name of Mr. Bramston stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoeter, Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley:
Tellers for the [Mr. Corry, Noes, Mr. Packe:]

101. 60.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That Mr. Bramston be one other Member of the said Committee; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. John Ball be one other Member of the said Committee; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoeter, Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Bentinck, Noes, Viscount Maudel: ]

98. 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself Consolidated into a Committee on a Consolidated Fund (5,200,000,000) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cathedral Appointments Act Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Select Committee.

The Army Service Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; Resolved, That the Bill do pass; Ordered, That Mr. Poel do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Consolidated Fund (5,20,000,000) Bill was, Consolidated according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Poor Removal to inquire into the operation of the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 117, relating to the Removal from England of chargeable Poor Persons born in Southland, Ireland, the Isles of Man, Scilly, Jersey or Guernsey; and also into the operation of the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 83, relating to the Removal from Scotland of chargeable Poor Persons born in England, Ireland, or the Isle of Man.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Terms of the Commission appointed by Her Majesty, pursuant to a humble Address of this House on the 13th day of July 1854, praying for Inquiry into the Endowments, Funds, and actual Condition of all Schools endowed for the purposes of Education in Ireland; and the Nature and Extent of the Instruction given in such Schools:—And, of all Correspondence which has taken place between the said Commissioners and the Governors of Erasmus South Schools: Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Militia remove doubts as to the Commissioners of Officers of Militia in Ireland who have omitted to deliver unto the Clerk of the Peace descriptions of their Qualifications, and to indemnify them against the Consequences of such omission, and to amend the Law relating to the Militia in Ireland: And that Sir John Young and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales: And that Mr. Fitzroy and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Dean Forest, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the letting parts of the Royal Forests of Dean and Woolmer, and certain other parts of the Hereditary Possessions of the Crown: And that Mr. Wilson and Sir Benjamin Hall do prepare, and bring it in.

Army Clothing (Crimea.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number and Description of Articles of Clothing supplied from this Country by the Government since the 1st day of October 1854, for the Troops serving in the Crimean: by what Department contracted for; the Price of each Article; how supplied, by Public Tender, or otherwise; the Names of the Parties supplying the same, whether completed within the given time or not; if not, whether the usual Fine for non-performance or delay has been levied or not.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Military Officers (Turkey.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number and Description of Articles of Clothing supplied from this Country by the Government since the 1st day of October 1854, for the Troops serving in Turkey: specifying the Name, Age, and Rank of each; the Date of their Appointment, and whether still serving in the East.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances.)

Resolved, That, leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provisions for the Repayment of Advances out of the Consolidated Fund for the Erection and Enlargement of Asylums for the Lunatic Poor in Ireland, and to amend the Laws with reference to the Repayments in case of change of Districts, and the Appointment of Commissioners of General Control and Correspondence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Commissariat Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 22d day of December 1854, directing the Arrangements for the Transfer of the Commissariat for the War Department. Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the General Committee of Elec. Controverted Petitions have leave to sit this day till Five o'clock, Elections during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of Railway the Petition for the Furness Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal and consolidate the several Acts relating to the Furness Railway Company; and that Mr. George Carew, and Sir Joseph Paxton do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to facilitate the Torquay Erection of one or more Churches in the Parishes of District Torquay and Saint Mary Church, at or near the Town of Torquay, in the County of Devon, and for other purposes: And that Mr. George Carew, and Sir Joseph Paxton do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize the Dagenham Construction of a Dock on the North side of the River Thames, to be called "The Dagenham (Thames) Dock." And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to enable the Stockport, Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to construct a Junction Line to the Cromford and High Peak Railway, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Freshfield presented a Bill to incorporate the Medical Benevolent College, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Wigan and Preston Roads South of Yarrow Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Fife and Kiiros Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Ladybank, on the Line of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway, by Auchterarder and Strowthorn, to Milnathort and Kirross; And that Sir Graham Montgomery and Mr. Duncan do prepare, and bring it in.

The Abingdon Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Barrack Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Alteration of Liverpool Dock Rates, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

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The Bromport and Broad Winsor Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

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The British and American Great Railway Land Company Bill.

The Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The East of Fife Railway Bill. Ordered, That the East of Fife Railway Bill be read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow. The Electric Telegraph Company Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Exeter and Exmouth Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Fergus Estuary Reclamation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection. Vol. 119.

The Gloucester Water and Local Board of Health Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and Gun-barrel London) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Hamilton Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Hartlepool Pier and Port Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

The Helms and Hull, &c. Road Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Iptonnes Mineral Branch Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Jedburgh Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Keighley and Kendal Road Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Leslie Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Limerick and Foyne Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Luton, Dunstable and Welwyn Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Lyme Regis Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Medical Invalid and General Life Assurance Medical Society Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.
The National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The North Staffordshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Newton in Mockerfield Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Broad Gauge) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Portswort Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Rhymney Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Scinde Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the South Wales Railway (Extension of Time) Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway, Pier and Telegraph Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Stroud and Chalford Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Waccaney Valley Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Weymouth Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Worcester and Hereford Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Caledonian Railway Bill was read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Caledonian Railway Bill; An Amendment being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

As Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and at the end of the Question, adding the words " upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Grand Surrey reading of the Grand Surrey Canal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of March next.

Mr. Isaac Butt presented a Bill to the Commons for making Railways from Farnborough, Exning Bill, and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Edward Ball presented a Bill to incorporate the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company, for preparing Materials from Flax-Straw, and other fibrous substances, to be used in the Manufacture of Paper, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Barns Barstable staple Election Petition have leave to sit this day till Election.

Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

A Petition of the Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to change the corporate name of the Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Junction Railway Company; to alter their Line; to abandon part of their Railway; to reduce their Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henry Berkeley and Mr. Charles Foster.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making Railways from the Farnborough Extension of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway, to the North Kent Line of the South Eastern Railway, and to the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, with Branches therefrom, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Samson Ricardo do prepare, and bring it in.

Petitions relating to the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill;—Newspaper, a, c, Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper Stamps;—Grain.—In- Vile Eleventh Report:

Petitions. Public Health Bill;—Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill;—Public Health Bill;—Real Estates;—Wages;—together with Russian, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Montrose to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Commissioner to serve in this present Parliament for the Montrose District of Burghs, in the room of Joseph Home, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant London Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of the Right Honourable John Russell, commonly called Lord John Russell, who, since his Election for the said
in each year from 1853 to 1855;—Of the Quantity of Malt Spirits consumed in England, Scotland and Ireland, in the above Period.—Of the Amount of Malt Drawback repaid in Scotland on Malt Spirits exported, in the same Period.—And, of the Amount repaid in England and Ireland on Malt Spirits imported from Scotland, in the same Period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 405, of Session 1854).

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Coasting Command,—Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the Grand Duke of Tuscany, for the Reciprocal Opening of the Coasting Trade. Signed at Florence, December 30, 1854.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wed. Education Bill, was not read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of March next.

Mr. Fitzroy presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary General, a Report from the General Board of Health to the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, Secretary of State for the Home Department, accompanying a Report from Dr. Sutherland on Epidemic Cholera in the Metropolis in 1854.

Mr. Fitzroy also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Report by the Registrar of Friendly Societies (Scotland,) on the Estimate of 1854, together with the Estimates of 1855.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Young presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Commons, dated the 29th day of December last, for the Return of the Names of all the Members of the Board of Education in Ireland at any period of the year 1854; distinguishing the Number in each Class and Division of the Class to which they respectively belong, and exhibiting the Amount of Salary payable to the Teacher of each Division in the respective Classes, and also distinguishing the Number of Industrial Teachers in the Service of the Board, and their Classification of Salary.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Land Tax by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, (Ireland,) dated the 9th day of August last, for Returns of the Gross Revenue derived annually from the Tax on Land in India since 1792;—And, of the Authorities, Legislative Enactments, or Orders under which the different systems of Land Revenue are enforced, the Date of such Orders, specifying any changes that may have taken place in them since 1792; the Amount of Gross Revenue annually derived from Customs Duties, Excise, Stamps, Sayer and Akbarre, and all other sources of Revenue in each Presidency.
since 1792; distinguishing, as far as practicable, each head of Taxation; the Amounts to be stated throughout in Sterling Money, at the rate of 2s. the Rupee.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of January last, for a Return of the Number of Newspaper Stamps at One Penny issued to Newspapers in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, for the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 117, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Assistant Surgeons (India), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Statute Law Commission, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Tallow, &c., which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Queen Anne's Bounty, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant February, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(The in the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £314,984, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of General Staff Officers and Officers of the Hospitals, serving with Her Majesty's Forces in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and on Foreign Stations (excepting India), which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,511,105, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Allowances and Contingent Expenses of the several Public Departments of Her Majesty's Land Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £17,795, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of the Royal Military College, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £23,367, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of the Royal Military Asylum and Hibernian Military School, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £98,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Volunteer Corps, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,813,383, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Embodied Militia in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Allowances as Rewards for distinguished Services, of Officers of Her Majesty's Guerriers, including the Garrison of the Tower of London, and of Allowances to Serjeants as Rewards for distinguished or meritorious Service, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Martis, 27 die Februarii, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouvier reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Bouvier also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply Exchequer granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £17,183,000 Bills, be raised by Exchequer Bills for the Service of the year 1855.

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouvier reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Bouvier also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 12th day of March next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Poor Relief reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Consolidated take into consideration the Consolidated Fund (£3,300,000) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at half an hour after Four of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (£29,000,000) Fund Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker Bill, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouvier reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at half an hour after Four of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Consolidated a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (£29,000,000) Fund Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker Bill, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouvier reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at half an hour after Four of the clock.

The Militia (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, Militia read a second time; and committed to a Committee (Ireland) Bill. of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Commons Inclosure Bill was, according to Commons Order, read a second time; and committed to a Inclosure Bill. Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Memorial addressed to the Irish Executive by three Magistrates of the County of Waterford, and the Foremen of the Grand Jury and Petty Jury that investigated the case, in favour of Thomas Landers, who, having been convicted of wounding one Tatty in a drunken brawl, and, as alleged, in self-defence, was sentenced by the Assistant Barrister (Mr. Beausset), at the last Quarter Sessions held in that County, to four years' penal servitude:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Select Committee on the Public Health and the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, was nominated of Sir Benjamin Hall, Mr. Erton, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Addisley, Lord Robert Grosvenor, Mr. Horstall, Viscount Goderich, Mr. Frewfield, Mr. Henry Brace, Sir John Hannen, Mr. Knight, Mr. Henry Gore Lonton, Mr. James M'Gregor and Mr. Thomas Gren.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council. And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MARTI S, 27° die FEBRUIARI.

Anno 18° Victoriae Regnum, 1835.

PRAYERS.

ORDRED, That the Select Committee on the Barnstaple Election Petition have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize an Extension of the Chester and Holyhead Railway to the new Harbour at Holyhead; and to give further Powers to the Chester and Holyhead Railway Company; and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the said Railway: And that the Marquis of Chando, Mr. Kinnaird and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal and consolidate the several Acts relating to the Farness Railway Company, to enable the said Company to raise a further Sum of Money, to give further Powers to the said Company, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from Ladybank, on the Line of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway, by Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo to Milnathort and Kinross: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making Railways from the Farnborough Extension of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway to the North Vol. 110.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to authorize an Extension of the Chester and Holyhead Railway to the new Harbour at Holyhead; and to give further Powers to the Chester and Holyhead Railway Company; and to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the said Railway: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Wilson Potter reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had formed other Private Bills into additional Groups, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wilson Potter reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; Orders, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Wigan and Preston Roads Bill Petition of the East Lancashire Railway Company, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for leave to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

2. That in the case of the Woolwich Equitable Gas Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That in the case of the Barnet and Willesden Barnet and Westminster Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The second and third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Woolwich Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Equitable Gas Petition, the Petition for the Woolwich Equitable Gas Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The Woolwich Equitable Gas-Light and Coke Company," and to enable them to raise further Money, and for other purposes: And that Sir Eduard Fitner, Mr. Holt and Mr. Montagu Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.

The Connaught Mining Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Westminster Improvements Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Westminster Land Company Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the South Wales Railway (Extension of Railway Time) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

A Message by Mr. Pulten, Yeoman Usher of Royal Assent, to the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act
Act agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers,—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

An Act to amend the Act for limiting the Time of Service in the Army.

And the Question being again proposed, That the South Wales Railway (Extension of Time) Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Talbot,

Mr. Hasfield;

65.

Tellers for the Noes,

Viscount Elyza,

Mr. Wise;

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So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Barnstaple Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Eleven of the clock on Friday next, for the purpose of giving time for procuring the attendance of a Witness, whose evidence is sworn to be material for the prosecution of the case of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the House, to call today Mr. W. to the Bar of the House, to cause the Petition to be read and determined.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition, comprising an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto, and the List of Voters which had been delivered in by the Petitioners:—Robert Iaghoon, Esquire (Cinrrraint, Lord Robert Grosvenor, John Henry Philipps, Esquire, James Milbon Gaskell, Esquire, Marsamunda Werly, Esquire.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Court of Session and the Teind Court of Scotland, to hear and determine the matter of the Petition, and to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And then the Message withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a War Office Return of the Names and Length of Service of the Clerks in the War Office: also, Date of each Promotion from the Third to the Second Class, and from the Second to the First Class, during the last three years; together with a Statement of separate Allowances granted to Individuals independent of Salary, at any time during that Period.

Mr. Fitzroy presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary of Prisons (Scotland),—Copy of Sixteenth Report of the General Board of Directors of Prisons in Scotland, to the Right Honourable the Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of their Proceedings under the Acts 2 & 3 Vic. c. 42, 7 & 8 Vic. c. 34, and 14 & 15 Vic. c. 27.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Newspaper Stamps;—Stage Public Carriages:—Brewery Collection:—Grain:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Public Health Bill:—Real Estates:—Vicinity of Silver or Salt Mines:—Sale of Beer Act (1854):—and, War with Russia Report.

were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

the following Papers, pursuant to the directions of Entails, &c. of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the (Scotland.) Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, granting Compensation to Mr. William Pitt Dussaud, for loss of Fees sustained by him as Keeper of the Register of Entails, &c., year ending 13th November 1854.

Copy of Treasury Warrant, granting Compensation to Messrs. Hector, Munro, and others, Assistant Clerks in the Court of Session in Scotland, and to Mr. John Bewern, Deputy Clerk of the Teind Court, Scotland, year 1854.

Abstract of the General Annual Account of the Brigginton Commissioners of Bridlington Piers and Harbour. (Sandgate,) which was presented upon the 23d day of July 1854.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Cholera Cholera No. 32 was referred to the Court of Session and the Teind Court (Scotland.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Newspaper Stamps, which was presented upon the 26th of November last instant February, be printed.

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The Consolidated Fund (£ 3,300,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Consolidated Fund (£ 20,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and consider the grounds and justification of the removal of the Right honourable Thomas Francis Kennedy from the Office of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues of the Crown; and that the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning; the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for abolishing the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts of England and Wales in Suits for Defamation: And that Mr. Robert Phillipmore and Mr. Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Egerton be added to the Select Committee on the Public Health Bill, and the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

Mr. Bouvier reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 314,684, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of General Staff Officers and Officers of the Hospitals, serving with Her Majesty's Forces in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and on Foreign Stations (excepting India), which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 151,108, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Allowances and Contingent Expenses of the several Public Departments of Her Majesty's Land Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive. For the Royal Military College.  

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,795, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of the Royal Military College, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive. For the Royal Military Asylum and Hibernian Military School.  

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 23,367, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of the Royal Military Asylum and Hibernian Military School, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 88,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Volunteer Corps, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive. For the Volunteer Corps.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,813,383, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Embodied Militia in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive. For the Militia.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Allowances as Rewards for distinguished Services, of Allowances to Officers of Her Majesty's Garrisons, including the Garrison of the Tower of London, and of Allowances to Sergeants as Rewards for distinguished or meritorious Service, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive. For the Rewards for distinguished Services.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Bouvier reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, Nurses, as follows:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Exchequer Her Majesty, the Sum of £ 17,183,000 be raised by Bills. Exchequer Bills for the Service of the year 1855. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to. Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Bouvier and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commons Inclosure Bill; Inclosure Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouvier reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. Robert Phillipmore presented a Bill for abolishing the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts of England and Wales in Suits for Defamation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Cambridge received Notice, that it is not intended to proceed Election, with the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge; And the same was read, as followeth: In the House of Commons, 9° Vict. Februarii, 1855.

Sir, De la Hay Street, Westminster, February 27, 1855.

As Agent for Viscount Melrose and Frederick William Slade, Esquire, Q. c., in the matter of their Petition, delivered in on the Twenty-third day of January last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge, I hereby beg to inform you, that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your very obedient Servant, Markham Spoonforth.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That the appointment of the Committee on the said Petition be discharged.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from Journal. the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index to the 110th Volume, be printed. Ordered, That 1,250 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed, by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Denis Le Marchant, the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such Person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other Person do presume to print the same.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Sea Coast Sea Coast Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, was read, and the Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of April next.
Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time:
—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Westminster Land Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Tabular Return showing the Name of each Person holding any Ecclesiastical and Civil Situation, Judicial and otherwise, in the Isle of Man (excepting the Customs and Post-office Departments), on the 5th day of January 1855; the Name of each Office; the Annual Amounts of Salary for each Situation; the Annual Average Amount of other Emoluments of each Situation; and, where no Account has been kept, the estimated Annual Amount; and the Amount derived by Government from each Office, and by what Act or Authority each Appointment is made.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Causes tried and decided during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, by each High Bailiff in the Isle of Man, and the highest Amount in British Money they are empowered to decide on:—Showing the Number of Causes tried and decided by the Deemsters at the Southern and Northern Districts respectively of the Isle of Man, during the years ending the 5th day of January 1853, 1854 and 1855; and showing the Number of such Causes for Sums not exceeding £5.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Vessels, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Address be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Great Northern Railway to the West London Railway, with Branches: And that Mr. Macartney and Colonel Knox do prepare, and bring it in.

The Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Resolved, That the Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;
—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Westminster Land Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Vessels, with the Amount of Registered Tonnage, which arrived in each Harbour of the Isle of Man, during each of the Ten years ending the 5th day of January 1855; with the Annual Amount of Money expended during that period on each Harbour of the Island; distinguishing the Amount for Alterations and Improvements, and that for Repairs and other necessary Outlays; also showing the Annual Amount of Money available during the above Period for Expenditure on the Harbours of the Island out of the Annual Grant of £2,306, after deducting the Interest and Repayment of the Money borrowed; also showing the several Amounts of Money at present owing by the Harbour Commissioners.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Petitions relating to the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill;—Newspaper Stamps;—Stage Carriages;—Emma Fether Allen;—Bills of Exchange Bill; and, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—Grain;—Inland Revenue (Excise Department);—and, Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Education (Ireland), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.” And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Liddell: 71.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mowbray: 66.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next.

Bills of Exchange Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty’s Com- Revenue mand,—Estimates, Revenue Departments, for the Departments, year 1855, ending 31st March 1856. No. 65. Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the several Acts Customs imposing Duties of Customs, might be read; and the same being read, O—Resolved,
Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

Exchequer (£17,183,000) Bill.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for raising a Sum by Exchequer Bills for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow.

Jovis, 1° die Martii; Anno 18° Victoriae Regniæ.

PRAYERS.

Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Committee of Selection (Third Report) No. 87.

Mr. Wilson Patten reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had made certain Alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Barnet and Willesden Railway Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for making a Railway from the Great Northern Railway to the West London Railway, with Branches; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Weston-super-Mare Gas Bill.

A Petition of Directors of the Weston-super-Mare Gas-Light and Coke Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Weston-super-Mare Gas Bill for enabling the said Company to construct additional Gas Works on a parcel of land in the occupation of Horatio Francis Parsley, bounded on the North by the Bristol and Exeter Railway, on the South and East by lands in the occupation of the said Francis Horatio Parsley, and on the West by the land leading from Uphill to Ashcombe, all in the Parish of Weston-super-Mare, in the said County, not any part of which land is situate within three hundred yards of any dwelling-house, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Executive and Trustee Society Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Great Northern Railway (Church and Schools at Doncaster) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months;"

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Dudley Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Dudley, in the room of John Benbow, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Athlone, in the room of William Krogh, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Athlone, in the room of William Krogh, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Athlone, in the room of William Krogh, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General for Ireland.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of all Officers employed in every Situation on the Staff, whether at Home or Abroad, now serving with the Army in the East, in the Colonies, and in India; stating their Names, and in separate Columns their Age, the Date of their Appointment to the Staff, their actual Service (exclusive of periods of Leave of Absence) in Staff situations or in Regiments, and distinguishing in each case whether they had passed Examinations at the Military School at Woolwich or Sandhurst.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns from every County Court throughout England and Wales, established under the Act 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95, of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried in each Court above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Costs paid into each Court during the same period, and also the Average Number of Hours comprised in each Sitting:—Of the Total Number of such Sittings held before a Deputy Judge:—Of the Total Amount of Monies for which the Plaints were entered in each Court during the last-mentioned period:—Of the Total Amount of Monies, exclusive of Costs, for which Judgment has been obtained in each Court during the same period, and also the Amount of such Costs:—Of the Total Amount of Monies paid into each Court during the same period, in satisfaction of Debts sued for, without proceeding to Judgment:—Of the Gross Total Amount of Fees received in each Court during such period, distinguishing the Amount of Fees for each Officer, and on account of the General Fund:—Of the Gross Total Amount of Monies received in each Court to the Credit of the Suitors, and the Amount paid out to Suitors:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried in each Court during the same period, with the Assistance of a Jury, specifying the Number of such Causes in which a Verdict has been given in favour of...
of the Party requiring a Jury to be summoned:—

Of the Total Number of Executions issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period as given in the Balance Sheets rendered to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, according to the 36th section of the Order of the Poor Law Board, dated the 15th day of February last, for Copies of General Orders;—

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol have Power to report their Opinion thereupon from time to time.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the said Select Committee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That, in the Opinion of this Committee, the objects for which they have been appointed will be best attained, the danger of injustice to individuals be prevented, and the public interest be best protected, if the Committee be a Committee of Secrecy.

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Duke of Newcastle to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol:—And that Mr. Roe-

buck do carry the said Message.

Petitions relating to the Bills of Exchange Bill; and, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—

—Tribunals of Commerce;—and, War with Russia, vide Thirteenth Report.

—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented to the House during the present Session relating to the Public Health Bill, and the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public Health Bill, and, Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill; and, Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented to the House during the present Session relating to the Public Health Bill, and the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Poor Relief Returns showing, by Counties, the Total Number of Poor Laws' Paupers (In-door and Out-door) in Receipt of Relief for the Month of January 1855, and the Amount of Poor Rate lodged, for the Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland during the year ended the 29th day of September 1854, in comparison with the same for the preceding year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 18, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to the Public Health Bill, which was presented upon the 14th day of December last, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Voters (Ireland), which was presented upon the 9th day of February last, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Poor Law Commissioners on the 28th day of February last, for Copies of General Order of the Poor Law Board, dated the 15th day of February 1855, regulating the Tenure of Office by Poor Law Medical Officers in England and Wales, and of the accompanying Circular Letter, addressed to the several Boards of Guardians.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol have Power to report their Opinion thereupon from time to time.
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New South Wales.

Mines (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mines (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Juries and Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Juries and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Marine Mutiny Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Marine Mutiny Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mutiny Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mutiny Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Militia (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Militia (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Sir George Grey presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 6th February 1855, for leasing Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales, supposed to contain Minerals not auriferous.

Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 8th February 1855, declaring certain Lands to be within the settled District of New South Wales. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to take into Her consideration the present system of Promotion in Her Majesty's Army, under which Non-commissioned Officers rarely attain to the Rank of Field Officer; and humbly to represent to Her Majesty that it is the Opinion of this House that the said system is injurious to the Public Service, and unjust to the Private Soldier in Her Majesty's Army;

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Veneris, 2° die Martii, 1855:

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bentinck; Mr. Roebuck; Tellers for the Noes, Sir John Shelley; 99. So it passed in the Negative.

The Ecclesiastical Courts Bill was, according to Ecclesiastical Order, read a second time; and committed to a Courts Bill Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Army before Sebastopol; An adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That Sir John Hamner be added to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Customs Acts into a Committee on the Customs Acts.

(In the Committee.) Resolved, That the further decline of the several Duties of Customs made payable on Tea from and after the 5th day of April 1855, as provided by the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 106, shall be suspended until the 5th day of April which shall first happen after the end of Twelve Months from the date of a definitive Treaty of Peace, on which day the said Duty shall be reduced to 1s. 3d. per Pound, and on the 5th day of April, in the year following, to 1s. 6d. per Pound; and that in the interval, in lieu of the said Duties provided by the said Act, there shall continue to be charged the Duty of 1s. 6d. per Pound.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bea- verie reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Exchequer Bills (£ 17,183,000) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March, the Union Benevolent Bill of Benefices Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant March.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Criminal Conversation and Adultery.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Actions for Criminal Conversation, except in cases of Special Damage, and to make Adultery a Misdemeanor:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. John Ball be discharged from Poor Removal, further attendance on the Select Committee on Poor Removal.

Ordered, That Lord Naas be added to the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Army before

That Sir George Brooke Pechell be added to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Dunne; Mr. Bentinck; Tellers for the Noes, Sir John Shelley; 91. So it passed in the Negative.

Promotion (Army.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to take into Her consideration the present system of Promotion in Her Majesty's Army, under which Non-commissioned Officers rarely attain to the Rank of Field Officer; and humbly to represent to Her Majesty that it is the Opinion of this House that the said system is injurious to the Public Service, and unjust to the Private Soldier in Her Majesty's Army;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;
Public Petitions (2nd Week Report.)

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to change the corporate name of the Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway Company, to alter their Line, to abandon part of their Railway, to reduce their Capital, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Gateshead Quays and Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of this instant March.

Paisley Burgh Bill.

The Paisley Burgh Bill was read a second time; and committed—Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Saint George’s Harbour Bill.

The Saint George’s Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed—Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Shrewsbury Improvement Bill.

The Shrewsbury Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed—Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

British and American Great Railway Land Company Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the British and American Great Railway Land Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of April next.

Executor and Trustee Society Bill.

The Executor and Trustee Society Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed—Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Phænix, South Metropolitan, London and Surrey Gas Companies Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.” And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir James Duke), 106. Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Brotherton; Mr. Williamson), 13. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Vol. 110.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed—Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Butt, from the Select Committee appointed by the House to try and determine the matter of the Petition of William Tite, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Barnstaple, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That Richard Samuel Guiness, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple—That John Laurie, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple—That the last Election for the said Borough, so far as regards the Return of John Laurie, Esquire, is a void Election. And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Standing Order, No. 90, be suspended in the case of the Liverpool Improvement Bill; and that it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection to add such local Members to the Committee upon such Bill as they may think fit.—And the said Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time the Dublin, Dublin, &c. Roads Bill, was read, and discharged—Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to discontinue the taking of Toll on the Turnpike-roads leading from the City of Dublin, and from the Turnpike-road leading from Kinseggad to Athlone, and to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as Public Roads, and for the discharge of the Debt due thereon, and other purposes: And that Mr. Hans Hamilton, Colonel Taylor and Mr. Isaac Butt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Public Health Bill, and the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Yeomanry Corps in Great Britain, the Names of the Regiments or Troops, the Number of Officers, the Number of Non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging to each Regiment or Troop; together with the Number of Times they have severally been called out in aid of the Civil Service either by Regiments, Detachments or Troops, since they were respectively embodied; together with the Date of their Embodiment. Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by each Member of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Abstract in Substitution of the Return of the Number of Children in the Workhouses in England and Wales on the 25th day of March 1854 (in continuation of former Returns).

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Monies paid by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the Church Estates Commissioners, during the years 1853 and 1854, out of funds administered by them, to Solicitors, Surveyors, Etc.
ors, and other Officers; specifying the Names and Particulars of each Transaction (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 576, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Bruce have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health.

Leave of Absence.

Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Metropolitan Buildings Act.

Mr. Fitzroy presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of August last, for a Return for the years 1850, 1851, 1852 and 1853, and up to the 31st day of March 1854, of all Sums of Money received for Salaries or for Fees, or from any other Source, either by the Registrar or Official Referees of the Metropolitan Buildings Office (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 85, of Session 1851).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of February last, for Copy of the Royal Warrant for regulating Promotion and Retirement in the Ordnance.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Promotion and Retirement (Ordinance.)

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return of the Number of Quarters of Foreign and Colonial Wheat, Wheat Flour, and all other kinds of Grain, Meal and Flour imported from Foreign Countries into Ireland, from the 1st day of July 1853 to the 31st day of December 1853, inclusive:—Similar Return of all Grain, Meal and Flour imported from Great Britain into Ireland:—And, similar Return of Grain and Flour of all kinds imported into Great Britain from Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 954, of Session 1853).

Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, for a Return of the Amount of Stock sold in each Week since the 1st day of July 1854, on account of the Savings Banks.

Wheat, &c.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Blind Inmates of Workhouses (Ireland), which was presented upon the 19th day of February last, be printed.

Savings Banks.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Trade and Navigation, which were presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Blind Inmates of Workhouses (Ireland.) No. 91.

Trade and Navigation. No. 05—1.


Petitions relating to Church Rates, &c. ;—Maynooth College:—Newspaper Stamps;—Paper, Newspaper Stamps, Foreign Books, &c.;—Stage Carriages; — Accommodation Bills; — Bernal Collection; — Bills of Exchange Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—Criminal Law;—Education (Ireland);—Friendly Societies Bill;—Grain:—Innoculating Liquors;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Smoke Nuissance Abatement Act;—Tenants' Compensation (Ireland) Bill;—Wages;—and, War with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill,—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Resolved, That Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Commissioner. —Commissioner Estimates for 1855-56. No. 92.

Resolved, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Commissioner. —Commissioner Estimates for 1855-56. No. 92.

Mr. Peel also presented,—Return to an Order, Staff Officers. dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return of those Officers who have received Certificates at the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, and have been subsequently employed on the Staff of our Army, during the last Twenty years.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Serjeant Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, (3,300,000) Bill, without any Amendment: And a Return to an Order for a Return of the Amount of Stock sold in each Week since the 1st day of July 1854, on account of the Savings Banks.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, (20,900,000) Bill, without any Amendment: And a Return to an Order for a Return of the Amount of Stock sold in each Week since the 1st day of July 1854, on account of the Savings Banks.

The Lords give leave to the Duke of Newcastle Army before to attend the Select Committee appointed by the House in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the Condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the Conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army (his Lordship in his place consenting), as desired by this House:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Army before to take into consideration the Report which was yesterday made from the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol, and the Resolution of the Committee was again read.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Committee be a Committee of Supply:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £64,000, Pay of General be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge Officers. of the Pay of General Officers of Her Majesty's Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £55,000, Full Pay for be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge Reduced of Full Pay for Reduced and Retired Officers of Her Majesty's Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £318,000, Half Pay to be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Half Pay and Military Allowances to Reduced and Retired Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £32,707, Half Pay to be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Half Pay and Reduced Allowances to Disembarked Foreign Corps, &c.
Foreign Corps, of Pensions to wounded Foreign Officers, and of the Allowances to the Widows and Children of deceased Foreign Officers, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1856 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £124,454, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Pensions to be paid to Widows of Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,100, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Pensions on the Compassionate List, of Allowances as of Her Majesty's Royal Bounty, and of Pensions, Gratuities and Allowances to Officers for Wounds, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £31,787, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals.

8. Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding £1,188,589, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of the Out-Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, of Pensioners granted to discharged Negro Soldiers, of Pensioners from Hanoverian Corps which served with the British Army in 1793, 1794 and 1795, and of the Military Organization of Out-Pensioners, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £58,740, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge of Allowances, Compensations and Emoluments, in the nature of Superannuation or Retired Allowances, to Persons formerly belonging to Public Departments, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 3° die Martii, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Bouverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cathedral Appointments Act Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on Customs Acts, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the further decline of the severa Duties of Customs made payable on Tea from and after the 5th day of April 1856, as provided by the Act 16 & 17 Vict., c. 106, shall be suspended until the 5th day of April which shall first happen after the end of Twelve Months from the date of a definitive Treaty of Peace, on which day the said Duty shall be reduced to 1s. 6d. per pound; and that in the interval, in lieu of the said Duties provided by the said Act, there shall continue to be charged the Duty of 1s. 6d. per pound.

The Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Bouverie, Mr. Wilson and Viscount Palmerston do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Exchequer Committee on the Exchequer Bills (£17,183,000) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker called the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Mon- Education Bill.

day the 12th day of this instant March, the Education Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of April next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Members' Property Qualification of Members of Parliament;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Murrough; Mr. Cronford; 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sibthorp; Mr. Whiteside; 29.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Postage Property in Ireland, shall be a Deduction in estimating of a Copy of any Instructions issued to the Postmasters (Ireland) in respect of the Income from Ecclesiastical Pro- the Value of such Property for the purpose of Taxa- perty Tax payable in Ireland in regard to the reduced Rates of Postage tion by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners: And that Dues as of Her Majesty's Royal Bounty, and of on Letters addressed to France, with the Date at which The further decline of the severa Duties of Customs made payable on Tea from and after the 5th day of April which shall first happen after the end of Twelve Months from the date of a definitive Treaty of Peace, on which day the said Duty shall be reduced to 1s. 6d. per pound; and that in the interval, in lieu of the said Duties provided by the said Act, there shall continue to be charged the Duty of 1s. 6d. per pound.

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So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Postage Property in Ireland, shall be a Deduction in estimating on Letters addressed to France, with the Date at which such Instructions were issued.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ecclesiastical provide that the Property or Income Tax payable Property in Ireland, shall be a Deduction in estimating in respect of the Income from Ecclesiastical Property the Value of such Property for the purpose of Taxa- tion by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners: And that tion by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners: And that Mr. Napier and Mr. Hamilton do prepare, and bring Mr. Napier and Mr. Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ecclesiastical provide that the Property or Income Tax payable Property in Ireland, shall be a Deduction in estimating in respect of the Income from Ecclesiastical Property in Ireland in regard to the reduced Rates of Postage on Letters addressed to France, with the Date at which such Instructions were issued.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ecclesiastical provide that the Property or Income Tax payable Property in Ireland in regard to the reduced Rates of Postage on Letters addressed to France, with the Date at which such Instructions were issued.
Mr. Napier presented a Bill to provide that the Property or Income Tax payable in respect of the Income from Ecclesiastical Property in Ireland, shall be a Deduction in estimating the Value of such Property for the purpose of Taxation by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Viscount Palmerston presented a Bill to enable a third Principal Secretary and a third Under Secretary of State to sit in the House of Commons; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to suspend the Decline of the Customs Duties on Tea from and after the Fifth day of April One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do declare the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers.—And being returned; Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:

An Act to apply the Sum of Three millions three Consolidated hundred thousand pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

An Act to apply the Sum of Twenty millions, out Consolidated of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the year Fund One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

And
A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Richards:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to explain and amend the Lunacy Regulation Act, 1853; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House—And then the Messenger withdrew.

Petitions relating to Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill,—Intoxicating Liquors,—and National History,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill,—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ, for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Session of Parliament for the Borough of Barnstaple, in the room of John Laurie, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Subjects of Examination to which Persons nominated to Clerkships in the following Public Offices—the Treasury, the Customs, the Excise, the Post-office, the Admiralty, the Board of Control, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Offices, are subjected, as a condition of Admission into the said Offices, with the Mode and Length of Notice given to each Person so nominated that such Examination will be required of him.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to each Parish in Scotland, of all Inquiries instituted by the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor; stating the Name of the Person employed, and the Time occupied in each such Inquiry, for every year from January 1846 to January 1855.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Transports employed in carrying Troops or Munitions of every description for War in the East, between the 1st day of October 1855 and the 1st day of March 1855, inclusive, under the following heads:

Name of Ship, Date of Consignment, Gross Tonnage, Gross Weight, Port of Departure, Port of Arrival, Time occupied in Service, Amount of Provision, Name of Owner.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Caledonian Railway Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

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Manufactures.

Wool and brewers.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return of the Number of Acres of Land under Cultivation for Hops in the year 1854, distinguishing the Number of Acres in each Parish, the Amount of Duty charged in each Collection of the Growth of the year 1854, from the 5th day of January 1854 to the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing the Districts, and the odd from the New duty in each District; showing the Average Amount of Duty per Acre in each Collection; and also showing whether the Acres in the Sussex, Hereford or Worcester Collecrions are according to the Statute or any local or customary Admeasurement.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of December last, for Returns of the Quantities of Malt made in England, Scotland and Ireland, in each year ending the 5th day of January 1854 and 1855;—Of the Quantities of Foreign Barley imported into the United Kingdom in each year ending the 5th day of January 1854 to 1855 inclusive;—Of the Quantities of Foreign Hops imported in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, and the Rates of Duty charged; also distinguishing the Ports where imported, and the Countries from whence exported.—Of the Quantity of English and Foreign Hops respectively exported in the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, distinguishing the Countries to which the same have been exported, and also the Quantities to each Country, with the Dates of the years in which the British Hops were grown:—Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Hops charged with Duty in each of the several Collections in the United Kingdom in the year 1854;—Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Foreign Hops charged with Duties for Home Consumption in the year 1854;—And, of the Quantity of Foreign Hops in Bond on the 5th day of January 1855.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of December last, for a Return of the Number of Persons in each of the several Collections in the United Kingdom licensed as Brewers, Victuallers, to sell Beer to be drunk on the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drunk on the Premises; stating the Number of each Class who brew their own Beer, and the Quantity of Malt consumed by them, particularising each Class in each Collection, from the 10th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of February last, for Returns of the Total Imports of Sheaves of Wool paid into the United Kingdom for the year 1854; viz.;

- From Foreign States
  - British Possessions
  - Together, lbs.
- Quantity re-exported
- Left for Consumption
  - Together, lbs.

Of the Total Importation of Mohair or Angora Goats' Wool, for the year 1854; viz.;

- Imported
  - Re-exported
  - Left for Consumption
  - Together, lbs.

And, of British Woollen Manufactures and Woollen Yarn exported, for the year 1854; viz.;

- Woollen Manufactures, declared
  - Value
  - Yarn
  - Together, £

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Copy of Mr. Boy's Report to the Office of Works, on his Experiment for withstanding and decomposing the noxious Effluvia from the Sewers in the Neighbourhood of the Houses of Parliament.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minutes of the Evidence before the Select Committee on the Barnstaple Election Petition.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary of the Duchy of Lancaster, to a Return of the Number of Persons who brew their own Beer, and the Quantity of Malt consumed by them, particularising each Class in each Collection, from the 10th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854.

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Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of February last, for a Return of the Number of Appeals from the Incumbered Estates Court, Ireland, to the Privy Council, Ireland, from the 24th day of March 1855 to the latest Date, and of the Reversals and Affirmations of such Appeals, separately stated, with the Names of the Parties in each case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 184, of Session 1854).

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Second Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, 1855.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolitan Buildings Acts, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Promotion and Retirement (Ordnance), which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wheat, &c., which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Victoria, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Staff Officers, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of March last, for a Return of the Names or short Titles of all Causes and Suits, or other Proceedings or Matters relating to the Distribution of Charitable Funds or Bequests in the High Court of Chancery in England, to which Her Majesty's Attorney General has been made a Party, either as Plaintiff, Defendant, Petitioner or Respondent, within the last Five years; together with the several Amounts of all Fees paid to Her Majesty's Attorney General in all such Causes and Matters during such Five years; stating the nature of the Proceedings on which such Fees have been paid; also (where practicable), the Fund out of which, or the Names of the Parties to such Suit or Matters by which such Fees have been paid, or ordered to be paid, or are in fact payable.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That, " to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is expedient that measures be taken for promoting the efficiency of our Military Academies, " and other established provisions for preparing "Officers for Military and for Staff Appointments," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee. (In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,492,961, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred to the 31st day of March 1855, on account of Barrack Supplies, &c., Wages and Ordnance Stores, &c.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,387,961, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred to the 31st day of March 1855, on account of Barrack Supplies, &c., Wages and Ordnance Stores, &c.;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Munts, Yeas, (Mr. Newdegate:)

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter,

Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley :

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Resolved, That a Number, not exceeding Ordinance 22,246 Men, Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers included, composing the several Ordinance Military Corps, be maintained for Her Majesty's Service at Home and Abroad, from the 1st day of April 1855 to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,117,833, Pay, &c., of the Pay, Allowances and Contingencies of Ordinance Corps, Military Corps, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,406,883, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Ordnance Establishments.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 305,149, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 368,872, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Ordnance Stores, &c.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,792,348, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Ordnance Stores for Land and Sea Service, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred to the 31st day of March 1855, on account of Barrack Supplies, &c., Wages and Ordnance Stores, &c.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,387,961, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred to the 31st day of March 1855, on account of Barrack Supplies, &c., Wages and Ordnance Stores, &c.;
Duties Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Marine consideration the Marine Mutiny Bill, as amended Mutiny Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Mutiny Bill into a Committee on the Mutiny Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Purchasers’ Protection against Judgments Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; Protection Bill, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Savings Banks Bill, to be now taken into consideration: Savings Banks Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Exchequer Bill into consideration the Exchequer Bills (\£. 17,183,000) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Secretaries and Under Secretaries of State Secretaries and Committees Bill was, according to Order, Under Secretaries and Committees Bill, to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Warrant regulating Promotion in the Marine Corps.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased (Marines.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords Common Law to the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment (Ireland) Bill, be now taken into consideration: Common Law (Ireland) Bill.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Isaac Butt do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr.

The Tea Duties Decline Suspension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Marine consideration the Marine Mutiny Bill, as amended Mutiny Bill in the Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Mutiny Bill into a Committee on the Mutiny Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowser reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Purchasers’ Protection against Judgments Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; Protection Bill, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Savings Banks Bill, saving the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies and Friendly Investments Bill; Savings Banks Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Exchequer Bill into consideration the Exchequer Bills (\£. 17,183,000) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

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The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Isaac Butt do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of February last, for copies of all Correspondence connected with the Construction of certain Works at the Mouth of the River Tyne, between the Admiralty, the Officers of the River Tyne Commissioners, Messrs. Clayton and Brooks, and Mr. James Walker, c. e., since the 24th day of February 1853.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Martiis, & die Martii ;

Anno 18° Victioriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway Company, the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company, and the London and South Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing Arrangements with respect to the West London and Crystal Palace, and the London and South Western Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Laing and Sir Joseph Fenton.

The Order for referring to the Committee of Selection the Saint George's Harbour Bill, was read and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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The Lancashire and Yorkshire and Blackburn Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Hartlepoo Pier and Port Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant March.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Dean Forest, &c. Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Selection (Fourth Report) No. 09, That they had made certain alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had formed certain additional Groups, which they had agreed to report to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Nottingharn and New-Jersey Road Bill Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.
2. That in the case of the Renfrew Police and Improvement Bill Petition of Archibald Alexander Spairis and others, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for leave to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, notwithstanding the same shall have been deposited later than seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

The second Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Portsmouth to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Portsmouth, in the room of the Honourable Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Offices of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain, and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken at Barnstaple before the Select Committee on the Barnstaple Election, Election Petition, which were presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from the Vestry or any Authority or Authorities under whose jurisdiction the Paving, Cleansing and Lighting are carried out in each Parish and extra-parochial Place within the City of Westminster, and the several Parliamentary Boroughs of Margate, Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, Southwark and Greenwhich, and the Parishes of Lewisham, Etham, Lee, Kithbrook, and each of the Parishes and Places not being a Parish in the City of London or the Liberties thereof, the City of Westminster, or the Parliamentary Boroughs mentioned in Schofule (A.), to the Act 15 & 16 Vict. c. 66, and all other Parishes and Places, if any, except as before excepted, included in the London Weekly Tables of Mortality; setting forth, Whether any and which of the aforesaid Parishes, or part of any such Parish, is managed under the Act 57 Geo. 3, c. 90 (Regulating Streets of Metropolis), or the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 90 (for Lighting and Watching); the rateable Value of each such Parish, &c.; the Total Amount of Money raised for the purposes of Paving, Cleansing and Lighting, under the authority of any General or Local Act, during the year ending the 25th day of March 1853; the Total Expenditure during the year ending the 25th day of March 1853, as shown by the Returns made to the Secretary of State for the Home Department; the Names of all Officers employed as Clerks, Surveyors, Collectors, Street-keepers, or otherwise, with the Amount of Salary, Emoluments, or other Benefits received or enjoyed by each of such Officers; the Length of Roads and Streets, in Yards, within the jurisdiction of such Authority; the Amount of Debt owing at date of last Return by each such Authority; the Number of Public Lamps, and the Number of Public Pumps, within each such District.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House, as to each of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hops, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Brewers, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Malt, &c., which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Woollen Manufactures, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return setting forth the Assessment of each Parish within the Metropolitan Cities and Boroughs of London, Westminster, Marylebone, Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Lambeth and Greenwich, under the following heads:—The Assessment under the Property Tax (Schedule A); Assessment to County Rate; and Parochial Assessment.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Tyne Tyne Conservancy, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Public Libraries into a Committee on the Public Libraries and Museums Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Amendments made.

Clause, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 4 (The Council of certain boroughs may adopt Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28: To leave out the word “Five,” in order to insert the word “Ten.”

Question put, That the word “Five” stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 5, agreed to.

Clause, No. 6, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 7, agreed to.

Clause, No. 8, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 9, agreed to.

Clause, No. 10, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 11, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 12 and No. 13, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 14, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 15, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 16, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 17 and No. 18, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 19 (Lands, &c. may be appropriated, purchased or rented for the purposes of this Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5 and 6: To leave out the words “with the approval of Her Majesty’s Treasury.”

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas:—[Mr. Ewart, Viscount Ebrington]: 64.

Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Hadfield, Sir Joseph Anderson]: 25.

Amendments made.

Clause, as agreed to.

Clauses, No. 20 and No. 21, agreed to.

Clause, No. 22 (General management to be vested in Council Board or Commissioners).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 1: After the word “books,” to insert the word “newspapers.”

Question put, That the word “newspapers” be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas:—[Mr. Ewart, Yeas]: 64.

Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald, Mr. Maccabe, Mr. Bernal, Mr. Brotherton]: 22.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause:—To add the words “Provided that all the Libraries

...
"Libraries established under this Act shall be "Lending Libraries."

Question put, That those words be there added; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Sir Erskine Perry, Mr. Spooner; } 32.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Ernott, Mr. Brokhill; } 49.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 23 (Property of Library, &c. to be vested in Council Board and Commissioners respectively).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the words, "Provided always, that "no property so vested shall be liable to the repay- "ment of any debt or incumbrance not incurred in "the execution of or for the purpose of this Act."

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 24 (Museums to be free).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 14: After the word "shall," to insert the words "at certain times."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause added.

Clause (If any person shall give to any borough, district or parish, having respectively such a popula- tion as aforesaid, any books, collections of mineral- ology, natural history, or works of science or art, sufficient in the opinion of the Council, Board or Vestry, as the case may be, for the establishment of a Library or Museum, then this Act shall be considered to have been duly applied for, and shall take effect and come into operation in such borough, district or parish, without taking the proceedings hereinafter made necessary for its adoption, and such Library or Museum shall be considered to have been duly esta-

ished under this Act)——brought up, and read 1°.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read 2°.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause (No person shall be assessed or rated to any county, borough, parochial or other local rates or cesses, in respect of any land, houses or buildings, or parts thereof respectively, belonging to any Library or Museum established under this Act, and occupied by it for the transaction of its business, and for carrying into effect its purposes)——brought up, and read 1°.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read 2°.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be read.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bow- eerie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committe, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ecclesiastical reading of the Ecclesiastical Property (Ireland) Act.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee of Supply, be reported.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ecclesiastical reading of the Ecclesiastical Property (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marine Mutiny Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowerie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Ecclesiastical consideration the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill, as Orders Bill, amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ecclesiastical reading of the Public Prosecutors Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Bowerie reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,402,961, be Barrack granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge Supplies, &c. which will probably be incurred to the 31st day of March 1855, on account of Barrack Supplies, &c. Wages, and Ordnance Stores, &c.

2. That a Number, not exceeding 22,346 Men, Ordnance Corps, be maintained for Her Majesty's Service at Home and Abroad, from the 1st day of April 1855, to the 31st day of March 1856, inclusive.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,117,883, be Pay, Allowances and Contingencies of Ordnance Corps, Military Corps, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

4. That
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £, 1,406,883, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Commissariat and Barrack Supplies for Her Majesty's Forces, Great Coats for the Army, and Clothing for the Militia, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £, 393,149, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £, 388,872, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Wages at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £, 2,792,348, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Ordnance Stores for Land and Sea Service, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856. The first Resolution being read a second time, the Amendments following were made thereunto; viz. by leaving out "£, 1,402,961," and inserting "£, 202,961," instead thereof; by inserting after the word "Majesty" the words "to complete the Sum granted;" by leaving out the word "charge" which will probably be incurred," and inserting the words "estimated Excess of the Ordnance Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on," instead thereof; and by leaving out the words "on account of Barrack Supplies, &c., Wages, and Ordnance Stores, &c." and the said Resolution, so amended, was agreed to, as follows: That a Sum, not exceeding £, 202,961, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum granted for defraying the estimated Excess of the Ordnance Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending the 31st day of March 1855.

The subsequent Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Exchequer Bills (£, 17,183,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Mutiny Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Exchequer Bills (£, 17,183,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Communications which have taken place between the President of the Privy Council and the President of the Poor Law Board, relative to the Education of Children receiving Out-door Relief.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Communications which have taken place between the President of the Poor Law Board and the Emigration Commissioners, relative to appointing Boys and Girls from any Parish or Board of Guardians, of and above the age of Thirteen, with the consent of their Parents or the Guardians, under certain conditions, to Employers in New South Wales.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 8° die Martii; Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Hayter presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions in the year 1853.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for incorporating the Baroda Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Petition of the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, praying that Provision may be made in the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill for giving Power to the Petitioners to purchase certain land, called "Little Gooosemore," in the Parish of Paignton, in Devonshire, and to construct their Works on such land, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and South Western Railway Bill. The London and South Western Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Railway and Canal Bills. (First Report.) No. 100. Mr. Strutt reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; that they had formed several Railway and Canal Bills, which in their opinion it is expedient to submit to the same Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Lands Improvement Company Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same verbally; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Over Darwen Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Pudsey Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Taunton Gas Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Woolwich Consumers' Protective Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Cambridge University and Town Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatches from the Secretary of State in reply to Communications from Governors of British Colonies, transmitting Addresses and Resolutions on the subject of the War with Russia.

Sir George Grey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 28th February 1855, empowering the Governor of Victoria to issue Mining Leases of Land not auriferous.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Clergy (London)—News, paper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill.—News paper Stamps.—Stage Carriages,—Grain,—Intoxicating Liquors.—London and South Western Railway.—Sale of Beer Act (1854).—Wages; and, War with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—and, the Public Health Bill,—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to Army before Sebastopol: And that Mr. Roddick do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Return showing the Quantity of Coffee in a green (Grama.) state sent to the Crimea for the use of the Army, the Quantity issued as Rations to the Troops; distinguishing that distributed to the Soldiers in the Field, and that distributed to the Soldiers in the Hospitals, the Cost of each. Ration of Coffee so distributed, and the Sum Total deducted from the Pay of the Soldiers for such Rations, to the latest Date to which such Return can be made up.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any further Reports of the several Metropolitan Water Companies, in continuation of those presented to this House in Session 1854.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of Canada, and assented to by the Governor on the 18th day of December 1854, intituled, "An Act to make better Provision for the Appropriation of Monies arising from Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes."

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Spirit Return of the Number of Gallons of Foreign Spirits (Scotland.) cleared for Home Consumption in Scotland in each Month of the Five years ending on the 31st day of December 1854, and in the Months of January and February 1855, and of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits so cleared in each period of Six Weeks during the same time.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Mr. Osborne, &c. the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of December last, for Returns of the Quantities of Lineseed, Corn, Hemp, Flax or Tallow, imported, during the year 1854, into the United Kingdom, from the Black Sea or the Sea of Azoff; stating into what Port or Ports the same have been imported, and from what Ports the same have been exported; with the Duties of such Imports and Exports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported:—And, of all Lineseed, Rape-

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seed, Tallow, Hemp, Flax or Copper imported into the United Kingdom, in the year 1854, from the Protection of the Convict Prisons in Ireland, and from what Port or Ports the same have been exported; with the Dates of such Exports and Imports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February last, for Copies of the Letter from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Government of Bengal, dated the 21st day of August 1854, in the Judicial Department (No. 11); and of the Reply of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, dated the 8th day of November 1854 (No. 20), with its Enclosures;—And, of Inquiry and Report with reference to the Statement of Mr. Theobald as to the employment of Torture by the Police.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Management and Government of the College of Maynooth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of February last, for Copies of the Terms of the Commission appointed by Her Majesty, pursuant to an humble Address of this House on the 13th day of July 1854, praying for inquiry into the Endowments, Funds and the Internal and External Condition of all Schools endowed for the purposes of Education in Ireland; and the Nature and Extent of the Instruction given in such Schools;—And, of all Correspondence which has taken place between the said Commissioners and the Governors of Grammar Schools.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of December last, for an Amended and Supplemental Return to the Returns of Professors Dr. John Edgar, Mr. Edward Masson, and the Reverend William Gibson, under the Order of this House, dated the 20th day of July last, and omitted in the Return ordered to be printed the 12th day of August last; and also for Returns of the Reverend John Ferrie and J. R. Young, Esquire, under the said Order, and not made; and also for Returns of Professors Dr. John Napier, Mr. Edward Masson, and the Reverend John Ferrie and J. R. Young, Esquire, under the said Order, and not made; and also for the Accounts ordered and not yet returned of Fees and Emoluments (over and above Government Allowance) derived or received by the said Professors Dr. Edgar, Mr. Masson and Mr. Gibson, or by the Professors the Reverend Dr. Cooke, Dr. W. D. Kelin, Dr. Montgomery and John Scott Porter, from the 31st day of March 1853 to the 31st day of March 1854, from Students under their Instruction respectively, or otherwise howsoever as such Professors, distinguishing the Amount paid by each Student to the said Professors respectively, and the Total Amount received during the said last-mentioned Period by each of such Professors; and also stating what Services were rendered, and when, and for what Period, and in what Capacity, by the said Mr. Young, on account of which he has a Claim or Retiring Pension of ￡150 a year.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February last, for Copies of all Correspondence between the Irish Government and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in the year 1854, in reference to fixing the Salaries and Allowances of the Directors of Convict Prisons in Ireland, and the removal of Henry M. Hitchin from the Public Service in connexion with that Department.

Mr. Wilson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of Ireland, dated 1st March 1855, for again renewing the Order made on the 17th September 1853, for the Prevention of Contagious and Epidemic Diseases.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to and Universities inquire into the best means of affording to the Nation a full and equal participation in all the advantages, which are not necessarily of an ecclesiastical or spiritual character, in the Public Schools and Universities of England and Ireland, and of improving the educational system in those great seats of learning, with a view to enlarge their course of Instruction in conformity with the requirements of the Public Service;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Copy Naper of any Correspondence which has passed between the Board of Admiralty, or any Member of Her Majesty's Government, and Sir Charles Napier, since the 20th day of December last.

And, the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Mines (Ireland) Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Privy Council on the Militia (Ireland) Bill

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Intraurban Burials (Ireland) Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peel reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Torquay District Churches Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Southampton Paving Trust, Saint Pancras Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Dean Forest, &c. Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Then the Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Dean Forest, &c. Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Secretaries and Under Secretaries of State (House of Commons) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marine Mutiny Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Estates Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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The second and third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Tamesworth, in the room of Sir Robert Peel, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Publication of Intelligence (Gibraltar.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report made by Dr. Baby to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of Quarantine at Gibraltar, under date the 6th day of May 1854.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Publication of Intelligence (Crimea.)

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Correspondence relating to the recall of Lieutenant General the Earl of Lucan from the Army in the Crimean Army.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of February last, for Returns of the Regulation Price for the Purchase of a Commission in the Line and in a Cavalry Regiment:—Of the Regulation Price for the Purchase of each subsequent Step in the Service:—Of the annual Pay of Regimental Officers of all Grades:—Whether any, and, if any, what portions of the Money paid by an Officer for his Commission and subsequent Steps is sacrificed by him when he attains the Rank of Major General:—And, of the annual Pay of a Major General, and of other Officers of higher Grade.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of February last, for Copy of Letter from the Duke of Newcastle, dated the 6th day of December 1854, and addressed to certain Newspapers, respecting the Publication of Intelligence from the Seat of War in the Crimea.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Linseed, &c., which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Education (Ireland), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Theological Professors, &c. (Belfast), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of January last, for a Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt in Stock on which the additional Duty was imposed in the last Session of Parliament, in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, and the Dates on which the said Duty on Stock has been paid, and the Amounts paid at each respective Date.

Petitions relating to Seats in Parliament:—Lord's Day:—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.):—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill:—Newspaper Stamps:—Stage Carriages:—Bills of Exchange Bill:—Bills of Exchange, and Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill:—Fortifications:—Friendly Societies Bill:—Grain:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Postal Communication (Bawdon and Cork):—and, Public Libraries and Museums Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill; and, Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Abstracts of Accounts of Election Expenses rendered by the different Election Auditors since the passing of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 102, specifying in each particular case the Amount of the Bills so paid, and the Names of the Parties to whom paid.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Poor Law Return of existing Annual Salary, Compensation and Allowance to the Clerk to each Poor Law Union in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the Return relating to existing Annual Salary, Compensation and Allowance to the Clerk to each Poor Law Union in England and Wales, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Supply mittee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "there be laid before this House, Returns of the Balances in "Balances at the Credit of the Exchequer on the Exchequer, &c."

"4th day of February 1854, and on the 24th "of February 1855 —Of the Number and "Amount of Treasury Bills outstanding on the "24th day of February 1854, and on the 24th "day of February 1855—Of the Number and "Amount of Exchequer Bills outstanding on the "24th day of February 1854, and on the 24th "day of February 1855, stating the Interest per cent. "per day, and when payable—Of the Number "and Amount of Treasury Bonds outstanding on "the 24th day of February 1854, and on the 24th "day of February 1855, stating the Dates when "sight, when payable, and the Rate of Interest:— "Of the Amount of the Capital of the Bank of Eng-
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

—the Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Cathedral and Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Marine Mutiny Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ecclesiastical Courts Bill was, according to Ecclesiastical Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Phillimore do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dean Forest, &c. Bill, &c.

and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowyer reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order for reading the third time, upon Monday next, the Purchasers Protection against Judgments Bill, was read; and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Wounded Return of the Names of Officers who have received a Gratuity for Wounds in the Crime, stating the Amount.
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Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church
Report.)
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West London (No. 2) Bill.
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PRAYERS.
Mr. Bowsham Carter reported from the Select
Committee on Public Petitions; That they had
examined the Petitions presented upon the 8th
and 9th days of this instant March, and had directed
him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from
one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,
in that case of the Bombay, Baroda and Central
India Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com-
mittee on the Bill, that they have Power to make
Provision therein, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from
one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,
in that case of the Bombay, Baroda and Central
India Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for authorizing
Arrangements with respect to the West Lodon and
Crystal Palace and the London and South Western
Railways, and for other purposes: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time.

The Barnet and Willesden Railway Bill was,
according to Order, read a second time; and com-
mitted.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General
Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Grand Surrey Canal Bill was read a second
time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General
Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-
posed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of
Selection, that they have Power to add the Members
Proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Com-
mittee of Public Petitions, that they have Power to make
Provision in the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church
one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,
and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bombay, Baroda and Central
India Railway Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Poor Law
Return showing the Number of Paupers relieved in (Ireland.)
The Fifty-one Unions referred to in Parliamentary
Paper, No. 22, of Session 1853, pages 18 and 15, the Expenditure incurred for the Maintenance of such
Paupers, the Salaries and Rations of Officers (except
Medical Officers), and other Establishment Charges of
such Unions, for the Half-Years ending on the 25th
day of March and the 29th day of September
1853 respectively, according to the annexed Form;
also the Workhouse Accommodation in each of such
Unions, distinguishing the Accommodation provided
in the Original Buildings, in Permanent Buildings,
or in Temporary Buildings erected on Workhouse
Site (exclusive of Fever Hospitals), and in Auxiliary
Buildings; and the Rent (if any) payable for such
Buildings.

Ordered, That the Office be laid before this House, a Provisions in the
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Buildings; and the Rent (if any) payable for such
Buildings.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented
To Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant March, and had directed
him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from
one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,
in that case of the Bombay, Baroda and Central
India Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com-
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Provision therein, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

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Ordered, That the Bombay, Baroda and Central
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Buildings; and the Rent (if any) payable for such
Buildings.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Memorials or Statements to the Board of Trade, regarding Carrying Charges, since January 1854.

Guano.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Guano imported into the United Kingdom in each of the years from 1852 to 1854 inclusive, distinguishing the Quantities imported from each Country respectively.

Public Petitions.
Petitions relating to Parliamentary Papers;—Established Church (Wales);—Public-houses and Beer-shops;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Stage Carriages;—District Schools;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Grain;—Harbours of Refuge (North-east Coast of Ireland);—Joseph Howard;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Military Surgeons;— Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sandhurst Royal Military College.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Officers who have received Certificates from the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, in each year during the last Twenty years.

Army.
Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant March, be printed.

Malt.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Malt, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant March, be printed.

Harbours, &c.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Harbours, &c., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant March, be printed.

Passengers Act Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 23d day of this instant March, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 23d day of this instant March.

Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 23d day of this instant March.

Supply.
Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,387,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.
2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £42,120, Half-Pay, &c., be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of £2,351,199, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Half-Pay, Pensions and Allowances in the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second Resolution, being read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£1,387,500," and inserting "£1,505,196," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That £1,505,196 stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply, into the Committee of Supply.

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding Commissariat £2,351,199, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £42,120, Half-Pay, &c., be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of £2,351,199, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Half-Pay, Pensions and Allowances in the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Bouverie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia (Ireland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dean Forest, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve William Philip Price, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of Gloucester, from disabilities which he may have incurred by reason of a certain Contract entered into for the Public Service: And that Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Prosecutions in the Metropolitan Police Courts, under the Smoke Nuisance Abatement (Metropolitan) Act, stating the grounds of such Prosecutions, and the Amount of Fines imposed in consequence thereof:—Of the mode in which the Amount of such Fines has been applied:—And, of the Expenses attending such Prosecutions.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Solicitor General presented a Bill to relieve William Philip Price, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of Gloucester, from disabilities which he may have incurred by reason of a certain Contract entered into for the Public Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Martis, 13° die Martii; Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Brighton Improvement Commissioners and Municipal Corporation Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Horsham Bridge Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Folkestone Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Rotcliff Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by reciting that the only Amounts due from the Dwarfford Gas-Light and Coke Company are mentioned in a Schedule annexed to the Bill, which it is just should be paid, with interest; and by adding a recital that a supplemental agreement for extending the time for arbitration was made between the Companies, and at the time therein-mentioned, and also by making some verbal Amendments; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Poulett Scrope reported from the Committee Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Over Darwen the Over Darwen Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Pudsey Gas the Pudsey Gas Bill, as amended, in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Taunton Gas the Taunton Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Taunton District Churches Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;
The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—Mr. Bouverie, Mr. Brotchven.
Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Hothfield, Mr. Pellatt.

So it was resolved in the Afirmative.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee Standing on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which Orders were read, as follow:—

1. That
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of January last, for Returns of the Number of Bushels of Malt in Stock when the increased Duty was imposed—Of the Number of Bushels of Malt made and brought into Charge from the 1st day of August 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855—And, of the Number of Bushels of Malt made from the 1st day of August 1853 to the 1st day of January 1854.

Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of February last, for a Return of the Number of Cwts. of Raw or Muscovado Sugar admitted for Consumption, at each of the principal Ports of the United Kingdom, at the lowest Duty of 11 s. per cwt.; and also, of the Number thereof admitted for Consumption at the same Ports, at the highest Rate of Duty of 12 s. per cwt.; distinguishing the different Countries and Colonies from which the same was imported.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Clergy Reserves (Canada), which was presented upon the 1st day of January 1854.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, to appoint the first meeting of all Committees on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Bate son have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health; and, Mr. Noel a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Russell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords gave leave to the Earl of Lucea to attend the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the Condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the Conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army, as desired by this House:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

Petitions relating to Marriage;—Roman Catholic Soldiers and Sailors;—Newspaper, &c., Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Paper, Newspaper Stamps, Foreign Books, &c.;—Poor Rates;—Stage Carriages;—Border Marriages (Scotland);—Criminal Law;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Poor Law;—Real Estates;—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Public Health Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Vacating of Seats in Parliament: And that Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Deedes and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Education that it is expedient that more effectual means should be adopted to improve the Education of Pauper Children in Ireland; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Heywood, Yes, Mr. Edward Ball: 87.]

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, to inquire into the state and condition of the several Communications to and in the Metropolis, including the Bridges over the Thames and the Approaches thereto; to report whether the Communications and Approaches are adequate to the present and increasing Traffic to and in the Metropolis; if not, the best mode of improving the same; and whether it will be desirable to have one or more Bridges over the Thames, and where; and the best mode, out of Local Funds, of providing the Cost of such Bridges, and of improving the said Communications and Approaches, and throwing open to the Public the toll-paying Bridges.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Public reading of the Public Prosecutors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Prize’s Indemnity Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. Grenville Berkeley presented,—Return to an Railway and Canal Bill, and of improving the said Communications and Approaches, and throwing open to the Public the toll-paying Bridges.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wrightson presented a Bill to amend the Vacating of Seats in Parliament; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Reverend Henry Melvin, General Fast, Bachelor in Divinity, Principal of the East India College, Haileybury, Lecturer of Saint Margaret’s, Lothbury, Chaplain of the Tower, be desired to preach before this House at Saint Margaret’s, Westminster, on Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March, being the day appointed by the Proclamation of Her Majesty for a General Fast; And that Viscount Palmerston and Sir George Grey do acquaint him therewith.

Viscount
Viscount Ebrington reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, in consequence of the early sitting of the House To-morrow, the Committee had adjourned till Twelve o'clock on Thursday.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Mercurius, 14° die Martii:
Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Committee.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Public Petitions (Sixteenth Report.)

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th day of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Marriage Law Amendment Bill. Bill 56.

Mr. Heywood presented a Bill to amend the Law as to Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister or a deceased Wife's Niece: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Stourbridge Gas Bill.

A Petition of Shareholders in the Stourbridge Gas Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Stourbridge Gas Bill for making it compulsorily upon the Petitioners to sell their Undertaking to the Stourbridge Improvement Commissioners if the latter at any time shall be authorized to effect such Purchase, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Gateshead Quays and Improvements Bill.

The Gateshead Quays and Improvements Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22d day of this instant March.

Auckland Islands.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of Correspondence relating to Mr. Enderby, the late Lieutenant Governor of the Auckland Islands (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 122, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Petitions relating to Newspaper, &c. Postage and Public Stamp Duties Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Grain Petitions;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Transport to Prince;—Vide Seven- and War with Russia, were presented, and read; tenth Report. and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 23d day of March 1854, for Accounts, in a Tabular Form, of the various Estates to which the Registrars of the Supreme Court of Calcutta have administered, of which the whole or any part remains unclaimed; Name of deceased Party; Date of Demise, and where; Occupation or Pursuit; Total Amount, how disposed of; Amount of Interest received each year, and how disposed of, and Total Balance remaining, and how invested: Of all Estates administered to by the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Calcutta, from the 20th day of February 1848 to the latest Date; Name and Occupation of deceased Party; Amount received, to whom paid, remaining Balance how invested, Interest how disposed of, Balance of Interest on each Estate in the hands of the Registrar, if claimed, and whether under Litigation:—Similar Account of all Monies belonging to Parties to whom the Registrar has administered and in the hands of the Accountant General, showing how the same is invested, the Interest received, and how disposed of:—And, Account of the Amounts paid, and to whom, out of the unclaimed Estates, in conformity with the recommendation of the Committee on Sir Thomas Turton's Defalcations.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugar, which Sugar, was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway and Canal Bills, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Army Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of February last, (Crises,) for a Return of the Names of all Officers of Her Majesty's Army who have been promoted for distinguished Services since the commencement of the War in the Crimea, distinguishing between Officers on the Staff and Officers serving with their Regiments; stating also the respective Ranks to which they have been promoted, the particular Services upon which they were employed during the Battles of Alma, Balaklava and Inkerman, and whether they were actually engaged in any of the above Actions.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Friendly Societies Bill. (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 to N° 4, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 6 to N° 8, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 9 to N° 11, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE,
Cathedral Appointments Act Continuance Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant March.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,351,199, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £42,120, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Half Pay, &c. of Officers in the Commissariat Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commissariat Department, Supply

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Purchasers' Protection against Judgments Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Dean Forest, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Poor Removal, be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Poor Removal.

Ordered, That Mr. Grogan and Mr. Horsfall be added to the Committee.

Mr. Poulett Scrope reported from the Committee on Private Bills, Group B, one of the selected Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Pilkington do attend the said Committee upon Friday next.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Spirits. Returns showing the Total Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits distilled in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively; distinguishing the Quantities produced from Malt, from a mixture of Malt and unmalted Grain, and from a mixture of Sugar, Molasses with unmalted Grain, or from Sugar or from Molasses; showing also, the Total Quantity of each Sort in the United Kingdom, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1855.

Ordered, That the Bill be laid before the Committee of Selection.

A Petition of Promoters of the Bill thereinafter mentioned, praying that Provision may be made in the said Bill, and to appoint a Representative at Meetings of the Company for carrying out such Undertaking, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eighteenth Report.

Petitions relating to Marriage ;— Numeroses ;— Mines;— Newspaper, &c., Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;— Newspaper Stamps;— Stage Carriages;— Border Marriages (Scotland);— Education (North Wales);— Friendly Society Bill;— Intoxicating Liquors;— Poor Law;— Real Estates;— Wages;— and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, and, the Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Sugar, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Tabular Return, showing the Quantities of Sugar of the several Sorts imported into the United Kingdom, and the Quantities retained for Home Consumption during each year, from 1831 to 1854 inclusive; followed by a Comparative Statement of the Average Prices of British Plantation and Foreign Sugar (ordinary Yellow Housewai), for the same series of years;—Account of the Imports into the United Kingdom of Sugar, Molasses, Rum, Coffee, Cocoa and Cotton, from the West Indies, British Guiana, the Mauritius and British Possessions in India, for the years 1831 to 1854 inclusive; distinguishing the Quantities imported from each Colony and each Possession in each year;—Similar Account of the Quantities of Foreign Sugar from Sugar grown from Sugar, and from a mixture of Sugar and Sugar Candy imported into the United Kingdom in the years 1844, 1849, 1850, 1853, 1852, 1853 and 1854 respectively; stating the Quantity retained for Home Consumption, the Rates of Duty paid, and the Quantity exported (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 237, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Sugar entered for Home Consumption during each year, from 1831 to 1854 inclusive; distinguishing Refined from Unrefined, and also the Several Places from whence such Sugar was imported (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 458, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits exported to the Colonies and Foreign Parts, in the years 1853 and 1854; distinguishing the Quantities sent to the respective Places of Export (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 169, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Summary of the Returns relating to the Distillation of Spirits, and the Quantities of Spirits distilled in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits, delivered from Warehouse in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, on the 5th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854, and the proportion upon which an Abatement of Duty was made under the 28th section of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 37; distinguishing Allowances for Accidents and for natural Evaporation.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Persons charged for Inland Tax, delivered at the 5th day of April 1853 and 1854, under Schedule (D.); distinguishing the Number charged in each of the following Classes;
The Lords have agreed to the Marine Mutiny Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Mutiny Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Ten Duties Decline Tea Duties Suspension Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Secretaries and Under Secretaries of State (House of Commons) Bill, without any Amendment: _And then the Messenger withdrew._

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better settling of the Real Estates of Intestates;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Locke King, Yeas;

Mr. Musgrave; 84.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Noes; Mr. Grenville Berkeley; 136.]

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Real Property, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that Real Property and Impropriate Tithes should be made to pay the same Probate Duty as is now payable on Personal Property, and that Property belonging to Corporations, Universities, Colleges, Bishoprics and Deans and Chapters, should pay a Duty equivalent to the Probate and Legacy Duties levied on Personal Property;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams, Yeas; Mr. Redfield; 61.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Noes; Mr. Grenville Berkeley; 84.]

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Factories. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the Hours of Work of Females and Young Persons, in the Factories of the United Kingdom, to Ten in the day; and to provide the means of more perfectly inspecting the said Factories;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cobbett, Yeas; Mr. Thomas Duncombe; 101.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Noes; Mr. Grenville Berkeley; 109.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Burial-amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead grounds in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Army That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Despatches or Correspondence that has passed between Field Marshal Lord Raglan and the Minister for War, relative to the Wants of the Army in the Crimea:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Public Prosecutor Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Purchasers’ Protection against Judgments. That the Bill, with the Amendments, do also pass.

Ordered,
Ordered, That Mr. Walpole do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Newspaper Stamp Duties.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to Newspaper Stamps; the Printing and Publishing of Newspapers; and the Acts relating to the Duties of Postage, might be read; and the same being read:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill 56.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 16° die Martii : Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners for Private Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Thames Embankment and Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Return from the Board of Trade relative to the Railway and Canal Bills of this Session, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be referred to the Committees on such Bills.

Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill.

Mr. Frewen reported the Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions (Seventeenth Report.)

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 13th and 14th days of the instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cambridge University and Town Water Bill.

The Cambridge University and Town Water Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Over Darwen Gas Bill.

The Over Darwen Gas Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Pudsey Gas Bill.

The Pudsey Gas Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Taunton Gas Bill.

The Taunton Gas Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Woolwich Consumers' Protective Gas Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Saving rights of Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Cannock and South Staffordshire Railway Bills in the last Session, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 1 of Railway and Canal Bills.

Viscount Ebrington reported the Birmingham Water Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Message by Mr. Peel, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, advised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act for raising the Sum of Seventeen millions Eight hundred and eighty-four thousand pounds by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five:

An Act to extend to Ireland the Provisions of the Eighteenth Section of the Common Law Procedure Act, 1854:

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and Mutiny Bill, for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters:

An Act for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore:

An Act to suspend the Decline of the Customs Duties on Tobacco from and after the Fifty day of April One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five:

An Act to enable a Third Principal Secretary and a Third Under Secretary of State to sit in the House of Commons.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Number (distinguishing the Cavalry from the Infantry, and the several Grades of Officers) of Army Commissions sold, and also of Army Commissions purchased, from the 1st day of January 1845 to the 1st day of January 1855:—Similar Return of Army Commissions bestowed without Purchase:—Returns of the Total Annual Sum, in each such year, representing the Value of the Army Commissions so sold and so bought, and the Amount of the Surplus that has arisen therefrom, and the Application thereof:—And, of the Regulation Prices of Army Commissions, from Rank to Rank (distinguishing the several Corps), and whether such Regulation Prices are prohibited from being exceeded, and if so by what Company.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns from each Union in Ireland, showing the Extent of Land under Crop or Garden Cultivation, the Number of Persons employed on the Farm, distinguishing the Number under Fifteen years of age, and the Number above Fifteen years of age, and the Number of Persons in the Workhouse; Rent, by the English Acre; the Expenses incurred, distinguishing, 1st. the Value of the Stock on hand at the commencement of the year; 2d. the Amount of Rent and Rates paid; 3d. the Amount expended for Live Stock purchased; and 4th. Total: Also, showing the Money Value of Produce, distinguishing, 1st. the Price of Articles of Food consumed in the Workhouse; 2d. the Amount received from the Sale of Surplus Crop; 3d. from Live or Dead Stock; 4th. the Value of Stock on hand at the end of the year; and 5th. Total: and showing the Profit or Loss for the years ending the 29th day of September 1854 and the 29th day of September 1854 respectively:—And, from each Union in Ireland, of the Expenses incurred in Manufactures and Trade; showing the Value of Stock in hand at the commencement of the year, the Amount expended for 1st. in Tools; 2d. in Raw Material; 3d. in other necessary Articles; and 4th. Total expended; and the Produce, distinguishing the Cost of the made-up Cloths and Woollen Garments, and the Amounts received from the Sale of Work or Manufactured Articles, and the Cost Price of the Stock in hand at the end of the year, and Total: stating the Number of Persons employed in the Manufactures or Trades, distinguishing those under Fifteen years of age, and those above Fifteen years of age, with Total emoluments.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23d day of February last, relative to the Forces serving in Turkey, specifying the Name, Age and Rank of each; the Date of their Appointment, and whether still serving in the East.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Tools and Billhooks which have been used and found of bad quality at the Siege of Sebastopol, stating the Nature of the Defects, the Name of the Manufacturers, and the Prices at which they were purchased.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report, with Abstracts of Accounts relating to the circumstances of the under-mentioned Turnpike Trusts applying for a Vote of Parliament—appointed by the discretionary powers of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Powers conferred upon him by the Act of the 3d & 4th of William IV. c. 90 (for Lighting and Watching); No. 1. North London and Wareham Roads; No. 2. Stockbridge and Basingstoke Road; No. 3. Alfold and Basingstoke (or Spelthor) Road; No. 4. Notting-ham and Longborough Road; No. 5. Charbury, Witney, &c. Roads; No. 6. Comерal and Newbury Roads; No. 7. Commercial-road Trust.

Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of this instant March, for Copy of Letter addressed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by the Chief Secretary for Ireland in March 1854, praying that Her Majesty's Commission might issue to inquire into certain Turnpike Trusts in Ireland, with the view to their Abolition, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant March, for a Return from the Vestry or other Authority or Authorities under whose Jurisdiction the Paving, Cleansing and Lighting are carried out in each Parish and extra-parochial Place within the City of Westminster, and the several Parliamentary Boroughs of Marylebone, Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, Southwark and Greenwich, and the Parishes of Lewisham, Eltham, Lee, Kidbrooke, and each of the Parishes and Places not being a Parish in the City of London or the Liberties thereof, the City of Westminster, or the Parliamentary Boroughs mentioned in Schedule (A) to the Act 15 & 16 Vict. c. 85, and all other Parishes and Places, if any, except as before excepted, included in the London Weekly Tables of Mortality, whether any and which of the aforesaid Parishes, or part of any such Parish, is managed under the Act 37 Geo. 3, c. 90 (Regulating Streets of Metropolis), or the Act 32 & 33 Vict. c. 62 (for lighting and Watching), with the rateable Value of each such Parish, &c.; the Total Amount of Money raised for the purposes of Paving, Cleansing and Lighting, under the authority of any General or Local Act, during the year ending the 29th day of March 1853; the Total Expenditure during the year ending the 29th day of March 1853, as shown by Returns made to the Secretary of State for the Home Department; the Names of all Officers employed as Clerks, Surveyors, Collectors, Street-keepers, or otherwise, with the Amount of Salary, Fees, Pounds, Perquisites, Value of House-rent, and other benefits or advantages received by each of such Officers; the Length of Roads and Streets, in Yards, within the Jurisdiction of each such Authority; the Amount of Debt owing at Date of last Return by each such Authority; the Number of Public Lamps, and the Number of Public Pumps, within each such District.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order for Copy of all Communications which have taken place between the President of the Emigration Commissioners, relative to appointing Boys and Girls from any Parish or Board of Guardians, of and above the age of Ten, with the consent of their Parents or the Guardians, under certain conditions, to Employers in New South Wales.

Ordered, that the Return relative to Lieutenant General the Earl of Lonsdale, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Water Companies, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return of the Tools and Billhooks which have been used and found of bad quality at the Siege of Sebastopol, stating the Nature of the Defects, the Name of the Manufacturers, and the Prices at which they were purchased.
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunacy (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Lunacy Regulation Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Walpole do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Public Health and Nuisances Removal Amendment Bills are referred, to hear two Counsel upon each class of Petitions praying to be heard by Counsel; and an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "referred" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "to hear two Counsel upon each class of Petitions praying to be heard by Counsel," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Public Health and Nuisances Removal Amendment Bills are referred, to hear two Counsel upon each class of Petitions praying to be heard by Counsel; and the House divided.

Ordered, That Lord John Russell and Mr. Sidney Herbert be added to the Standing Committee on House. the Library of the House.

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instance, and the Total Amount realized —And, of the Names of all Gentlemen appointed to Commissions in the Army, the North West Without Purchase; specifying those promoted from the inferior ranks of the Army.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Burial Fees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Tables of Fees determined on by each of the Burial Boards appointed under the Acts 13 & 16 Vict. c. 86, 16 & 17 Vict. c. 134, and 17 & 18 Vict. c. 97, for Burials in the Consecrated and Unconsecrated Ground respectively, with the mode of appropriating such Fees to parochial Incumbrances and other Officers, to Dissenting Ministers, and to the general purposes of such Boards respectively.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Education (No. 2) Bill. No. 59.

Sir John Pakington presented a Bill for the better Encouragement and Promotion of Education in England and Wales; and that the Bill be read a second time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next; and to be printed.

Sheffield Gas Bill.

Mr. Peel reported from the Select Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Sheffield Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out from Is. 10 & 11 of p. 2, the words "Forty-five thousand," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "Forty-two thousand and five hundred;" such latter Sum being the present Amount of the Mortgage Debt of the united Companies; and by adding, after the word "deed," in l. 14, p. 3, the words "except so far as the same be herein otherwise provided;" and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 19° die Martii; 1855.

Anno 18° Victoriæ Regis, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Poor Removal have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Public Petitions (Eighteenth Report.)

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That he had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th and 16th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of April next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Inverury and Oldmeldrum Railway Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Stourbridge Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented a Bill for the better Local Management of the Metropolis; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

Tormoham and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill.

Mr. Freshfield reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Tormoham and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition for the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Freshfield reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Tormoham and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group C.).

Mr. Freshfield reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Tormoham and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Premable of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Divorce;—Lord's Day;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper Stamps;—Paper, Newspaper Stamps, Foreign Books, &c.;—Stage Carriages;—Bills of Exchange Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Grain;—Intestacy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Poor Law;—Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Real Estates;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill;—and, the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill,—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Knight of the Shire in the County of Carwen, in the room of the Right honourable Sir John Young, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Chief Commissioner of the Ionian Islands.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Military Medical Officers (Turkey), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Districts Paving, &c., which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Postage by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, (Ireland and dated the 20th day of this instant March, for Copy of Fax.)

any Instructions issued to the Postmasters in Ireland in regard to the reduced Rates of Postage on Letters addressed to France, with the Date at which such Instructions were issued.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for a Return of all the Guano imported into the United Kingdom in each of the years from 1852 to 1854 inclusive, distinguishing the Quantities imported from each Country respectively.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Bankruptcy, of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—A Return showing the Total Amount of Monies paid into the Bank of England to the credit of the Accountant in Bankruptcy, for the year ending the 31st December 1854, distinguishing the Amount paid over by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue; also, the Amount paid by Orders of the Lord Chancellor, the Lords Justices, the Vice-Chancellors and Commissioners, and the Amount transferred and paid out as Dividends, from the 31st day of December 1853 to the 1st day of January 1855; also, the Balances standing on the following Accounts to the credit of Richard Clarke, Esquire, the Accountant in Bankruptcy, on the 1st day of January 1855; namely, 1st. The General Account of Bankrupts' Estates; 2d. The Bankruptcy Fund Account; 3d. The Unclaimed Dividend Account; 4th. The Chief Registrar's Account, together with an Appendix to the last-named Account of the Payments made therefrom, showing to whom made, and whether as Salaries, Compen- sations, Annuities, Services, Travelling or other Expenses or Allowances.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Com- misioners of Inland Revenue, a Copy of the Report of the Results of the dif. Chloroform Methods of Treatment pursued in Epidemic Cholera, addressed to the President of the General Board of Health, under the direction of the Treatment Committee of the Medical Council.

Mr. Cooper also presented, to the Ad- ministration, a Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant March, for Copy of Warrant regulating Promotion in the Marine Corps.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's The "Charlotte," Command, a Copy of the Report of an Investigation made into the Loss of the "Charlotte," which had occurred, under the direction of the Board of Trade, by Commander Robert Robertson, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir George Grey presented, pursuant to the direc- tions of an Act of Parliament,—New Brunswick.—Copy of an Act to relieve certain Articles from the Payment of Duty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Newspaper Stamp Duties.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, and to provide for the Transmission, by Post, of printed Periodical Publications.

2. Resolved, That any Periodical Publication, to be entitled to the privilege of Transmission and Re-transmission by the Post, shall be printed on Paper stamped for denoting the Stamp Duty imposed by Law on a Newspaper, printed on the like number of sheets or pieces of paper, and of the like dimensions with respect to the superficies of the letterpress thereof.

3. Resolved,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Supply.

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Post Office Services.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ways and Means.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Bank, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill.

The Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Railway Company subscribing to the Undertaking; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Warrington Water Bill.**

Sir Erskine Perry reported the Warrington Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Chesterfield Water and Gas Bill.**

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for additional Provision in the Inverury and Old Meldrum Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein, pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.

A Petition of the Hyde Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Hyde Gas Company, and to grant more effectual Powers for supplying with Gas the several Townships of Hyde, Werneth, Bredbury, Romiley, Newton and Godley; in the County of Chester, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Totton Egerton and Mr. Cornwall Leigh.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society [Stamp Duty on Memorials].

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of Five pounds shall be payable for and upon the first Memorial which shall appear; and for and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall, for the first time, be inserted as a Trustee of the said Society, from which Memorial the names of the persons who shall be deemed, held and taken to be the Trustees of the said Society shall appear; and for and upon every other such Memorial which in the name of any person shall, for the first time, be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the like sum of Five pounds, in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would otherwise be payable upon such entries, admissions or assurances in the law, in order to vest the annuities, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, property, effects or monies of the said Society in the said Trustees. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bowyer reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next, at the time of Private Business.

**England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.**

Mr. Brodrick presented a Bill for improving the Communication between England and Ireland; and for authorizing Arrangements between certain Companies in England and Ireland in relation thereto, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glossop Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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**Chesterfield Water and Gas Bill.**

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Hartlepool Pier and Port Bill:—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Nottingham and Newhaven Road Petition of Highway Ratепayers in Birkenshaw, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, notwithstanding the same shall have been deposited later than seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Worcestershire and Hereford Railway Petition of Thomas Jackson, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for leave to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Newcastle and Old Meldrum Railway Petition of Thomas Harding, for leave to deposit a Petition against the Bill on behalf of the Mayor, &c. of Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Boldero reported from the Committee on Monmouth-Group (2) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill, and Canal Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by adding a recital of the whole of the Capital which the Company was authorised to raise by Public Loan; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Liverpool to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Liverpool, in the room of the Honourable Henry Thomas Liddell, now Baron Rowecaster, called up to the House of Peers.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Poor Law Return of the Names of the Poor Law Inspectors, Inspectors. the Dates of their respective Appointments, the Unions in the Districts allotted to each, the Dates of their Visits to each officially, during the years 1853 and 1854.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Visitors admitted to see the Attainments and Pictures at Hampton Court, and the Gardens at Kew, during the year 1854; distinguishing the Number in each month, and the Number on the several Sundays (in continuation
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Statute Law

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Militia.

have been from time to time employed in ascertain-

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Predecessor, by or on behalf of the said Commis-

Reports made to Her Majesty, or Her immediate

sions have lasted :Of the Names of the paid

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1854).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to

Mr. Osborne presented, — Return to an Order, Russian

dated the 1st day of December last, for a Return of

e all Vessels seized under the Flag of Russia, since the

th day of March 1853, with the Names of the

Captains and the Ships that captured the same;

specifying the Date of Capture, the Tonnage, the

Nature of the Cargo, the Dates when Proceedings

were taken in the High Court of Admiralty, the

Dates of Condemnation or Restitution, the Amount

of Proceeds of the Sale of the Vessel and of the

Cargo, the Amount of all Costs, Charges and Ex-

penses incurred, the Amount of the Balance for Dis-

tribution to the Captors, with the Date when Notice

of the same was published in the Gazette.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the

Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Guano, which Guano,

was presented upon the 19th day of this instant

March, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative Bankruptcy,
to Bankruptcy, which was presented upon the 19th

day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Promotion Promotion

(Marines), which was presented upon the 19th day

of this instant March, be printed.

Petitions relating to Lord's Day — County Rates Public
(Ireland); — Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Petitions.

Duties Bill; — Border Marriages (Scotland); — Deci-

nual Cottage; — Grain; — Intoxicating Liquors; — treas.

Passengers Act Amendment Bill; — Public-houses

(Scotland) Act; — Sale of Beer Act (1854); — Schools

(Scotland) Bill; — and, War with Russia, — were pre-

sent, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill,

were also presented, and read; and referred to the

Select Committee on the Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment,

the House this day, adjourn till Thursday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Population,
to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased &c. to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Population, according to the last Census, of every Union, and of every Parish not in a Union, in England, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854; — Of the Population of every Parish in Scotland, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854; — And, of the Population of every Union in Ireland, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to

her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of

her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Hayter presented, by Her Majesty's Com-

mand,—An Account of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels employed in the several Ports of the British Empire, in the years ending the 31st day of January 1853, 1854 and 1855 respectively.

An Account of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels, with the Number of Men and Boys usually employed in navigating the same, that belonged to the British Empire, in the years 1852, 1853 and 1854 respectively.

An Account of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels (including their repeated Voyages) that entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at the several Ports of the United Kingdom from and to Foreign Ports, during each of the three years ending 5 January 1853, 1854 and 1855.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Corbally have leave of absence for six weeks, on account of ill health.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Volunteers from each Regiment of Militia into the Regular Service, between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December 1854, stating the Quota of each Regiment, and also whether the Men have volunteered or without previous sanction.

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Criminal Justice Bill.

The Criminal Justice Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sandhurst Royal Military College

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions—1st That Ten Orphans, Sons of Officers of our Army, Navy and Marines, shall receive their Education, Board and Clothing free from Expense to their Fathers and Mothers, for the first 2d. That the Number of Cadets at Sandhurst, who are now admissible into the First Class, be increased to Fifty: 2d. That Departments in the Civil Branches of the Public Service shall be open to those Cadets who may entitle themselves to them by their good conduct, and by having passed those Examinations which may be required of them; those Cadets who prefer the Military Service to receive Commissions as at present upon passing the necessary Examinations; and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good the same:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Grand Juries (Ireland)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Grand Juries from Fiscal Duties, and to place the Administration of Local Affairs in Ireland in the hands of Elected Counsels: And that Sir Denham Norreys, Mr. Pollard-Urquhart and Mr. Eygans do prepare, and bring in it.

British Museum, &c.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the National Gallery and the British Museum, were open to the public inspection after Morning Service on Sundays; but, at all events, they should be open on Saturdays and Mondays, those days being most convenient for the Working Classes:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Mr. Kennedy. Copies of Letter, dated the 2d day of March 1855, from the Treasury to the Trustees of the British Museum, sat for general or special purposes (specifying which of the kinds) during the year ending on the 10th day of March 1855, with the Numbers of the Trustees who attended the particular Meetings.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what temporary Laws of a Public and General Nature are now in force, and what Laws of the like nature are about to expire at particular Periods, or in consequence of any contingent Public Event; and to report the same, and their Observations thereupon, to the House:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bouvier, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Freshfield, Mr. Hauty, Mr. Peel, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Horssen, Sir Benjamin Hall and Viscount Ducos; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of last Session, on Payment of Wages, be re-appointed, so far Wages as regards the Hosiery Manufacture.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a British Return of the Number of Days on which the Museum, Trustees of the British Museum sat for general or special purposes (specifying which of the kinds) for the Transmission, by Post, of printed Periodical Papers and Records.
Supply.
Church.
attends (Belfast.)

Professors, &c. December last, for an amended and supplemental
Theological
Hospital.
Stamp Duties
Post-office
Bill 62.

of the War with Russia.

son, under the Order of this House, dated the 20th
pention of £150 a year.
what period, and in what capacity, by the said NI
Services were rendered, and when, and for
period by each of such Professors; and also stating
Total Amount received during said last-mentioned
fessors, distinguishing the Amount paid by each
respectively, or otherwise howsoever as such Pro-

fessors Dr. Edgar, Mr. Masson and Mr. Gibson,

from the 31st day of March 1853 to the 31st day of
or by Professors the Reverend Dr. Cooke, Dr. W.
D. Kellin, Dr. Montgomery, and John Scott Porter,

Mr. Horman presented.—Return to an Address
to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant
March, for Copy of the Royal Warrant issued to
the Governors of Kilmainham Hospital in the year
1853, under which the Establishment of that Hos-

Further Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of
December last, for an amended and supplemental
Return to the Returns of Professors Dr. John Edgar,
Mr. Edward Masson and the Reverend William Gib-

Post-office Services.

Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee of Supply,
a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That a Sun, not exceeding £1,638,881, be granted
to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges for Post-
office Services, and the Collection of the Revenue,
which will come in course of payment during the
year ending the 31st day of March 1856.
The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill
to amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on
Newspaper
Stamp Duties
Bill.
Kilmainham Hospital.

Theological
Professors, &c.
(Belfast.)

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PRAYERS.

The House met; and being counted by Mr. Adjournment
Speaker, it appeared that Forty Members were not
present; yet it being Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker
took the Chair, and again counted the
House; and Forty Members not being present:—
The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without
a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Veneris, 23° die Martii ;
Anno 18° Victoriae Regine, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to incorporate Hyde Gas
the Hyde Gas Company, and to grant more (No. 2) Bill,
effectual Powers for supplying with Gas the several
Townsships of Hyde, Werneth, Bredbury, Romiley,
Neston and Godley, in the County of Chester: And
the same was read the first time; and referred to
the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Brightton Improvement Commissioners and Brighton
Municipal Corporation Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Folkestone Water Bill was read the third time; Folkestone
and an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Horsham Bridge Bill was read the third time. Horsham
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lunds Improvement Company Bill was read
the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Surrey Gas Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Rotherham
the Rotherham Gas Bill, as amended in the Comm. Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Stalybridge
the Stalybridge Gas Bill, as amended in the Comm. Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration West London
the West London and Crystal Palace and Westminister Terminus Railways Bill be
read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second
reading of the Southampton Paving Trust, Saint Pancras Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on
the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society [Stamp Duty on Memorials], a Resolution;
which was read, as followeth:

That a Stamp Duty of Five Pounds shall be payable for and upon the first Memorial which
may be presentable, or upon the first Memorandum which
may be titled or made payable.
23rd Martii. A. 1855.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Uxbridge Burgage Lands Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on Selection; that they had made alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Wilton, in the room of Charles Henry Wynham, Esq., who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of a Special Commissioner of Property and Income Tax.

Sir Erskine Perry reported from the Committee on the Gloucester and Local Board of Health Bill, that the House had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in the eighth paragraph, by referring to certain Instruments as described in the Schedule, instead of affirming that they had been submitted or approved of Parliament; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Stourbridge Gas Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders, ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving before the said Committee the consent of all Shareholders of the Gas Company.

2. That in the case of the Ipsdenon Branch Railway Petition of James Beech, for dispensing with Order 110, and for leave to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on South Staffordshire Railway Bill; that in the case of the South Staffordshire Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by limiting the Power to enter into arrangements with respect to working, and use and maintenance, and repair of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway to the Narrow Gauge Rails on that portion of that Railway, and the Stations thereof, which extends between Kidderminster and Wolverhampton, and made other verbal Amendments therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Cork District Returns from the Board of Works, stating whether the Original Plans of the District Lunatic Asylum were deemed, held and taken to be the Trustees of the said Society, from which purposes with relation to the Society, from which the same were to be applied; and the Trustees of the said Society shall appear; and for and upon every such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the like Sum of Five Pounds, in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would otherwise be payable upon the deeds, surrenders, admissions or assurances in the law, in order to vest the annuities, remissions, lands, tenements, hereditaments, property, effects or monies of the said Society in the said Trustees.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein, pursuant to the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill, have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Freshfield reported from the Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, that they had formed into additional Groups several Railway and Canal Bills, which in their opinion it is expedient to submit to the same Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Standing Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 19th and 20th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Boldero reported from the Committee on the Uxbridge Burgage Lands Bill, that at the Meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was received from Lord William Powlett, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was received from Lord William Powlett, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Meeting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Lord William Powlett do attend the said Committee upon Monday next.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Ossett Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Heywood Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the same in the eighth paragraph, by referring to certain Instruments as described in the Schedule, instead of affirming that they had been submitted or approved of Parliament; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Heywood Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Governor of Colonies.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, in a Tabular Form, of the Names of all Governors and Lieutenant Governors, and Parties acting in such capacities, of the different Colonies; stating the Date of their Appointment, their Salaries, and the Date of their Appointments, the Places of their Residence, and the Countries or Districts over which they preside, with the Periods during which they may have been absent on leave, or otherwise, from their several Commands; distinguishing those who have served in the Army and Navy; and also stating the Amount of the Military or Naval Pay and Emoluments of whatsoever description, which they may be in receipt of in addition to their Salaries as Governors.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Sir George Grey presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Further Papers relative to the Alterations in the Constitutions of the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Papers presented 31st July, 10th August and December 1854).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Horner presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for a Return showing the Name, Age, Date of Appointment, Salary, and Office, of all Persons appointed or promoted to any Situation by the Poor Law Commissioners (Ireland), from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of February 1855; specifying such Persons who may have previously held any Office under the Poor Law Commissioners, the Nature and Salary of such Office, and the Number of years during which they shall have held such Office; also the Expenditure incurred for the Maintenance of such Paupers, the Salaries and Rations of Officers (except Medical Officers), and other Establishment Charges of such Unions, for the half-years ending on the 25th day of March and the 29th day of September 1853 respectively, according to the annexed Form; also the Workhouse Accommodation in each of such Unions, distinguishing the Accommodation provided in the Original Buildings, Cost of Permanent Buildings, or in Temporary Buildings erected on Workhouse Site (exclusive of Fever Hospitals), and in Auxiliary Buildings; and the Rent (if any) payable for such Buildings.

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Palmerston acquainted the House, That Sardinia, in a Message from Her Majesty, signed by Her Majesty:—And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as follows:—

VICTORIA.

Her Majesty thinks it right to acquaint the House of Commons, that She has concluded, in concert with his Majesty the Emperor of the French, a Military Convention with his Majesty the King of Sardinia, whereby his Majesty the King of Sardinia engages to furnish and keep up, for the requirements of the present War, a body of Fifteen thousand men, organised as is therein stipulated; and, with a view to facilitate the execution of the said Military Convention, Her Majesty has, by a Supplementary Convention concluded with his Majesty the King of Sardinia, undertaken to recommend to Her Parliament to enable Her to advance, by way of loan, to his Majesty the King of Sardinia, the sum of One million pounds sterling, of which sum, Five hundred thousand pounds sterling shall be paid by Her Majesty as soon as possible after the amount of Her Parliament shall have been provided therefor, and the remaining Five hundred thousand pounds at the expiration of Six months after payment of the first sum.
Her Majesty has further engaged to recommend to Parliament, to enable Her, if the War should not have been brought to a close at the expiration of Twelve months after payment of the first instalment of the above-mentioned loan, to advance to His Majesty the King of Saracenia, in the same proportions, a like sum of One million of pounds sterling.

The Government of his Majesty the King of Saracenia undertakes to pay interest on such loan or loans, at the rate of Four per cent. per annum, of which One per cent. per annum shall be for a Sinking Fund, the said interest to be calculated and payable in the manner in the said Convention stipulated.

Her Majesty has directed a Copy of these Conventions to be laid before the House of Commons; and She relies on the zeal and public spirit of the House of Commons to concur in enabling Her to make good the engagements which She has contracted with Her Ally.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration Her Majesty’s said most gracious Message.

Mr. Melville opened the Session by his Sermon.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Thanks of this House be returned to the Reverend Mr. Melville, Bachelor in Divinity, Principal of the East India College, Haileybury, Lecturer of Saint Margaret’s, Lothbury, Chaplain of the Tower, for the Sermon by him preached upon Wednesday last, before this House, at Saint Margaret’s, Westminster, and that he be desired to print the same: And that Viscount Palmerston and Sir George Grey do acquaint him therewith.

Transport of Stores, &c.

War Department.

General Annuity.

Staff Officers.

Regimental Commissions.

Highways.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, Papers relating to a Commission appointed to inquire into the Irregularities which have taken place in the Transport of Stores, &c.

Mr. Peel also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of July last, for a Return of the Names of all the Secretaries, Clerks and other Officers employed in the new War Department, with Dates of Appointment and Amount of Salaries, and the Minister from whom they received their first Appointment in the War Department, and whether they were transferred from the Colonial Office to the new War Department.

Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant March, for a Return of the Arrears and Balances due to or public Accounts which have not been audited, stated, declared, or signed and passed, completed to 29th February 1855.

A Return of the Accounts relative to Shipping and Tonnage, which were presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Linsed, &c. the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated 21st day of December last, for Returns of the Quantities of Linsed, Corn, Hemp, Flax or Tallow imported, during the year 1854, into the United Kingdom, from the Black Sea or the Sea of Azoff; stating into what Port or Ports the same have been imported, and from what Ports the same have been exported; with the Dates of such Exports and Imports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported:—And, of all Linsed, Rapes, Tallow, Hemp, Flax or Copper imported into the United Kingdom, in the year 1854, from the Baltic or any Port of the Prussian Dominions, and from what Port or Ports the same have been exported; with the Dates of such Exports and Imports, and the Names of the Vessels in which the same were imported.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the Board of Audit, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of a General Order issued by the Poor Law Commissioners in Ireland.

Nuisances Relating to Diseases Prevention Act (Ireland). 1845.—Copies of the three General Orders issued by the Poor Law Commissioners for Ireland.

Abstract of Accounts of every Increase and Diminution which has taken place within the year 1854, in the Number of Persons employed in all Public Offices or Departments, or in the Salaries, Emoluments, Allowances or Expenses which may have taken place, or been paid, granted, received or incurred for and in respect of all Officers and Persons belonging to, or employed in or by, or in the Service of, all Public Offices or Departments, specifying the Amount and Nature thereof, and distinguishing in such Account every Increase and Diminution in the Amount of all Allowances or Compensations granted or allowed as Retired Allowances or Superannuations to any Person or Persons having held any Office, Place or Employment in any Public Office or Department, or in the Salaries, Emoluments, Allowances or Expenses which may have taken place, or been paid, granted, received or incurred for and in respect of all Officers or Persons belonging to, or employed in or by, or in the Service of, all Public Offices or Departments, specifying the Amount and Nature thereof, and distinguishing in such Account every Increase and Diminution in the Amount of all Allowances or Compensations granted as Retired Allowances or Superannuations, in all Public Offices or Departments, which remained payable on the 1st January 1854; the Annual Amount which was granted in the year 1854; the Annual Amount which ceased within the year; and the Total Amount remaining payable on the 31st of December 1854.

A Return of the Account relative to Shipping and Tonnage, which were presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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A Return of the Account relative to Shipping and Tonnage, which were presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and another Order was read, for the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mitigation (Crimea), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That this Bill be read the third time after the Notice of Motion relative to Education (Scotland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Education, provide for the Education of the People in Scotland; (Scotland.) And that the Lord Advocate, Viscount Palmerston and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

The Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 17th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Militia (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the Notice of Motion relative to Education (Scotland).

The Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the 17th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Militia (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the Notice of Motion relative to Education (Scotland).

The Intramural Burials (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (For compensating clerks, sextons and beadle, for the loss of fees and sums now received in respect of interments, the Chief or Under Secretary for Ireland shall ascertain the yearly average during the Five years ending on the day of the passing of this Act, in pursuance of any order under this Act, of the fees and sums received by the clerk, sexton or beadle of such parish, in respect of interments in the church and burial-ground of such parish, and (under any Act of Parliament or otherwise) of interments in any cemetery of bodies removed from such parish: and the said Chief or Under Secretary shall, out of any monies to be voted by Parliament for the purpose, with the approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, pay to any person who is at the time of the passing of this Act, and on the day from when interment is discontinued as aforesaid, continuing to be clerk, sexton or beadle of such parish, and so long only as he continues to be such clerk, sexton or beadle, an annuity of such amount as may appear to the said Chief or Under Secretary to be a just compensation for such average receipts as aforesaid, having regard to the duties and payment, if any, in respect to duties from which such clerk, sexton or beadle respectively is relieved by the discontinuance of interments; Provided always, that in respect of such annuity, the difference between the annual amount of the emoluments arising from such employment be equal to or exceed the amount of such annuity, be entitled to receive any payment in respect of such annuity for the time during which he continues in such employment and in respect of such emoluments, or in case the annual amount of such emoluments be less than the amount of such annuity, then such clerk, sexton or beadle respectively shall be entitled to receive, (for the time he continues in such employment, and in receipt of such emoluments), in respect of such annuity, the difference only between the annual amount of such emoluments and such annuity) — was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Hornean do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Publication of Intelligence (Crimes), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Jurors, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

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And the House having continued to sit till after
Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 24\textdegree\ die Martii, 1855.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative:—The House accordingly resolved itself
into the Committee; and, after some time spent
therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
Cooper reported, That the Committee had made
Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he
was directed to move, That the Committee may have
leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-
mittee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Militia (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order,
read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland
do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their con-
currence.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's
Command,—Papers relative to the Supply, through
Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, of
Articles necessary for the comfort of the Sick and
Wounded in the English Military Hospitals.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till
a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on
Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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The Order for referring the Hyde Gas (No. 2)
Bill to the Examiners of Petitions for Private
Bills, was read, and discharged.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Passengers, and Letters of Administration, stamped under each grade of Duty respectively, for the Years 1854 in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 596, of Session 1849.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all British Ships carrying Three hundred Passengers or over, which sailed from Ports in the United Kingdom for Ports in British Possessions Abroad, in the years 1853 and 1854, and of the Number of such Passages made by such Ships.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Kinds, Quantities and Cost of the Intoxicating Liquor purchased by the Government of the Royal Navy for each of the last Ten years, ending the 1st day of January 1855; also the Regulations in force during that Period by the Admiralty for the supply of such Spirits to all grades employed in Her Majesty's Navy; together with the Number of Convictions and Punishments during the same Period, year by year; and distinguishing the Cause of such Punishments, under the three Classes of—1. Drunkenness; 2. Drunkenness with other Crimes; 3. All other Offences.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of County Court Judges, addressed since the 30th of November 1851, giving directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Letters on the subject of the Salaries of County Court Judges, addressed to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of April next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns with respect to each Metropolitan Workhouse: 1. Whether Patients under Infectious Disorders are or are not kept in a separate Ward from other Patients; 2. Of the present Number of Inmates in each Ward; 3. Of the Number of Inmates under Medical Treatment during the year 1854 in each; 4. Of the Number of Medical Men employed in each; 5. Of the Number of paid Nurses employed in each; 6. And, of the Proportion between Men and Medical Officers in the Army now in the East, in parallel Columns.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Booker have leave of absence until Easter, on account of ill health.

Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Schools (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Regulations in force during that Period by the Admiralty of the supply of such Spirits to all grades employed in Her Majesty's Navy; together with the Number of Convictions and Punishments during the same Period, year by year; and distinguishing the Cause of such Punishments, under the three Classes of—1. Drunkenness; 2. Drunkenness with other Crimes; 3. All other Offences.

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Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Lord's Day; Public Marriage;—Public-houses and Beer-shops;—Petitions.

Australian Colonies:—County Financial Boards;—Vide Twenty-Mines;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties first Report. Bill;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill, and Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspapers;—Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—Evictions (Galway);—Intoxicating Liquors;—Passengers' Act Amendment Bill;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sanitary Improvement;—and, Schools (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—and, Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Mr. Horriman presented, pursuant to the directions of the Secretary of State and the Governor of Newfoundland, to the Right honourable T. F. Kennedy, transmitting the Report of the Right honourable F. F. Kennedy, transmitting the Report of the Poor Law Commission of Ireland, relative to the Militia.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Poor Law Commission (Ireland) by the Clerk of the House:—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of March 1855, from the Secretary to the Treasury, dated the 10th day of June 1854, upon the Report of Messrs. Bromley and Stephenson; together with the Letter of Mr. Kennedy to the Lords of the Treasury on the subject of the Poor Law Commission of Ireland, relative to the Militia.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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misioner of Woods, &c., and enclosing a Copy of such Instrument:—And, of such Instrument.

Public Debt.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—An Account of all Additions which have been made to the Annual Charge of the Public Debt by the Interest of any Loan that hath been made, or Annuities created, in the last Ten years; and showing how the Charge incurred in respect of the same has been provided for.

Paupers (Scotland.)
Mr. Cooper presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of June last, for a Return with reference to the Expenditure on Paupers in each Parish of the Counties of Ayr, Inverness, Ross and Sutherland; showing, in separate Columns, the Cost of Provisions; the Cost of Clothing; the Cost of Lodging and other Necessaries; the Total Number of Paupers relieved; the Average Weekly Cost of such Relief per Head; the Salaries of Officers; the Cost of Medical Aid; and the Amount of any other Expenditure not included in the foregoing.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Staff Officers.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Staff Officers, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Regimental Commissions.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Regimental Commissions, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Liased, &c.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Liased, &c., which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Increase and Diminution (Public Offices).
Ordered, That an Abstract of the Accounts relative to Increase and Diminution (Public Offices), which were presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Superannuations (Public Offices), which were presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Local Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sardinia.
The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration Her Majesty’s most gracious Message of Friday last, relative to Sardinia;

Ordered, That the Copy of Acts and Conventions relative to the Co-operation of his Majesty the King of Sardinia in the War, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be referred to the Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
Queen’s Message read.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury be authorized to issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of One million pounds sterling, during the present year, by way of Loan, to the Sardinian Government, in accordance with the terms of a Treaty concluded between Her Majesty and the King of Sardinia, and the like sum of One million pounds sterling in the following year, in the event of the War not having brought to a close before the expiration of Twelve months after payment of the first installment of the above-mentioned Loan.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bow-er reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill; and A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon “Monday the 29th day of April next”.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Martis, 27° die Martii, 1855:

And the Question being put,

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, 
Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave: ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Deedes, 
No, Sir Francis Baring :

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 23rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Price’s Indemnity Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,531,82 Customs be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries, Department, and Expenses of the Customs Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 483,238, Coast Guard, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Coast Guard, including Revenue Cruisers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 483,238, Coast Guard, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 62,729, Revenue Police be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries (Ireland), and Expenses of the Revenue Police, Ireland, and “Seamen” Steamer, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Duncan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be read.

Viscount Duncan also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Burialgrounds (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burialgrounds (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 17th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Justice Bill.
The Criminal Justice Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 23rd day of April next.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of April next.

Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.

Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland.)
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for further promoting the establishment of Free Public Libraries and Museums in Ireland: And that Mr. Ewart, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Kirk do prepare, and bring it in.

Oak Bark (Alice Holt Forest.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Oak Bark taken from the Total Extent of Alice Holt Forest in the season 1854; specifying the Quantity taken from each Enclosure; the Price per Ton at which such Bark was sold; the Total Sum realized; the Date at which such Sum was paid to the Receiver at the Office of Woods; together with the Sums paid to the several Contractors for the Preparation of the said Bark, with their Names.

Military (Ireland.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the several Orders and Regulations made by the Lord Lieutenant, and issued by the Chief Secretary to the Lieutenant and Vice-Lieutenant of the several Counties in Ireland, fixing the Quota and Rank of all Officers to each Regiment of Militia, pursuant to the 3d and 4th sections of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 107, and the Dates of laying Copies of every such Order and Regulation before both Houses of Parliament, as directed by section 14 of the said Act:—And, Return of the Names, Age and Rank of all Officers removed, displaced or who have resigned.

Marriages (Scotland.)
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose further Restrictions upon irregular Marriages in Scotland: And that Mr. Headlam, Lord Lovaine and Mr. Dunlop do prepare, and bring it in.

Smoke Prevention.
A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence and Reports relating to Mr. Prideaux's Invention for the Prevention of Smoke:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Saint Mary's Return of all Sums of Money which have been voted to the Parish Church of Saint Mary, in the City of Westminster, with the Date on which each Sum of Money was voted.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland: And that Viscount Duncan, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Affirmations allow Affirmations or Declarations to be made instead of Oaths in certain cases in Scotland: And that Mr. Cranford, Sir James Anderson and Mr. Dunlop do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Railways. Returns showing for each Railway Company the Amount of Capital and Loan which the Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1854, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid up on the 31st day of December 1854, separating the Ordinary Share Capital which does not receive, or is not entitled to receive, any Preferential Dividend or Interest from that which bears a Preferential Dividend or Rate of Interest, stating the Amount of Dividend upon such Ordinary Share Capital as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate of Interest or Dividend it is entitled to receive; the Amount due on Debentures, Loan Notes, or any other Interest bearing Securities on the 31st day of December 1854; the Rates of Interest payable thereon, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1854 to raise, either on existing Shares, or by creating New Shares, or by Loans; the Length of Line open for Traffic on the 31st day of December 1854; distinguishing single and double Portions; the Length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1854; the Length of Line each Company is authorized to construct, but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1854; and consequently the Total Length for which each Company has obtained Powers.—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected, either by Purchase, Lease or otherwise, during 1854; stating the Nature of such Amalgamation, and the Date on which it commenced, with the Act of Parliament under which it was effected:—And, from each Railway Company, stating the Length of each Line, or part of a Line, or Branch Line, for which the Powers granted by Parliament for the compulsory Purchase of the Land required for their Construction had been allowed to expire, previous to the 31st day of December 1854, without the exorcise of such Powers; and the Capital appropriated by Parliament for the Construction of such Lines or Branch Lines (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 494, of Session 1854).

Mr. Ewart presented a Bill for further promoting Public Libraries and Museums in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Headlam presented a Bill to impose further Restrictions upon irregular Marriages in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

Viscount Duncan presented a Bill to make further Provision for the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and to be printed.
first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon
Monday the 16th day of April next; and to be
printed.

Mr. Cranford presented a Bill to allow Affirma-
tions or Declarations to be made instead of Oaths in
certain cases in Scotland: And the same was read
the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 18th day of April next; and
to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till half an hour after One of the clock on
Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Martis, 27° die Martii ;
Anno 18° Victorie Regnus, 1855.

PRAYERS.

THE Order for the second reading of the Derby-
shire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Rail-
way Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill
to change the Corporate Name of the Derbyshire,
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Junction Railway
Company; to repeal their Act and consolidate their
Powers; to alter and define their Undertaking; to
reduce their Capital, and for other purposes: And
that Mr. Henry Berkeley and Mr. Charles Forster
do prepare, and bring it in.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Warrington Water Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second
reading of the New River Company and Trustees
of the River Lee Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Thursday the 19th day of April next.

Viscount Ebrington reported the Oldham Gas and
Water Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the South Wales Mineral
Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Abingdon Railway Bill,
with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the
Colonial Life Assurance Company Bill; That they had
examined the allegations contained in the Preamble
of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out
the recitals, stating the desirability of increasing the
Capital of the Company, the registration of the Com-
pany under the Joint Stock Company's Act, and the
expedience of withdrawing the Company from the
operation of the said Act, the Powers referred to by
these recitals having been struck out of the Bill
and found the same, as amended, to be true; and
had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments
thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie reported the Bangor Markets and
Banger Public Institutions Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sotheron reported from the Select Committee Standing
on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which
were read, as follow:
1. That in the case of the Westminster Terminus
Westminster Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Extension Petition, the
Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Particulars be
permitted to proceed with their Petition, and that the Standing
Orders be so dispensed with; that the Bill be laid upon the Table,
and that in the case of the Weston-super-Mare Gas
Weston-super-Mare
Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Or-
ders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be
permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if
the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving
before the said Committee that Notices of the ap-
plication have been published in the London Gazette,
and in three successive weeks in some one and the
same newspaper of the County of Somerset; and also
that Notice has been served upon the owner and
occupier of every dwelling-house within 300 yards of
the limits within which the proposed Gas-works
are intended to be erected.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time,
were agreed to.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Shot and
Return of the Quantity of Shot and Shell contracted
for and delivered in each year during the past Five
years, ending the 1st day of January 1855, with the
Names of the Contractors, the Dates of Contract,
Date of Deliveries, together with the Prices of the
several Contracts, and with the Quantity of each
Contractor's Delivery rejected.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Malt
Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt brought
to Charge in the years ending the 5th day of April
1854 and 1855 respectively.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased
to give directions, that there be laid before this
House, a Return with reference to Poor Relief in
each Union in Ireland, showing in separate Columns,
the Number of Parishes, the Cost of Provisions, of
Clothing and other necessaries, and the Average
Weekly Cost of such Relief per Head; the Cost of
Medical Aid and of Lodging; the Salaries of Officers;
and the Amount of any other Expenditure not in-
cluded in the foregoing, for the year ending the 1st
day of January 1855—And, similar Return for each
Parish or combination of Parishes in Scotland, for
the year ending the 14th day of May 1854.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to
Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are
of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
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Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates, &c. Civil Services, for the year ending 31st March 1856:

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Public Debt, which was presented upon the 50th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Paupers, (Scotland), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Russian Prizes, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Order in Council for leasing Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Order in Council declaring certain Lands to be within the settled District of New South Wales, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Victoria, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Order, that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had made several alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into Local Charges upon Shipping in the Ports of the United Kingdom and Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Man; together with the Appendices and Index:—Ireland.

Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Address from Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of this instant March, for a Return, from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, of the Grants or Requisitions for promoting the Constitution of the Kingdom of Poland within its Limits, as a measure just and necessary in itself, in accordance with the ancient policy of this Country, and as absolutely essential to the future stability of the Balance of Power in Europe:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to command that, in the event of Negotiations being commenced with a view to Peace, Her Majesty's Envoys should use their best exertions for the Re-establishment of the Kingdom of Poland within its ancient limits, as a measure just and necessary in itself, in accordance with the ancient policy of this Country, and as absolutely essential to the future stability of the Balance of Power in Europe:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present mode of conferring Appointments in the Army (by Purchase or otherwise) to report on the same, and recommend a more efficient system for securing Promotion to Merit and long Service:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Army Appointments, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present mode of conferring Appointments in the Army (by Purchase or otherwise) to report on the same; and to recommend a more efficient system for securing Promotion to Merit and long Service:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee of Supply, severally Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 835,182, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 483,238, be Coast Guard, granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Coast Guard, including Revenue Cruisers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,365,950, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 63,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Revenue Police (Ireland.)

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of April next.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Convention to carry into effect a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of Sardinia: And the same was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That on Thursday the 19th day of April next, and on alternate Thursdays, till the end of May next, Orders of the day shall take precedence of Notices of Motions, without giving priority to Government Orders:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Friendly Societies Bill, as amended in the Committee:—The Bill was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker adjourned the Chair; and Mr. Hamilton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 19th day of April next; and be printed.

Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration Her Majesty's most gracious Message relative to Sardinia, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Sum of One million pounds sterling, during the present year, by way of Loan, to the Sardinian Government, in accordance with the terms of a Treaty concluded between Her Majesty and the King of Sardinia, and the like Sum of One million pounds sterling in the following year, in the event of the War not having been brought to a close before the expiration of Twelve months after payment of the first instalment of the above-mentioned Loan.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Bouverie, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Viscount Palmerston do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Price's Patent Candle Company Bill was read the Price's Patent third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Glyn do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dursley and the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ossett Gas the Ossett Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration South Staffordshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

of Exchange Bill;—Bills of Exchange Bill and Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—Poor Law;—and, Schools (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by
the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated
the 12th day of this instant March, for a Return of all Sums of Money which have been voted by the House of Commons since the year 1800, for repairing or improving the Parish Church of Saint Margaret, in the City of Westminster, with the Date on which each Sum of Money was voted.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Chapters, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant March, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Erskine Perry, Mr. Napiers] 114. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Vases, Mr. Muntz.] 58. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
reading of the Union of Benefices Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Frezen, Mr. Spooner:] 112. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Houghton.] So it passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Then the main Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

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The Ecclesiastical Property (Ireland) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Proce- dure) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Stamp Duties) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next.
Mr. Bouverie reported from the Committee on the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill; and amended the same, by stating that the company was to be in accordance with the facts of the case; and that the Military Debt, in order that the same might be in accordance with the facts of the case; and that the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Bridport Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,
Ordered, That Mr. Floyer do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Chesterfield Water and Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glossop Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Leeds, Bradford and Halifax Junction Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ratcliff Gas Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Rotherham Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Sheffield Gas Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stalybridge Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Uxbridge Bursage Lands Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Vicount Dunsany reported from the Committee, rising out of the Committee, appointed to inquire into any Temporary Laws of a public and general nature now in force, and what Laws of the like nature have expired since the last Report upon the subject; and also, what Laws of the like nature are about to expire at particular periods, or in consequence of any contingent public event; and to report the same, with their Observations thereupon, to the House: That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Royal and other Commissions which have been appointed during the Reigns of George the Fourth, William the Fourth and Her Majesty, to inquire into or report on the Law of Real Property; the Regulation of Deeds and Simplification of Forms of Conveyance; the Process, Practice and Pleading of the Superior Courts of Common Law; and the Process, Practice and Pleading of the Courts of Chancery:—Of the Names of the paid Commissioners (if any) appointed on each of the said Commissions; distinguishing the Names of those Commissioners who concurred in or dissented from the several Reports made to Her Majesty or Her Predecessors, by or on behalf of every such Commission:—Of the entire Expense of the said Commissions; distinguishing how much was incurred for each Commission, and the Total Sum received for Salary, Fees or other Emolument by each and every Commissioner, by Name, distinguishing the Length of Time each Commissioner has served, and of the Number and Nature of the Bills prepared or approved of by such Commissions and afterwards laid before Parliament, and of the Names and respective Remuneration of the Draughtsmen of such Bills; distinguishing all such of the said Bills as have passed into Laws from such as have not been so passed by Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Cost of the Further Papers relative to the recent Arctic Expeditions, presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty in January 1853; distinguishing under each head the Expense of Paper, Printing, Lithographing of Charts and Illustrations, and other Expenses; and of the Number of Copies printed, and distribution of the same.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Amount of Salaries of all (Ireland.) Officers, Medical, Clerical or otherwise, employed in Workhouses in Ireland during the year 1854, whether as Intern or Visiting Officers; and, in relation to the latter Class, specifying the Average Number of Visits made in the week by each.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Medical Return of the Number of Medical Men employed under the Medical Charities Act of Ireland, and the Average Area of each District.
Petitions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Commissioners of the Port of Hartlepool from 1843 to 1852, both years inclusive; distinguishing the Amounts paid for Legal and Parliamentary Expenses, including Charges of Witnesses and Engineers employed on Parliamentary business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Abstract Return of the Total Land Forces under the disposition of the Government General of India in Council; distinguishing European Troops from Native, and the Queen's Troops from the Company's, and including the Subsidiary Troops employed in Contingent Allowances of all kinds from Native States;—And, like Return of Police Corps militarily organized, commanded by British Officers.

Mr. Poel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return of the Names and Length of Service of the several Clerks in the War Office; also, Date of each Promotion from the Third to the Second Class, and from the Second to the First Class, during the last three years; together with a Statement of separate Allowances granted to Individuals independent of Salary, at any time during that Period.

Mr. Hether presented, by Her Majesty's Com- missioner, an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Wounded Officers (Crimea.)

Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for a Return of the Names of Officers who have received a Gratuity for Wounds in the Crimean War, stating the Amount of each Gratuity, as well as the Nature of each Wound, classifying them, Slightly, Severely, or Dangerously.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for a Copy of General Sutherland's Report, dated the 12th day of October 1854, as well as all Documents transmitted therewith, relative to Troops being sent to the Mauritius in the "Seringapatam," during the course of last Autumn.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Poel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for a Return of the Names of Officers who have received a Gratuity for Wounds in the Crimean War, stating the Amount of each Gratuity, as well as the Nature of each Wound, classifying them, Slightly, Severely, or Dangerously.

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 22nd March 1855; and Two Months ended 5th March 1855, together with a Statement of separate Allowances granted to Individuals independent of Salary, at any time during that Period.

Mr. Poel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for a Return of the Names of Officers who have received a Gratuity for Wounds in the Crimean War, stating the Amount of each Gratuity, as well as the Nature of each Wound, classifying them, Slightly, Severely, or Dangerously.

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Convention with Sardinia, with Sardinia, on the 26th day of this instant March, for Copies of all Correspondence relating thereto:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary at War, the Secretary for the Colonies, and the Governor of British Guiana, concerning the Maintenance and Repair of the Sea Wall protecting the Barracks at George Town, Demerara.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Comper presented,—Return to an Address to County Court Judges, March, for Copies of all Letters on the subject of the Salaries of County Court Judges, addressed since the 30th day of June 1832 to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by the Lord Chancellor, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Masters 26th day of this instant March, for Copy of the last (Navy.)

Order in Council regulating the Pay and Emoluments of Masters in the Royal Navy.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Poor Law 26th day of this instant March, for Copies of all (Scotland)

Communications to or from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, since the 1st day of March 1855, with regard to the Administration of the Scotch Poor Law in the Highlands.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the return relative to Appointment Appointment of Children (New South Wales), which was presented to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Com- missioner, an Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Commissariat Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1853 and the 31st March 1854, and of the Assets and Liabilities of the Chest on the former Day.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to British British Spirits, which was presented upon the 28th day of No. 153, this instant March, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Appointment Appointment of Children (New South Wales), which was presented to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Com- missioner, an Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Commissariat Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1853 and the 31st March 1854, and of the Assets and Liabilities of the Chest on the former Day.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Lieutenant General the Earl of Lucan, for ordering a Charge of the Light Cavalry at the Battle of Balaklava: And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abolition of Church Rates ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas.  
Mr. Loove.  
Mr. Drummond.

Tellers for the Noes.  
Mr. Spooner.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—And that Sir William Clay, Mr. Hutt and Mr. Miall do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better taking of Agricultural Averages in Ireland: And that Mr. Bland and Mr. Francis Scault do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law concerning the certifying and registering of Places of Religious Worship in England: And that Mr. Pellatt and Mr. Crossley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish Free Schools in England and Wales; And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Veneris, 30° die Martii, 1855:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative:—And that Mr. Milner Gibson, Mr. Cobden and Mr. Headlau do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That any Member having secured a Seat at Prayers shall be entitled to retain the same until the rising of the House.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Establishment and the System of Education at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst:—And a Committee was appointed of Sir Francis Baring, Colonel North, Sir George Tyler, Mr. Brand, Lord Lovaine, Viscount Monck, Mr. Hardinge, Colonel Dunne, Mr. Shafto Adair, Mr. Monckton Milnes and Mr. Rich; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Stoppage of Wages in the Hosiery Manufacture.

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The Order of the 29th day of this instant March, That the Select Committee of last Session, on Payment of Wages, be re-appointed, so far as regards the Hosiery Manufacture, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act of the second and third years of King William the Fourth, for amending the Representation of the People in Scotland, so far as relates to the Proportional Representation of that Country: And to be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Army before Sebastopol have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the said Select Committee:—That they had examined several Witnesses on the subject of the matters to them referred: and

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PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Army before Sebastopol have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the said Select Committee:—That they had examined several Witnesses on the subject of the matters to them referred: and
had agreed to report the Minutes of the Evidence already taken before them to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions (Twenty-second Report.)

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 27th, 28th and 29th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Committee of Selection (Eighth Report.) No. 155.

Mr. Sotheron reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had made several alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill was read the third time. A Clause (Supply of public lamps,) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Oliveira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Medical, Invalid and General Life Assurance Society Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Heywood Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Heywood Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Kilmarnock Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kilmarnock Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Birmingham Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Birmingham Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Hyde Gas (No. 2) Bill.

The Hyde Gas (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Grand Surrey Canal Bill.

The Order for referring the Grand Surrey Canal Bill to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) for changing the corporate name of the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Surrey Canal, for consolidating their Acts, for authorizing them to make a new Entrance from the Thames, additional Docks and other Works, and to raise further Monies, and for other purposes; And that Sir James Dvoie and Mr. Foskett do prepare, and bring it in.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvements Bill.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, praying that Provision may be made in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement Bills, for enabling the Petitioners to make a alteration in Union-street and Great-market; and also to raise Money on Mortgage of the Sewers Rate; they are authorized to levy by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement Act, 1846, for the purposes of Sewerage, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Kilmarnock to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Kilmarnock District of Burghs, in the room of Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie, who, since his Election for the said District of Burghs, hath accepted the Office of Vice-President of the Committee of Council for Trade.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Lewes to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Lewes, in the room of Henry Bouverie William Brand, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Cork County to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a Writ, new Writ for the election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cork, in the room of Edward Burke Roche, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Bosenham, in the County of Buckingham.

Mr. Sotheron reported from the Select Committee Standing on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were Orders. read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Leicester Improvement Leek Improvement Commissioners for Leek Petition, the Standing Order dispensing with Standing Order 163, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That in the case of the East Kent Railway East Kent Railway Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition accordingly.

Thesaid Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Colonel Boldere reported from the Committee on Llynvi Valley Llynvi Valley Group (2) of Railway Bills; That in the case of the and Bridgend Railway Bills, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary of the Bill, and amended the same, by more fully describing the financial state of the Bridgend Railway Company and the nature of their undertaking, and had made other Amendments of a verbal character therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order made upon the 5th day of this instant Public Offices, March, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Subjects of Examination to which Persons nominated to Clerkships in the following Public Offices — the Treasury, the Customs, the Excise, the Post-office, the Admiralty, the Board of Control, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Offices, are subjected, as a condition of Admission into the said Offices, with the Mode and Length of Notice given to each Person so nominated that such Examination will be required of him, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a public Return of the Subjects of Examination to which Persons are subjected who are nominated to Clerkships in the Treasury, the Customs, the Excise, the Post-office, the Admiralty, the Board of Control,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Geological Survey Map of Ireland, squared and numbered, to correspond with the Sheets of the Ordinance Maps, coloured with distinctive Colours, to show—1st. That portion of Ireland which has been surveyed geologically, and of which the Office Plans are prepared and ready to be transferred to the Plates of the reduced One-inch Map of Ireland; 2d. That portion of Ireland of which the reduced Maps are prepared, and on which the geological features are in course of being marked; 3d. That portion of Ireland of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of Ireland which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Armagh, Down, Antrim, and Londonderry, being marked in; 4th. That portion of Ireland which has been surveyed geologically, and of which the Office Plans are prepared, and on which the geological features are in course of being marked; 5th. That portion of Ireland of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of Ireland which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford, Armagh, Down, Antrim, and Kilkenny: and also, where the Office for the Sale of the Geological Maps of those Counties has been established, and the Number of the Maps which have been sold.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any further Papers relating to Hostilities (Burmah) with Burmah (in continuation of Papers presented 15th March 1853).

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented Gold Coast, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, any further Papers relating to the Gold Coast (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 703, of Session 1852-53).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sums voted in the Stamp Office in Insurance. Great Britain and Ireland on Insurance from Fire, for the quarters ending severally the 25th day of March, the 24th day of June, the 29th day of September and the 25th day of December 1854: distinguishing the Amount of Allowance made to each Office for collecting the same in the Country, London, Edinburgh and Dublin respectively, with the Dated Payable in respect of the same year, but not estimated Amount of new Taxes granted in 1854, distinguishing Supply from Consolidated Fund Charges:—Of the Net Income of the same year: Of the Total Amount of Revenue received in the United Kingdom in each of the years 1853 and 1854 for Stamp Duties on Legacies, Probates, Administrations and Testamentary Inventories; distinguishing the Amount from England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland; with an Abstract of the whole Amount of Duty received since 1797; And, showing the Total Amount of Duty on Legacies, Probates and Administrations, received since the year 1797 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 438, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Geological Survey Map of India, squared and numbered, to correspond with the Sheets of the Ordinance Maps, coloured with distinctive Colours, to show—1st. That portion of India which has been surveyed geologically, and of which the Office Plans are prepared and ready to be transferred to the Plates of the reduced One-inch Map of India: 2d. That portion of India of which the reduced Maps are prepared, and on which the geological features are in course of being marked; 3d. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 4th. That portion of India which has been surveyed geologically, and of which the Office Plans are prepared, and on which the geological features are in course of being marked; 5th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 6th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 7th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 8th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 9th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 10th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 11th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in; 12th. That portion of India of which the reduced Plates have been geologically coloured, and are now on Sale:—Statement of the Number of Plates of the reduced Map of India which have been supplied to the Irish Geological Survey Office, and published: the Districts of Mahratta, Bombay, Bengal, Sattara, Madras, and the Territories of Jodhpur, Rohilkund, and Nepal, being marked in.
Civil Contingencies.
No. 157.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Abstract of the Sums expended under the Head of Civil Contingencies in the years 1852, 1853, and 1854; detailed Account of the Expenditure in the year 1854; and an Estimate of the Amount required for 1855.

Copy of Report from the Postmaster General to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, setting forth the Progress, Changes and Improvements effected in the various Departments of the Post-office during the year 1854.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Post-office do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Civil Contingencies be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Deficiency Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Deficiency Bills issued between the 5th day of January and the 31st day of March 1855 inclusive, with Amounts and Times of Payment on Discharge.


Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Letter from the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of England to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated the 14th day of March 1855.

Proprietors of Lands (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Proprietors of Lands standing on the Valuation Rolls of the several Counties of Scotland, distinguishing each County, in the years 1775, 1800, 1825 and 1854 respectively, classifying them according to the amount of the Valuation of the whole Lands belonging to each Proprietor in the County, as in the following form, viz.—

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Education.
No. 158.

Sir George Grey presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22d day of February last, for Copy of all Correspondence, since the 1st day of January 1854, by or between the Governors or Lieutenant Governors of any of the West India Colonies, the Treasury, the Colonial Office or the Commissioners for the West India Island Relief Fund, relative to Estates in the West Indies indebted to Government for Advances made to them by reason of Losses sustained by them in the Hurricanes of 1853–52.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the New Zealand. 22d day of February last, for Copies of the recent Correspondence between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Acting Governor of New Zealand, on the subject of Responsible Government.

Sir George Grey also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Quarantine 9th day of this instant March, for Copy of the Re. (Gibraltar.) port made by Dr. Bayly to the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of Quarantine at Gibraltar, under date the 6th day of May 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the three last be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report, with Abstracts of Trusts. Accounts relating to the Circumstances of the undermentioned Turnpike Trusts applying for Local Acts in the present Session of Parliament, and by direction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Powers conferred upon him by the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 80:—

No. 8. Lyme Regis Roads.

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the Copy-right rections of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of two Orders in Council of the 9th February 1855, under the Copyright Acts of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 12, and of the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 12.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, Carriages. dated the 7th day of February last, for Returns of the Number of Prosecutions instituted by Order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in each year since 1846, for Offences against the Stage Carriage Laws, stating the Nature of the Offences and the Result, and distinguishing the Cases in the Metropolitan Districts from the Cases in the County Districts—and, of the Number of Annual and Supplementary Stage Carriage Licenses issued for each of the same years in England, Scotland and Wales, together with the Amount of Duty received for the same in each year, and the Amount of Mileage Duty, distinguishing in each case the Metropolitan Carriages from the Country. Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of this instant March, for a Return of the Revenue and Port Expenditure of the Commissioners of the Port of Hartlepool.
Order, That the Return relative to Wounded Officers (Crimea), No. 102.

Order, That the Return relative to Poor Law (Scotland), No. 163.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Lord's Day;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis);—Newspaper, &c.

Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper, &c.

Vile-Twenty-third Report.

Sir George Grey presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return, in a Tabular Form, of the Names of all Governors and Lieutenant Governors, and Parties acting in such Capacities, of the different Colonies; stating, in British Money, their Salaries, and the Date of their Appointments, the Places of their Residence, and the Countries or Districts over which they preside, with the Periods during which they may have been absent on leave, or otherwise, from their several Commands; distinguishing those who have served in the Army and Naval Pay and Emoluments, of whatever Description, distinguishing the Amounts paid for Legal and Parliamentary Expenses, including Charges of Witnesses and Engineers employed on Parliamentary Business.

Mr. Hayter presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of this instant March, for a Return, on the Liverpool Local Marine Board, relative to the Report on the Loss of the Steam Ship "City of Philadelphia" (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 49, of the present Session).


Mr. Horseman presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this instant March, for Returns showing, by Counties, the Total Number of Paupers (In-door and Out-door) in receipt of Relief on the 1st day of January 1854 and the 1st day of January 1855, in the Unions in Ireland, specifying the Increase or Decrease in the latter as compared with the former Period;—And, showing the Total Number of Paupers in receipt of Relief for each Province in Ireland at the close of the First Week (ending Saturday) of January 1849 to January 1853, and the Amount of Poor Rate lodged, and the Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland during the year ended the 29th day of September 1854, in comparison with the same for the preceding year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 18, of Session 1854).

Mr. Horner now presented, pursuant to the direct Instructions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Third Charity Annual Report of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, 14 & 15 Vic. c. 68.

Returns from the Marshal of the City of Dublin of the Warnings of the Poor Brokers of Ireland, for the year ending 31st December 1854.

Returns of Qualifications of Officers of Militia, Militia Officers (Crimea), which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, on the 30th day of April next, adjourn till Monday the 16th day of April next.

A Message from the Lords, by Sir George Rose:—Message from the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further Provision for the more speedy and efficient Despatch of Business in the High Court of Chancery, and to vest in the Lord Chancellor the Grounds and Buildings of the said Court, situate in Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, with Powers of Leasing and Sale thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords request, That this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, Copies of the Sevastopol Business, as amended in the Committee;

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Convention with Sardinia Bill, which was read a first time; —And the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an Answer to the last part of the said Message, by Messengers of their own.

And the Messenger was again called in; and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith,—And then he again withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for nominating the Lunatic Asylum Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill; 

Ordered, That the said Committee be nominated after the Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Convention with Sardinia Bill, which was read a second time, amended in the Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Supply, mitte of Supply; 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 16th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- WAYS AND MEANS, mitte of Ways and Means; 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 16th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, to abolish the Jurisdiction of all the Ecclesiastical and Diocesan Courts in England and Wales respecting Wills and Administrations, to establish a distinct Court of Probate and Administration, and otherwise amend the Law in relation to matters testamentary; 

x 2 And
And the House having continued to sit till after
Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;
   Sabbath, 31st die Martii, 1855:  
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in
the Affirmative: And that Mr. Solicitor General,
Sir George Grey and Mr. Attorney General do pre-
pare, and bring it in.

 Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a
Return of the Number of Wives of Militiamen, and
of the Number of their Children, in each Union in
England and Wales, in receipt of Out-door Relief,
with the Amount of that Relief, in the Week ending
the 24th day of March 1855.

 Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
ratify conditional Agreements entered into by the
Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public
Buildings, and to vest in the said Commissioners
such Property situate near the College of Edin-
burgh, in the City of Edinburgh, together with the
General Register House in the said City, and all
Lands held therewith, and to enable the said Com-
missioners to acquire certain Property near the
Palace of Holyrood: And that Sir William Mole-
sworth and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring
it in.

 Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
amend the Laws relating to the Construction of
Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood:
And that Sir William Molesworth and Mr. Huyer
do prepare, and bring it in.

 Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for
the better administration of the Poor Law in certain
Districts in Scotland: And that Mr. Edward Ellice
and Mr. Duncan do prepare, and bring it in.

 Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not
present.—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and
Forty Members not being present, and it being then
half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday
morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr.
Speaker, without a Question first put, till Monday
the 16th day of April next.

 Lunar, 16° die Aprilis;
Anno 18° Victoriae Regine, 1855.

Prayers.

Dursley and Midland Railway Bill.

The Dursley and Midland Railway Bill was
read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Greene do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ossett Gas Bill.

The Ossett Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Greene do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The South Staffordshire Railway Bill was read
the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Greene do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Belfast and County Down Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Bristol and Exeter Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Bristol and Exeter Railway Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Colchester, Stony Valley, Sudbury and Hal-
stead Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Grand Junction Water Bill, as amended in the
Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Great North Railway Bill, as amended in the
Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Great Northern Railway (Increase of Capital)
Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the South Wales Mineral Railway Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Vale of Neath Railway Bill, as amended in the
Riailway Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration
the Woolwich Equitable Gas Bill, as amended in the
Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Birmingham Water Bill, Water Bill.
as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment
was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the England and Ireland Improved England
Communication Bill be read a second time upon Ireland
Improved

Friday next.

Mr. Greene presented a Bill for the Improvement Zeek
of the Town of Leek, in the County of Stafford,
for purchasing the Market Tolls, and for providing
more commodious Markets and Cemeteries, and for
better supplying the Inhabitants with Water, and for
other purposes: And the same was read the first time ;
and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Shipowners and Merchants inter- Hartlepool
ested in the Trade of the Port of Hartlepool, praying Hartlepool
that Provision may be made in the Hartlepool Pier
and Port Bill for repealing certain portions of the
Act 14 Vict. c. 16, with respect to the application of
Tolls on Vessels entering the Harbour of Hartle-
pool, and for empowering the Commissioners ap-
pointed by the said Bill to levy and apply such
Tolls for Harbour purposes and the benefit of
Shipping using the Port, was presented, and read ;
and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Pri-
vate Bills.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Bur- Kingston-
gesses of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, Kingston-
upon-Thames Improvement Bill for enabling the
the Corporation to hold a weekly Cattle Market, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the *Dublin, &c. Roads* (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the *Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement Bill*.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the *Westminster Terminus Railway* (Clapham to Norwood) Extension Bill, might be read; and be the same read; and that the Petition be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Minor-street Terminals of the authorized Westminster Terminus Railway in the County of Surrey, to Norwood, in the Parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, in the same County: And that Mr. Locke King, Mr. Alcock and Viscount Chelsea do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time the *British and American Great Railway Land Company Bill* was read, and discharged.

Sir William Molesworth presented a Bill to ratify conditional Agreements entered into by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and to vest in the said Commissioners certain Property situate near the College of Edinburgh, in the City of Edinburgh, together with the General Register House in the said City, and all Lands held therewith, and to enable the said Commissioners to acquire certain Property near the Palace of Holyrood: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the *National Vaccine Board*, 1855.

Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to several Addresses to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of January, and 9th day of March last, for a Return of the Names and Descriptions of the Members to serve in Parliament, held within Great Britain and Ireland since the 10th day of August 1854, with the Names of the Candidates at such Elections, and the Amounts of the Election Expenses of each Candidate; and a Return of the Abstracts of Accounts of Election Expenses rendered by the different Election Auditors, since the passing of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 102, specifying in each particular case the Amount of the Bills so paid, and the Names of the Parties to whom paid.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of March last, for a Return relative to each Parish in Scotland, of all Inquiries instituted by the Commissioners, under the 29th day of March last, for an Abstract Return of the Number of Visitors admitted to see the Apartments and Pictures at Hampton Court, and the Gardens at Kew, during the month of January, and 9th day of March last, for a Return of the Number of Persons admitted into and Works commenced and completed during the year; and of the Moneys owing to and Debts owing by the Commissioners on the 31st day of December 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Lord Forces, the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address, dated *India*, the 29th day of March last, for an Abstract Return of the Total Land Forces under the disposition of the Governor General of India in distinguishing European Troops from Native, and the Queen's Troops from the Company's, and including the Subsidary Troops and Contingents of all kinds from Native States:—And, like Return of Police Corps militarily organized, commanded by British Officers.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Metropolitan Commission of Sewers: Account in Abstract of Receipt and Expenditure during the year 1854; together with a Summary Statement and Report of all Contracts entered into and Works commenced and completed during the year; and of the Moneys owing to and Debts owing by the Commissioners on the 31st day of December 1854.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Parliamentary Representation (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

Petitions relating to Universal Suffrage;—Church Public Rates;—Lord's Day;—Marriage Law Amendment Petitions;—Maynooth College Act;—Newspaper, &c. Vice Twenty-postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper Stamp third Report;—Duties Bill;—Petition—Affirmations (Scotland) Bill;—Billeting Soldiers (Scotland);—Criminal Justice Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Intestacy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Metropolis Local Management Bill, and Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—Poor Law;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Postal Arrangements (Kingston-upon-Hull);—Tolls (Anglesey);—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Metropolis Local Management Bill.

The Metropolis Local Management Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 5th day of this instant April.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £154,952, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of Maintenance and Repairs of Royal Palaces and Public Buildings.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £69,544, be granted to Her Majesty, to keep in repairing the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £122,209, be granted to Her Majesty, for Works and Expenses at the new Houses of Parliament, to the 31st day of March 1856.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,006, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of a General Repository for Records.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £122,841, be granted to Her Majesty, on account of the Works at the New Packet Harbour and Harbour of Refuge at Holyhead, &c., to the 31st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £234,006, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of constructing certain Harbours of Refuge, to the 31st day of March 1856.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £375, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Day of the Establishment, and the necessary Works at Port Patrick Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1856.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £39,963, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of repairing and maintaining the several Public Buildings in the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,876, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Works and Establishment of Kingstown Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1856.

10. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £82,140, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the two Houses of Parliament, and Allowances to the Retired Officers of the two Houses, to the 31st day of March 1856.

11. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £54,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury.

12. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £27,395, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, to the 31st day of March 1856.

13. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £83,849, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and also of the Queen's Messengers and Extra Couriers attached to that Department, to the 31st day of March 1856.

14. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,897, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1856.

15. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £75,743, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and Committee of Privy Council for Trade, including the Railway and Marine Departments, and the Registrar of Merchant Seamen, to the 31st day of March 1856.

16. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salary of the Solicitor General, to the 31st day of March 1856.

17. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,211, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £7,314, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to the 31st day of March 1856.

19. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £21,085, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, to the 31st day of March 1856.

20. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £21,862, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £14,098, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Public Records, including the State Paper Office, to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,35,383, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses connected with the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,596, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Establishment of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage, to the 31st day of March 1856.

24. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,539, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,106, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries, and Expenses of the Inspector of Factories, Mines, &c., to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salary of the Treasurer of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, Scotland, of certain Officers in Scotland, and other Charges, formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £17,032, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Establishment of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,530, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Factories, Mines, &c., to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,156, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

30. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,889, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Paymaster of Civil Services in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

31. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £22,789, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
30. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,421, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Commissioners for Auditing the Public Accounts, to the 31st day of March 1856.

31. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £16,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Copthold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1856.

32. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £12,190, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Imperial Expenditure under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts of the Copthold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £42,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the General Register Office, England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

34. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,768, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the General Register Office, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

35. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,713, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1856.

36. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £14,096, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the National Debt Office, to the 31st day of March 1856.

37. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,260, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.

38. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,570, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Establishment under the West India Islands Relief Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.

39. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £820, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to the 31st day of March 1856.

40. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Principal Officers of the Office of Metropolitan Buildings, to the 31st day of March 1856.

41. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £984, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary and Expenses of the General Superintendent of County Roads in South Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

42. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,610, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England, to the 31st day of March 1856.

43. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £32,000, be granted to Her Majesty’s Foreign and other Secret Services, to the 31st day of March 1856.

44. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £960,470, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Stationery, Printing and Binding, for the several Public Departments, including the Expense of the Stationery Office, to the 31st day of March 1856.

45. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty (on account), for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow. Mr. FitzRoy also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education Bill reading of the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bourcerie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylums Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill was nominated of Mr. Scully, Mr. Byng and Colonel Donne.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Convention with Sardinia Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of Session to regulate Procedure in the Court of Session (Scotland). And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Attorney-General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public Income Accounts of the Net Public Income of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the year ended the 31st day of March 1855 (after stating the Expenditure thereout defrayed by the several Revenue Departments), and of the actual Issues or Payments within the same Period, exclusive of the Sums applied to the Redemption of Funded or paying off Unfunded Debt, and of the Advances and Repayments for Local Works, &c.;—And, of the Balances of the Public Money remaining in the Exchequer on the 5th day of April 1854; the Amount of Money raised by the additions to the Funded or Unfunded Debt in the year ended the 31st day of March 1855; the Money applied towards the Redemption of the Funded or paying off Unfunded Debt; the Total Amount of Advances and Repayments on account of Local Works, &c., with the difference accruing thereon, and the Balances in the Exchequer on the 31st day of March 1855.

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Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Accounts. 

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Education.**

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Statement of the Expenditure from the Grants to Public Education for Great Britain, in the year ended 31st December 1854.

Mr. Wilson also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return of the Amount of Deficiency Bills and Consolidated Fund Bills outstanding on the 31st day of March next; and of the Exchequer Balance in the Bank of England on that day.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return of all Deficiency Bills issued between the 5th day of January and the 31st day of March 1855, inclusive, with Amounts and Times of Payment on Discharge.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Court of Session (Scotland) Bill.**

Bill 76.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to regulate Procedure in the Court of Session in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

**Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill.**

Bill 77.

Mr. Solicitor General presented a Bill to abolish the Jurisdiction of all the Ecclesiastical and Peculiar Courts in England and Wales respecting Wills and Administrations, to establish a distinct Court of Probate and Administration, and otherwise amend the Law in relation to Matters Testamentary: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

**Harbours of Refuge.**

No. 160.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Detailed Statement relative to Harbours of Refuge; showing: 1. The Total estimated Cost of the Works proposed; 2. The Sums already voted by Parliament for each Harbour; 3. The Amount required to be voted in the present year, ending the 31st day of March 1856; 4. The Sums that will remain necessary for the Completion of the Works; accompanied by the Reports of the Engineers in charge of the Works, for the Four Quarters of the year ending the 31st day of March 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 276, of Session 1854).

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Immigrants and Liberated Africans.**

Mr. John Ball presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return showing the Number of Immigrants and Liberated Africans admitted into each of the British West India Colonies, as well as the Places and Liberated Africans admitted into each of the British West India Colonies, as well as the Places.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Copyright (Cape of Good Hope).**

Mr. John Ball also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act for authorizing the Importation into the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope of Books, being Foreign Reprints of Books first composed or written, or printed or published in the United Kingdom, and in which there shall be Copyrights.—Also, Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 10th March 1855, referring thereto.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the Message from the Lords of the 30th day of March last, wherein their Lordschaft request that the House will communicate to their Lordships, Copies of the Reports from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the Condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the Conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the Wants of that Army; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, and the Appendix and Index thereto.

Ordered, That Printed Copies of the First and Second Reports be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that Mr. Brotherston do deliver the same.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum for the Financial year ended the 31st day of March 1855; of the Estimated Charges and Expenses for the year ending the 31st day of March 1856; of the Sum necessary to discharge the same; and of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum from Christmas 1848 to Christmas 1854; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them, in the year 1854.

Ordered, That Sir Samuel Bignold have leave of absence for a month, on account of ill health.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Vessels and Tonnage entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at each of the Twelve principal Ports of the United Kingdom; also the Official and Declared Value of Exports, and Official Value of Imports, for each of the said Ports, during the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 390, of Session 1854).

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts:—24. Newtown and Onewesty Railway; 25. Folkstone Improvement; 26. Ayr Harbour; 27. Gloucester Corporation Waterworks.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of March 1855, for a Return of the Number of Probates and Duty. Letters of Administration stamped under each Grade of Duty respectively (after correction for Return or Increase of Duty) in the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 595, of Session 1849).

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of March Arctic Expedition last, for a Return of the Cost of the Further Papers relative to the recent Arctic Expeditions, presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty in January 1855; distinguishing under each Head the Expense of Paper, Printing, Lithographing of Charts and Illustrations, and other Expenses; and of the Number of Copies printed, and distribution of the same.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March Bank of England, for Copy of Letter from the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Bank of England to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated the 14th day of March 1855.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Auditors, &c., and Election Expenses, which was Auditors, &c., and Election Expenses, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief (Scotland), which was presented upon the 16th day (Scotland), of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Bullion, &c., Bullion, &c., which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land Forces, Land Forces, &c. (India), which was presented upon the 16th day (India) of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolis Metropolitan Commission of Sewers, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Immigrants and Liberated Africans, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Petitions relating to Brecon Collegiate Church Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of March Oak Bark last, for a Return of the Quantity of Oak Bark (Alice Holt Forest) taken from the Total Extent of Alice Holt Forest in the Season 1854; specifying the Quantity taken from each Inclosure; the Price per Ton at which such Bark was sold; the Total Sum realised; the Date at which such Sum was paid to the Receiver at the Office of Woods; together with the Sum paid to the several Commissioners for the Preparation of the said Bark, with their Names.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of March Probates, &c., last, for a Return of the Number of Probates and Duty.

Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of December 1854, and in the Months of January and February 1855, and of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits so cleared in each Period of Six Weeks during the same time.

Petitioners for the support of the British Museum of Natural History, being offered to be presented;

Mr. Baines, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum of Natural History, consists

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consists of £30,000 Three per Cent. Reduced Bank Annuities, the annual dividend whereof amounts to £900; of a bequest of the late Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about £415; and a bequest of the late Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to £66.3s.4d.; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the trust cannot, with benefit to the public, be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge, as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Commons of New Zealand, assembled in their House of Representatives (signed by the Speaker), was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners humbly beg leave to submit to the House the following Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly in reference to the claims of the New Zealand Company upon the land fund of that colony:
1. That the debt of £268,370 l. 15 s. to the New Zealand Company, imposed upon the colony by Act of Parliament, ought to be considered as an equivalent to an acre at 5s. an acre for 1,007,300 acres alleged to be surrendered to the Crown for the service of that colony.
2. That at the time the arrangement was entered into by which this debt was saddled upon the colony, the Crown, in terms of the 13th chapter of the Royal Instructions of 1846, a trustee of the land and land fund of the colony for the benefit of its subjects, and especially for the benefit of such of them as have settled or shall hereafter settle in New Zealand.
3. That the arrangement of 1847, between the New Zealand Company and Lord Grey, subsequently given effect to by the Act 10 & 11 Vic., c. 112, was obtained by misrepresentation and suppression of the truth, and appears to have been entered into in a state of comparative ignorance on the part of the Crown of the position and transactions of the company both in England and the colony, and in particular that the existence and extent of the claims of the settlers of Wellington and Nelson were not made known to Parliament.
4. That the company was not justified in applying any portion of the land which it professed to surrender to the colony to the liquidation of its outstanding and undisclosed liabilities, excepting engagements on the condition that the value of any land so applied by the company or by the Government in fulfilment of the company's contracts should be deducted from the amount of the debt.
5. That the minimum amount of loss of land fund sustained by the colony is, including the expense of surveying the compensation land, £129,000.
6. That, inasmuch as the money advanced by Parliament was said to be afforded to the company to restore the property of the existing settlements, and to promote the establishment of new settlements in the colony, the inhabitants of New Zealand have a right to inquire whether the public money given to the New Zealand Company was applied fully and fairly to the objects for which the Crown constituted its trustee.
7. That the compromise of claims of the Nelson land transactions carried into effect in July 1847, was essentially modified in favour of the company by the following means: a legal opinion favourable to the claims of the settlers, which the company had prima facie obtained, and to make public among the members of the House shall seem meet.
8. That vigorous efforts ought to be made in the ensuing Session of Parliament for obtaining such a relief, and for enabling inquiry into and relief from the matters complained of in the foregoing Resolutions.
9. That, should any amount be fixed on as ultimately due to the company, the same ought to be distributed amongst the provinces upon principles to be settled by the General Assembly.
10. That it is expedient that an Act should be obtained in the next Session of the Imperial Parliament for obtaining such relief, and to relieve that colony, in whole or in part, from the burden of a debt which the Petitioners venture to submit to the House is excessive and unjust.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Medical Messrs. Evelyn Denison, Mr. Labouchere and Colonel Children.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the State of the Medical Departments of each of the two Services, Army and Navy:

- The House divided.
- The Yeas to the Right;
- The Noes to the Left.
- Tellers for the [Colonel Boléro]
- Yea, [Sir John Trollope]
- Tellers for the [Mr. Haugr]
- Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave]: 69.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Trading on Sunday within the Metropolitan Police District and City of London and Liberties thereof: And that Lord Robert Grosvenor, Viscount Ebrington and Mr. Montague Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Inquests held by the several Inquests, Coroners in Ireland for each of the years 1843, 1844 (Ireland) and 1845, separately, and of the Sums presented each year as Payment to those Coroners, and also to Medical Witnesses—Similar Return for each of the years 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852 and 1853, but distinguishing the Sums presented for holding Inquests, for Mileage, and for Medical Witnesses, and other Expenses of holding Inquests;—And, Return of the Number of Coroners appointed to Districts in the several Counties and Counties of Cities in Ireland, pursuant to the Provisions of the Act 9 & 10 Vic. c. 37, and at what Presenting Term such Appointments were made respectively.

The Select Committee on Loan Fund Societies Loan Fund (Ireland) was nominated of Mr. Pollard-Urquhart, Mr. French, Mr. John Boulton, Mr. Braddy, Mr. Bouchan (Ireland), Mr. Carter, Mr. Mussey, Viscount Monck, Mr. Seymour Fitzjerald, Mr. John Abel Smith, Colonel Goreville and Mr. Kirk; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Education of Pauper Children, and Appointing that Mr. Evelyn Denison, Mr. Latouchere and Colonel Wilson Patten do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on the Bills of Exchange Bills of Exchange, and Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes (metropolis.)
Bill, was nominated of Sir Erskine Perry, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Henry Keating, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Monts, Mr. Horsfall, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Healey, Mr. Airthin and Mr. Hankey.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial grounds (Scotland) Bill, Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £144,362, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of Maintenance and Repairs of Royal Palaces and Public Buildings.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £69,544, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and connected therewith.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £122,209, be granted to Her Majesty, for Works and Expenses at the New Houses of Parliament, to the 31st day of March 1856.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of a General Repository for Records.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £122,841, be granted to Her Majesty, on account of the Works at the New Packet Harbour and Harbour of Refuge at Holyhead, &c., to the 31st day of March 1856.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £234,060, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of constructing certain Harbours of Refuge, to the 31st day of March 1856.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £375, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Pay of the Establishment and the necessary Works at Port Patrick Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1856.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,963, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of maintaining and repairing certain Public Buildings in the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,876, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Works and Establishment of Kingstown Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1856.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £82,140, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the two Houses of Parliament, and Allowances to the Retired Officers of the two Houses, to the 31st day of March 1856.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the 31st day of March 1856.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,955, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, to the 31st day of March 1856.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £83,849, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and also of the Queen's Messengers and Extra Couriers attached to that Department, to the 31st day of March 1856.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,897, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1856.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,753, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council, and Committee of Privy Council for Trade, including the Railway and Marine Departments, and the Registrar of Merchant Seamen, to the 31st day of March 1856.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,700, be granted Lord Privy Seal, and the Expenses of his Establishment, to the 31st day of March 1856.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,211, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and General Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,314, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Controller General of Exchequer, to the 31st day of March 1856.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,503, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Office of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, to the 31st day of March 1856.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,862, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Wood, Forests and Land Revenues, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,098, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Public Records, including the State Paper Office, to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £263,383, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses connected with the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £38,222, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Establishment of the Mint, including Expenses of the Coinage, to the 31st day of March 1856.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,550, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Factories, Mines, &c., in coal, iron, lead, and other Mines and Works to which the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor, has been assigned.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,156, be granted to Her Majesty, to buy the Officers, &c., of the department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, Scotland, of certain Officers in Scotland, and other Charges, formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue, to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,431, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Officer of Records of the House of Lords, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,052, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Clerk of the Parliaments, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,889, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Precincts, to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,759, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £44,241, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay for Accounts.
for auditing the Public Accounts, to the 31st day of March 1856.
31. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 16,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Copyright, Inclosure and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1856.
32. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 12,190, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Imprist Expenses under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts of the Copyright, Inclosure and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1856.
33. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 42,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the General Register Office, England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.
34. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,768, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the General Register Office, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
35. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,715, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.
36. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,986, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Establishments under the West India Islands Relief Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.
37. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,260, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.
38. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,570, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Establishment under the West India Islands Relief Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1856.
39. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 920, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to the 31st day of March 1856.
40. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Principal Officers of the Office of Metropolitan Buildings, to the 31st day of March 1856.
41. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,984, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the General Superintendent of County Roads in South Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.
42. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,010, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England, to the 31st day of March 1856.
43. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 360,470, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Stationery, Printing and Binding, for the several Public Departments, including the Expense of the Stationery Office, to the 31st day of March 1856.
44. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 100,000, be granted to Her Majesty (on account), for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1856.
45. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 100,000, be granted to Her Majesty (on account), for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1856.
46. That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Convention with Sardinia Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Resolved, That Mr. Wilson carry the Bill to the Lords, and desir e their concurrence.

Lord Robert Grosvenor presented a Bill to prevent Trading on Sunday within the Metropolitan Police District and City of London and Liberties thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 3d day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Fox presented a Bill to facilitate the for- Land and Assessed Taxes Division Bill.

Mr. Evelyn Denison presented a Bill to provide Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill, was read, and Mr. Frewen presented a Bill to facilitate the for-...
and, of any Order or Orders given for the Commencement of such Railway or Tramroad.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to the Commissariat Stores (Army); and, Army (Crimean), be referred to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol; and that the Return relative to Balaklava and Sebastopol Railway do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Mercurii, 18° die Aprilis ;
Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYER.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 30th day of March last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Swansea Vale Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swansea Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee of the whole House; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Abingdon Railway Bill.

A Petition of Directors having the Management of the Undertaking thereinafter mentioned, praying that Provision may be made in the Abingdon Railway Bill for enabling the Petitioners and the Great Western Railway Company to enter into Mutual Arrangements for working the Oxford Branch of the Great Western Railway to Abingdon, was presented and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill, No. 82.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of further Correspondence with the Board of Admiralty, praying that a portion of British Spirits may be taken for the supply of the Royal Navy, and Answers thereto (23rd and 26th June 1853), and of all Contracts entered into for the Supply of the Royal Navy with Spirits from July 1853 to the latest Period, January 1855: And, of Contracts for Tenders of Rum and of British Spirits to the Navy with Spirits from July 1853 to the latest Period, January 1855: And, of Orders given for the Commitment to the Board.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. McMahon ; Mr. George Moore ; 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Napier ; Mr. Whitside ; 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, after the word "upon," add the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put; And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. McMahoo; Mr. George Moore; 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Napier; Mr. Whitside; 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question, by leaving out the word "upon," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put; And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday.
The Affirmations (Scotland) Bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cathedral Appointments Act Continuance Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Provision in the Hartlepool Pier and Port Bill.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Friday next.

Committees.
Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit to-morrow, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House;—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant April, for a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum for the Financial year ending the 31st day of March 1855; of the Estimated Charges and Expenses for the year ending the 31st day of March 1856; of the Sum necessary to discharge the same; and of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum from Christmas 1848 to Christmas 1854; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them, in the year 1854.
Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Select Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Osborne presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return of the Names, Ages and Length of Service of the Naval Officers employed in the Mediterranean and Black Sea as Agents of Transports.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till Friday next.

Veneris, 20° die Aprilis:
Anno 18° Victoriae Regine, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Hartlepool Pier and Port Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Kingston-upon-Thames Improvement Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Bowden Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th and 18th days of this instant April; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Moody reported the Surbiton Improvement Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Bengar Markets and Public Institutions Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Belfast and County Down Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Colchester, Stour Valley, Sudbury and Holt-Colchester, steed Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to Railway Bill the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Grand Junction Water Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Tomney Parker do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Wales Mineral Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Vale of Neath Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Oliverira do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Woolwich Equitable Gas Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to incorporate "The Woolwich Equitable Gas Company," and to enable them to raise further Money, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That Mr. Tomney Parker do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Jedburgh Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lymen Valley and Bridgend Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-under-Lyme Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
England and Ireland Improved Communications Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the England and Ireland Improved Communications Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Liverpool Port Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Liverpool Port Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Newport Corporation Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Newport Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating that the Freemen and Widows of Freemen had consented to the arrangements theretofore contained; and also by confining the Regulation, proposing the extension of the limits of the Borough of Newport, in order to make the same in conformity with the objects of the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Southampton Paving Trust Saint Pancras Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Regent's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Regent's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Inverury and Old Meldrum Railway Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Inverury and Old Meldrum Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Midras Railway Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Midras Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

East Indian Railway Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the East Indian Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Standing Orders.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, Petition from Burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be discharged.

2. That in the case of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvement, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision with respect to lands and works only, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving before the said Committee that Notice of the proposed additional Provision has been given to all the Owners, Lessors and Occupiers of all lands and houses affected thereby, who have not already assented to the proposed additional Provision; that the Committee on the Bill do report how such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The first and third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Poor Removal, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Lord Montague of Brandon to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Poor Removal: And that Mr. Baines do carry the said Message.

Mr. Wilson presented—Return to an Order, Supply, Ex- dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return of all Sums voted in Supply for the Service of the year 1854-55, distinguishing those voted in the first Session of 1864 — Of the Expenditure of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1855, distinguishing Supply from Consolidated Fund Charges:—Of the Net Income of the same year:—Of the estimated Amount of New Taxes granted in 1854, and payable in respect of the same year, but outstanding on the said 31st day of March:—Of the Sum Total of 3 and 4:—Of the Amount raised by Exchequer Bills and Exchequer Bonds for the Service of the year 1854-55, in anticipation of Taxes.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented West Coast to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased of Africa to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of any Acts of Parliament, Orders in Council, Charters of Justice, or House, Copies or Extracts of any Acts of Parliament, defining the existing Civil and Judicial Constitutions of the British Settlements on the West Coast of Africa.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Public Income Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, in the years ending the 5th day of January 1854, 1854, and 1855; distinguishing the actual Payments for the Expenses incurred in the Collection and Management of the Revenue; for the Charges of the Public Debt (the Terminable Annuities being valued by Estimate); for the annual Pensions of the Civil Government; the Allowances to the Royal Family and to His Majesty the King of the Belguim; the Establishment of the Lord Lieu- tenant of Ireland; the Expenses of the House of Commons, the Privy Council, and the Civil Departments; the other Pensions on the Consolidated Fund, on the Gross Revenue, and the Civil List; also the Payments for the Administration of Justice, Diplomatic Expenses, Public Income and Expenditure, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, in the years ending the 5th day of January 1854, 1854, and 1855; distinguishing the actual Payments for the Expenses incurred in the Collection and Management of the Revenue; for the Charges of the Public Debt (the Terminable Annuities being valued by Estimate); for the annual Pensions of the Civil Government; the Allowances to the Royal Family and to His Majesty the King of the Belguim; the Establishment of the Lord Lieu- tenant of Ireland; the Expenses of the House of Commons, the Privy Council, and the Civil Departments; the other Pensions on the Consolidated Fund, on the Gross Revenue, and the Civil List; also the Payments for the Administration of Justice, Diplomatic Expenses, and Public Income and Expenditure, &c.
and on account of the Sums voted for the Army, Navy, Ordnance and Miscellaneous Services; also for Public Works, Bounties, Post-office, the quarantine and Warehouse Establishment; and all other Payments not coming under any of the foregoing Heads; with an Appendix, showing the several Items composing each Head of Account (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 444, of Session 1854).

Mr. John Bull presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Papers relative to the Alterations in the Constitutions of the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers presented 10th August and December 1854, and March 1855).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twentieth Report of the Inspectors of Excise, of the Whole of the Sums received and remitted, respectively; distinguishing the Materials from which made, distinguishing the Quantities produced from Malt, from a mixture of Malt and unmalted Grain, and from a mixture of Sugar or Molasses with unmalted Grain, or from Sugar or from Molasses; showing also, the Total Quantity of each Class; stating also, the Rate per Gallon, and the Quantities put into Bond, for the year ending the 5th day of April 1855, and on account of the Sums voted for the Army, Navy, Ordnance and Miscellaneous Services; also for Public Works, Bounties, Post-office, the quarantine and Warehouse Establishment; and all other Payments not coming under any of the foregoing Heads; with an Appendix, showing the several Items composing each Head of Account (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 444, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Bull presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of March last, for a Return setting forth the Assessment of January 1855: Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits distilled in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports under Drawbacks, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1854 and 1855;—And, of the Total Number of Gallons of Spirits in Bonded Stores in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, on the 5th day of January 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 160, of Session 1854).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Account of the Application of the Monies received on account of £ 6,000,000 Exchequer Bonds, issued per Act 17 Vic. c. 23.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Ecclesiastical Courts Bill;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Miners' Association in Victoria Bill;—Newspaper and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper, & Postage and Stamp Duties Bill, and Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill Mr. per annum duties on account of £ 3 per centum.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

LOAN.

1. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of £19,000,000 be raised by Annuities.

2. Resolved, That every contributor to the said sum of £19,000,000 shall, for every £100 contributed and paid, be entitled to the Principal Sum of £ 100 in Annuities after the rate of £.3 per centum, to commence from the 5th day of January 1855, and to be added to and made one joint stock with the existing Consolidated £.100 in Annuities after the rate of £.3 per centum Annuities, and to be payable and transferable at the Bank of England at the same times and in the same manner and subject to the like redemption as the said Consolidated £.100 in Annuities.

3. Resolved, That every such contributor shall also be entitled, for every £.100 contributed and paid, to a further annuity of £.6,000 for 30 years, to be payable and transferable at the Bank of England, and to be payable on the 5th day of April and the 10th day of October in each year by equal half-yearly payments, the first payment to be made on the 10th day of October 1855, and the last payment on the 5th day of April 1885.

4. Resolved, That the said severals Annuities so to be payable as aforesaid shall be charged upon and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

5. Resolved, That every contributor shall, on the 24th day of April 1855, make a deposit of £ 10 per centum on such sum as he or she shall choose to subscribe.
scribed, raising the said sum of £1,000,000, with the chief Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, as a security for making the subsequent payments on or before the days or times hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

Payment of £3 per centum Annuities

- £10 before the 1st day of April 1855.
- £10 on the 20th day of May 1855.
- £10 on the 1st day of June 1855.
- £10 on the 1st day of July 1855.
- £10 on the 1st day of August 1855.
- £10 on the 1st day of September 1855.
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- £10 on the 1st day of December 1855.

That all the moneys so to be received by the said Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall be paid into the amount of the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer at the Bank of England, to be applied from time to time to such services for Great Britain and Ireland as shall then have been voted by this House in this Session of Parliament, or to the redemption of the principal and interest of any Exchequer Bills issued or to be issued under the authority of the Act 57 Geo. 3, c. 48, or under the authority of any Act of the present Session of Parliament, authorizing the application of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1855, and of the year ending on the 1st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That for the purpose of the extinction from time to time of a sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities equal to the amount to be added to the said joint stock as aforesaid, there shall be issued and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or out of the growing produce thereof, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April which shall first happen twelve months after the ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace with Russia, and in every subsequent year until such sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities is extinguished, the sum of £1,000,000, Provided, that in case in the last year in which such sum would be payable the sum necessary for purchasing the remaining portion of the said sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities be less than £1,000,000, then so much only of such sum as may be necessary for that purpose shall be issued and paid as aforesaid, and the sums so to be issued and paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall be chargeable to them in the purchase of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities, in the manner directed by the Acts for the Reduction of the National Debt, until a sum of £1,000,000 Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities has been extinguished and cancelled.

Spirits.

7. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, raised, levied, collected and paid upon the goods and commodities hereinafter mentioned and described, the several Duties of Excise respectively specified and set forth (that is to say):

For and upon every gallon of spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, which, on or after the 20th day of April 1855, shall be distilled in Scotland and Ireland, and imported from any of the said islands into Scotland, the several Sums of Money and Duties of a sum of £1,000,000 Consol.

8. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, on and after the 20th day of April 1855, in lieu of the countervailing Duties now chargeable under any Act or Acts in force on spirits of the nature or quality of plain British Spirits manufactured or distilled in the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney and Sark respectively, and imported from any of the said islands into Scotland or Ireland, there shall be charged and paid the following countervailing Duties (that is to say):

For and upon every gallon of such last-mentioned spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, imported into Scotland, the sum of 5 d., and for and upon every gallon of such last-mentioned spirits of the like strength, imported into Ireland, the sum of 5 s., and so in proportion for any greater or less degree of strength, or any greater or less quantity of such spirits imported into Scotland or Ireland respectively.

9. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the respective Duties of Excise now payable under any Act or Acts in force upon the several mixtures, compounds, preparations and commodities mentioned and described in the said Schedule hereto annexed, on the removal of the same respectively as hereinafter mentioned, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid upon the said several mixtures, compounds, preparations and commodities which, on or after the 20th day of April 1855, shall be removed from Ireland to England or Scotland, the several Sums of Money and Duties of Excise respectively inserted, described and set forth in the said Schedule.

Schedule.

ARTICLES ENUMERATED.

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DUTIES.

10. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, all Drafts or Orders for the payment of any sum of money to the bearer on demand, which being drawn upon any banker, or any person or persons acting as a banker, and residing or transacting the business of a banker within 15 miles of the place where such Drafts or Orders are issued, are now exempt from Stamp Duty, shall be chargeable with the Stamp Duty of 1 d. for every such Draft or Order.

INCOME TAX.

11. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged and raised yearly, from and after the 5th day of April 1855, in addition to the Duties and Imperial Duties in the said Schedule, a Duty of 5 s. per centum on the profits and gains chargeable under the several Acts in force relating to the Income Tax, either by assessment or otherwise.
Chicory, or any other vegetable matter applicable to the use of Chicory or Coffee, roasted or ground — — for every pound £. s. d.

Coffee — — for every pound £. s. d.

Candy, Brown or White, Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto — — for every hundredweight £. s. d.

White Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to White Clayed not being refined, or equal in quality to refined — — for every hundredweight £. s. d.

Yellow, Muscovado and Brown Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed, and not equal to White Clayed — — for every hundredweight £. s. d.

Brown, Muscovado, or any other Sugar, not being equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed — 15 for every hundredweight £.

Molasses — 5 4 for every hundredweight £.

Confectionery.

17. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged, on and after the 21st day of April 1855, on the articles under-mentioned, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

18. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged, on and after the 20th day of April 1855, on Sugar and Molasses imported into the United Kingdom, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

Sugar.

Candy, Brown or White, Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto — — for every hundredweight £. s. d.

White Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to White Clayed not being refined, or equal in quality to refined — — for every hundredweight £. s. d.

Yellow, Muscovado and Brown Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed, and not equal to White Clayed — — for every hundredweight £.

Brown, Muscovado, or any other Sugar, not being equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed — — for every hundredweight £.

Molasses — — for every hundredweight £.

Bounties and Drawbacks on Sugar.

19. Resolved, That in lieu of the Bounties and Drawbacks now payable on the Exportation of Refined Sugar, the following Drawbacks shall be allowed, on and after the 19th day of May 1855, on the exportation or on the removal to the Isle of Man:

Upon Refined Sugar in loaf, complete or whole, or in any other form applicable to the use of Chicory or Coffee, roasted or ground — — for every pound £. s. d.

Upon Refined Sugar in lump, the gallon — — for every gallon £. s. d.

Rum, Shrub, Cordials and Liqueurs of and from any British Possession in America or the Island of Mauritius, and Rum of and from any British Possession within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, in a grade to which the conditions of the Act 4 Vic. c. 8, or have or shall have been applicable:

If imported into Scotland — — for every gallon £. s. d.

If imported into Ireland — — for every gallon £. s. d.

Coffee and Chicory.

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Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill Woolmer for disafforesting the Forest of Woolmer, and that Forest, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. John Ball be discharged from Army before further attendance on the Select Committee on the Sevastopol Army before Sevastopol.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Captain Seavell be added to the Committee, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Bentinck, Mr. Liddell];

Tellers for the [Mr. Heytesbury, Mr. Grenville Berkeley];

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Agents of Transports, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command, an Estimate for the Post-office Department (Packet Service), for the year 1855-56.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

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the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Great North of Scotland Railway Bill

The Great North of Scotland Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the Great North of Scotland Railway from Huntly to Keith.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Swansea Vale Railway Bill

The Swansea Vale Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill

The Torquay Market and Slaughter-houses Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Oldham Gas and Water Bill

Ordered, That the Oldham Gas and Water Bill be re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

The Leek Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill

The Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill

Ordered, That the short Title of the North Staffordshire Railway Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to "North Staffordshire Railway (Transfer to London and North Western Railway, &c.)".

South Eastern Railway (Canterbury and Whitstable) Bill (1853)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the South Eastern Railway (Canterbury and Whitstable) Bill, in Session 1854, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 3 of Railway and Canal Bills.

Glasgow Water Bill

Sir William Somervile reported the Glasgow Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Coals, Cinders and Culm.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders and Culm shipped at the several Ports of England, Scotland and Ireland, Coastways, to other Ports of England, Scotland and Ireland, to Foreign Countries, and the British Settlements abroad, in the year 1854; distinguishing the Quantity shipped at each of the said Ports, as compared with the year 1853:—Of the Quantities and Declared Value of Coals, Cinders and Culm exported fro the several Ports of England, Scotland and Ireland, to Foreign Countries, and the British Settlements abroad, in the year 1854; distinguishing the Countries to which the same were sent, and comparing the same with the year 1853;—also distinguishing the Ports of the United Kingdom from which the same were shipped:—Of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders and Culm exported from the United Kingdom in the year 1854, with the Rate and Amount of Duty thereon;—And, of the Quantities of Coals brought Coastways and by Inland Navigation into the Port of London during the year 1854, comparing the same with the Quantities brought during the year 1853.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Quantities of Sweets or Made Wines imported from Made Wines, Scotland and Ireland into England, under the Provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 72, stating the Port or Place of Port from, and the Port or Place of Port to, which the same were imported into, from the 6th day of January 1854 to the 6th day of January 1855, both Dates inclusive; stating the Denomination, Sort or Kind of all such Sweets or Made Wines, or Sweetened Compound Spirits, so imported, and the Amount of Duty charged and paid upon all the above-mentioned Articles so imported:—Of all Seizures that have been made by the Excise and Customs of any such Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, so imported, and the reason of such seizures:—Of all Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, seized inland, being brought from Scotland into England, contrary to the Provisions of the said Act, from the 6th day of January 1854 to the 5th day of January 1855, both Dates inclusive; stating how all such Seizures of the above-mentioned Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, within the Port or Place of Port, specified, have been dealt with, if any, and what Amount of Penalty has been enforced against the Parties from whom any such Seizures have been made:—And, of the Quantity, Denomination, Sort or Kind, of all such Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, remaining in Bond on the 5th day of January 1854, and where bonded.

Petitions relating to Act of Uniformity;—Church Public Rates;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Magnum College Act;—Magnum College Act, and Vale Twenty-sixth Church and State;—Religious Opinions;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Land Tax;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill, and Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill;—Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill;—Stage Carriages;—Adulteration of Food, &c.;—A Affirmations (Scotland) Bill;—Billitong Soldiers (Scotland);—Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill;—Burials;—Decimal Coinage;—Dwellings (Scotland) Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Grain;—Intestacy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Passengers Act Amendment Bill;—Poor Law;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Scottish Australian Emigration Society;—Sea Coast Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, and Inland Fisheries (Ireland) Bill;—Soap (Bromley's Patent);—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill;—Tolls and Customs (Ireland);—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Shipping:—

The Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of January last, for a Return of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing Vessels registered at the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, distinguishing those under and those above Fifty Tons' Register, on the 31st day of December 1854.

Ordered, That the Return of Steam Vessels and their Tonnage be added thereto.

Ordered, That the Return of Number and Tonnage of Vessels that entered and cleared Coastwise, at each of the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands, including their repeated Voyages, distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels, and Steam from Sailing Vessels, between the 1st day of December 1853 and the 31st day of December 1854;—Like Return from and to the Colonies, further distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels;—and, from and to Foreign Ports, also distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels;—Return of
of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing Vessels registered at each of the Ports of the Colonies of the United Kingdom respectively: distinguishing those under and those above Fifty Tons' Register, on the 31st day of March 1854:—Returns of the Number of Vessels, with their Tonnage (distinguishing Steam from Sailing Vessels), that were built and registered, distinguishing Timber from Iron Vessels; also a similar Return of Vessels sold or transferred; also a similar Return of Vessels wrecked; also a similar Return of Vessels broken up, in the year 1854:—Of the Number of Colonial-built Vessels, and their Tonnage, registered at each of the Ports of the United Kingdom, in the year 1854:—distinguishing the Number and Tonnage of each Colony respectively:—Similar Return of the Number of Foreign-built Vessels and their Tonnage:—And, Return of the Shipping employed in the Trade of the United Kingdom, exhibiting the Number and Tonnage of Vessels that entered Inwards and cleared Outwards (including their repeated Voyages), separating British from Foreign Vessels, also Steam from Sailing Vessels, and distinguishing the Trade with each Country, in the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 134, of Session 1854).

To an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, for a Return, in a Tabular Form, with Consecutive Numbers, of the whole of the Steam Vessels registered in the United Kingdom on or before the 1st day of January 1855, stating, in separate Columns, the following Particulars:—1. Vessels' Names; 2. Port of Registry; 3. Date of Register; 4. Registered Owners; 5. Dimensions of Vessels in Length and Breadth and Depth of Hull; 6. Tonnage (exclusive of Engine-room); and Gross Tonnage; distinguishing Vessels built of Iron, and also Vessels having Screw Propellers; 7. Estimated Horse Power of their Engines, Length of Stroke and Diameter of Cylinder, and giving the Aggregate Number of Vessels and Amount of Tonnage; with an Index for easy reference attached to it, giving the Names of the Vessels in Alphabetical Order, with Numbers to each, corresponding with those in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 141, of Session 1854).

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of the General Statements of the Income and Expenditure of Turnpike Trusts in Ireland, for the year 1853. Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 5 April, 1854, authorising a Retired Allowance to Sir William Butt nett, M. D., K. C. B., Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the River Barrow, which was presented upon the 27th day of April 1854, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Assessments (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Exchequer Bonds, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House the General Statements of the Income and Expenditure of Turnpike Trusts in Ireland; the General Statements of the Income and Expenditure of Turnpike Trusts in Ireland, for the year 1853.
the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

2. That every contributor shall, on the 24th day of April 1855, make a deposit of £10 per centum on such sum as he or she shall choose to subscribe towards raising the said sum of £10,000,000 with the consent of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, as a security for making the subsequent payments on or before the days or times hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

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That all the monies so to be received by the said Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall be paid into the account of the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer at the Bank of England, to be applied from time to time to such services for Great Britain and Ireland as shall be directed by the Acts for the Reduction of the National Debt, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, and thereupon to be used by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1855, and of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

6. That for the purpose of the extinction from time to time of a sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities equal to the amount to be added to the said stock as aforesaid, there shall be issued and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or out of the growing proceeds thereof, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April which shall first happen twelve months after the ratification of a definitive Treaty of Peace with Russia, and in every subsequent year until such sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities is extinguished, the sum of £1,000,000: Provided, that in case in the last year in which such sum would be payable the sum necessary for purchasing the remaining portion of the said sum of Consolidated £3 per centum Annuities be less than £1,000,000, then so much only of such sum as may be necessary for that purpose shall be issued and paid as aforesaid, and the remaining part thereof shall be raised, levied, collected and paid upon the said stock, and the monies so to be received by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1855, shall be removed from Ireland to England or Scotland, the several Sums of Money and Duties of Excise respectively inserted, described and set forth in the said Schedule.

7. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, raised, levied, collected and paid upon the goods and commodities hereinafter mentioned and described, the several Duties of Excise respectively specified and set forth (that is to say):

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8. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, on and after the 20th day of April 1855, in lieu of the countermanding Duties now chargeable under any Act or Acts in force on Spirits of the nature or quality of plain British Spirits manufactured or distilled in the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney and Sark respectively, and imported from any of the said islands into Scotland or Ireland, there shall be charged and paid the following countermanding Duties (that is to say):

For and upon every gallon of such last-mentioned spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, imported into Scotland, the sum of 6s.; and for and upon every gallon of such last-mentioned spirits of the like strength, imported into Ireland, the sum of £4 4d., and so in proportion for any greater or less degree of strength, or any greater or less quantity of such spirits imported into Scotland and Ireland respectively.

9. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the respective Duties of Excise now payable under any Act or Acts in force upon the said several mixtures, compounds, preparations and commodities mentioned in the Schedule hereto annexed, on the removal of the same respectively, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid upon the said several mixtures, compounds, preparations and commodities which, on or after the 20th day of April 1855, shall be removed from Ireland to England or Scotland, the several Sums of Money and Duties of Excise respectively inserted, described and set forth in the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

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STAMP DUTIES.

10. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, all Drafts or Orders for the payment of any sum of money to the bearer on demand, which being drawn upon any banker, or any person or persons acting as a banker, and resting or transacting the business of a banker within 15 miles of the place where such Drafts or Orders are issued, are now exempt from Stamp Duty, shall be chargeable with the Stamp Duty of 1d. for every such Draft or Order.

INCOME TAX.

11. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged and raised yearly, from and after the 5th day of April 1855, in addition to the rates and duties chargeable under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, chapter
chapter 24, for and in respect of all property, profits and gains chargeable under the several Acts in force relating to the Income Tax, either by assessment or under any contract of composition or otherwise, the additional rate and duty of 2d. for every 20s. of the annual value or amount of all such property, profits and gains respectively.

**Male Allowances.**

12. That there shall be made, allowed, and paid, for or in respect of the several goods and commodities hereinafter described or mentioned, the several Allowances and Drawbacks of Excise respectively hereinafter specified and set forth (that is to say):

For and upon every gallon of spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, or any greater or less degree of strength, distilled in England or Ireland from malt only, which shall be mashed on or after the 20th day of April 1855, and which spirits shall be distilled at the rate of two gallons of such spirits for every bushel of barley malt, or in Ireland one bushel and three-tenth parts of a bushel of malt made from barley or bigg malt, or an allowance of 1s. 4d. per gallon, in lieu of all allowances granted on such spirits by any Act or Acts now in force.

Provided always, that if the quantity of malt mashed and used in the production of such spirits shall be less than the rate of bushels of barley malt, or one bushel and three-tenth parts of a bushel of malt made from barley or bigg malt, for every two gallons of proof spirits charged with duty, a deduction from the amount of such allowance shall be made after the rate of 4s. for every bushel of barley malt, and every bushel and three-tenth parts of a bushel of barley or bigg malt, which shall be so deficient.

And for and upon such spirits distilled in England or Ireland from malt only, and on which the allowance aforesaid shall have been made, and which said spirits shall be duly removed from warehouse for exportation, or for use as ship's stores, and be duly exported or shipped as stores under and according to the laws and regulations of Customs in such respect, there shall be granted and paid over and above the allowance aforesaid, and in lieu of the drawback granted and payable under any former Act, a drawback after the rate of 4s. for every gallon of such spirits actually exported or shipped as stores as aforesaid.

**Countervailing Drawback on Made Wines.**

13. That no Drawback of Excise shall be allowed or paid for or upon any of the mixtures, compounds, preparations or commodities described in the Schedule (B) annexed to the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 26, which the 24th day of March 1856 shall be removed from England or Scotland to Ireland, except upon Made Wines; and that for and upon every gallon of all Made Wines which shall be so removed as aforesaid, there shall be allowed and paid the countervailing Drawback of 2d. per gallon, and no more.

**Tea.**

14. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duty of Customs shall be charged on Tea imported into the United Kingdom, in lieu of the Duty now payable thereon (that is to say):

On and after the 21st day of April 1855, until the 5th day of April inclusive, which shall first happen after the end of twelve months from the date of a definitive Treaty of Peace, the pound 1s. 9d.; from which last-mentioned day the duty shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act, chapter nine, of the present Session of Parliament.

**Coffee and Chicory.**

15. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the 21st day of April 1855, on the under-mentioned articles imported into the United Kingdom, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

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**Sugar.**

16. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on, and after the 21st day of April 1855, on Sugar and Molasses imported into the United Kingdom, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

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<td>White Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to White Clayed Sugar, not being refined, or equal in quality to White Clayed Sugar, 1. 4d. per hundredweight</td>
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<td>Yellow, Muscovado and Brown Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed Sugar, but not equal to White Clayed Sugar</td>
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**Confectionery.**

17. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on, and after the 21st day of April 1855, on the articles under-mentioned, imported into Scotland or Ireland, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

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<td>Confectionery, Comfits, Cherries dried, Marmalade, Plums preserved in Sugar, Biscuits, including all Fruits and Vegetables preserved in Sugar, not otherwise enumerated</td>
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**Rum.**

18. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on, and after the 21st day of April 1855, on the articles under-mentioned, imported into Scotland or Ireland, in lieu of the Duties now payable thereon (that is to say):

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**Bounties and Drawbacks on Sugar.**

19. That, in lieu of the Bounties and Drawbacks now payable on the exportation of Refined Sugar, the following Drawbacks shall be allowed, and on the 19th day of May 1856, on the exportation of the said article to the Isle of Man for consumption there, of the several descriptions of Refined Sugar hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

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<td>Upon Refined Sugar in loaf, complete or whole, or lumps duly refined, having been perfectly clarified and thoroughly dried in the store, and being of an uniform whiteness throughout, or Sugar Candy, for every hundredweight</td>
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**Notes:**

- For the purpose of this Act, a gallon shall be equivalent to 7. 10s. 3d. of the current measure of wine.
The Order of the day being read, for the second Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Newspaper, reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp &c. Postage Duties Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Affirmations (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Abscinding Debtors in Ireland: And that Mr. Cairns and Mr. Nairn do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being pro-Army before posed, That Captain Gladstone be added to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol; and the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Martis, 24° die Aprilis, 1855:--The Question being put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition from Kilbegnet and Constabulary Ballynakill, relating to the Constabulary Force, Ireland, which was presented upon the 26th day of March last, be printed, for the use of Members only.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, &c. Return of the Quantity of Foreign Iron imported and exported from the United Kingdom in the years 1853 and 1854; of British Iron exported, including Unwrought Steel, in the same Period; and of the Quantity of British Hardware exported during the above Period (in continuation of former Return).

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Loan Bill, for raising a Sum of Money by way of Annuities: Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Stamp Duties Bill, for granting Stamp Duties on certain Drafts on Bankers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill for granting certain Duties of Customs on Tea, Coffee, Sugar, and other Articles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3d day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 2d day of May next, the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3d day of May next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3d day of May next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3d day of May next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Martis, 24° die Aprilis;

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Birmingham Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting words specifying with more particularity certain sums expended by the Company on their permanent Works, and the sources from which the same have arisen, and by striking out words which alleged the expediency of enabling the Company to extend their supply of Gas to parts of the Parish of Aston, in the County of Warwick, and King's Norton, in the County of Worcester, the Bill, as proposed to the Committee by the Promoters, not comprising any parts of those Parishes; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Saint George's Harbour Bill; That it had been proved to the Committee that Notice of the Provisions of the Bill had been given to the several Proprietors of the Company prior to the second reading of the Bill, in terms of the Resolution of the House, on the 20th day of February last; that they had also examined into the several matters required to be specially reported upon by Committees on Railway Bills, and had agreed to the following Report: That inasmuch as the objections of the Bill are to enable the Saint George's Harbour Company to complete their Railway and Pier before the Harbour Works are commenced, and to exercise the Power granted by the recited Act of borrowing Money for the purpose of such completion, it appeared to the Committee that with the exception of the 7th Section the 13th Standing Order was inapplicable to the present case; that a Report from the Board of Trade in regard to the Bill had been referred by the House to the Committee, and had been duly considered by them; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating that the Right Honourable Edward Mostyn Lloyd, Baron Mostyn, was willing that the Company should make certain alterations on the line of the said Railway, and certain stations on the same, with the consent of the said Baron Mostyn, which alterations affected no other owner of lands except his Lordship, which alterations it appeared to the Committee desirable should be made; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Margarey and Carlisle Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments thereunto; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Owners or Occupiers of property on Uphill and the line or in the neighbourhood of the road there-inafter-mentioned, praying that Provision may be made in the Uphill and Bleadon Roads Bill for making a new line of road, commencing at or near Wickworth Bridge, and terminating in the road leading from Bleadon to Weston-super-Mare, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Ashton-under-Lyne Gas and Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; Vol. 110. and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Junction Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and found the same, as so as to make it more clearly set forth the state of the Company's existing capital; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Resolved, The Jedburgh Railway Bill was read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Llwyvi Valley and Bridgend Railways Bill no be now read the third time;
Mr. Hayter, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent to the promotion of the House in the Bill, and that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read the third time.
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Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill.

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Paisley Burgh Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend the Presbytery of Paisley (not praying to be heard by Counsel), against the Paisley Burgh Bill, be referred to the Committee on that Bill, although not deposited within the time required by the Standing Orders.

Birmingham Canal Navigations Bill.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Group No. 1 of Railway and Canal Bills; that in the case of the Birmingham Canal Navigations Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; that the attention of the Committee had been drawn to the bearing of the 134th Standing Order on the Clause extending to the New Capital to be created under the Bill the guarantee of the Londons and North Western Railway Company of a minimum dividend of £.4 on the Share Capital of the Canal Company, but inasmuch as the Principle of the guarantee, and of its extension to further Monies required for improving the undertaking of the Canal Company has already been sanctioned by Parliament, it appeared to the Committee that the restriction imposed by that Order ought not to be enforced in this case; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Oldham Gas and Water Bill.

Viscount Ebrington reported the Oldham Gas and Water (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Buildings Bill.

Bill 90.

Sir William Molesworth presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the construction of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Dispensatory Regulations of Militia in Great Britain and Ireland on the 24th day of April 1855, with the Date of the last Training of each Regiment, and the Numbers present in each at such last Training.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Oak Bark Oak Bark (Alice Holt Forest), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Balaclava Balaclava and Sebastopol Railway, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Turnpike Turnpike Trusts (Ireland), which was presented on the 20th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Turnpike Turnpike Trusts (Ireland), which was presented upon the 16th day of March last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Shipping, Shipping. which was presented upon the 23rd day of this in- stant April, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Marriage;—Public Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Petitions. Act;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Vide Twenty- Bill; — Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill; — Burlen—Seventh— Grounds (Scotland) Bill; — Education — Education pur. (Scotland) Bill; — Intoxicating Liquors; — Metropo-olis Local Management Bill;—Poor Law;—Sale of Beer Act (185c);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Schools (Scotland) Bill, and Education (Scotland) Trusts Bill; — Smoke Abatement Act; — Testimonial Ju- risdiction Bill; and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, and Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bills Bills of Ex- change Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Pro- change Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Pro- missory Notes Bill, have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Act of that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of Uniformity, to consider such Clauses of the Act of Uniformity of their Services in the Field during the late Burmese War, distinguishing those on the Staff and serving with their Regiments, also the Engagements for which they were mentioned; also the Names of those Officers who received Brevet promotion, stating their Lengths of Service, and whether their former ap- pointments and promotion were by Purchase or not.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee Committee of Selection; That they had made several Alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Sandars have leave of absence for two months, on account of ill health.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Dispensatory Regulations of Militia in Great Britain and Ireland on the 24th day of April 1855, with the Date of the last Training of each Regiment, and the Numbers present in each at such last Training.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Oak Bark Oak Bark (Alice Holt Forest), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Balaclava Balaclava and Sebastopol Railway, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Turnpike Turnpike Trusts (Ireland), which was presented on the 20th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Turnpike Turnpike Trusts (Ireland), which was presented upon the 16th day of March last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Shipping, Shipping. which was presented upon the 23rd day of this in- stant April, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Marriage;—Public Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Petitions. Act;—Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Vide Twenty- Bill; — Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill; — Burlen—Seventh— Grounds (Scotland) Bill; — Education — Education pur. (Scotland) Bill; — Intoxicating Liquors; — Metropo-olis Local Management Bill;—Poor Law;—Sale of Beer Act (185c);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Schools (Scotland) Bill, and Education (Scotland) Trusts Bill; — Smoke Abatement Act; — Testimonial Ju- risdiction Bill; and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, and Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bills Bills of Ex- change Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Pro- change Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Pro- missory Notes Bill, have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Act of that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of Uniformity, to consider such Clauses of the Act of Uniformity of
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1862, as impose religious tests, limiting the advantages of Academical, or Grammar, or Free School Education; and so much of any Regulations of National Institutions, either in England or Ireland, as impose religious tests as conditions or qualifications for any advantages connected with Education, in the English or Irish Universities or Public Schools:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Treasury or other Order appointing Robert Wragge, Esquire, Standing Counsel to the Attorney General in Equity Crown matters, or the Date when and by whom and under what circumstances he was appointed:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Humphrey:—The Lords have agreed to the Convention with Sardinia Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Dean Forest, &c. Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Pudsey Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Woolwich Consumers' Protective Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Tawton Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Cambridge University and Town Water Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Howorth Bridge Bill, without any Amendment: — And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Edinburgh one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Lords Bill. That in the case of the Edinburgh Lands Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Certificate of the Number of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels now in Commission on Home and Foreign Service; together with the Names and Numbers of the Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons and Dressers without Medical or Surgical Diplomas, in any and every Ship or Vessel, and the Number and Names of those Dressers who are acting as Assistant Surgeons.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That in the case of the Hartlepool Pier and Port, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with; that the Parties are permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving before the said Committee that special Notice of the proposed additional Provision has been given to the Corporation of Hartlepool fourteen days previous to its being considered in Committee to be laid before the House, that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Kingston-upon-Thames Islands Improvement, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Bankes have leave of absence for a month, on urgent business.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Indian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Madras Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stourbridge Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sarbiton Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That in the case of the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Order No. 171 be suspended; and that the Bill be read a second time upon three clear days' notice thereof being given at the Private Bill Office.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Inhabitants and Proprietors in Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey, deposited in the Private Bill Office on the 23rd day of March last, as against the South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill, and London and South Western Railway Bill, be printed with the Votes, and referred to the Committee on the London and South Western Railway Bill:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Petition relating to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill; and, Public Health Bills were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Hampton Court and Kew Gardens, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Paper relative to Turnpike Trusts (Ireland), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant April, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Libraries and Museums Bill, as amended in the Committee: The Bill was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next, and be printed.

Marriage Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Marriage Law Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question,—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of May next.

Public Prosecutors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Public Prosecutors Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of May next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Affirmations (Scotland) Bill.

The Affirmations (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Craufurd do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Church Rates Abolition (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Church Rates, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And that Sir William Clay, Mr. Hutt and Mr. Miall do prepare, and bring it in.

Education.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House a Return of the Sum expended under the Authority of the Committee of Council on Education in the Purchase and Adaptation of Kneller Hall, and of the Sums expended annually in the Support of that Establishment from its Commencement to the present time, specifying distinctly the Cost of Tuition, and the Cost of Board and other Current Expenses; also of the Number of Pupils instructed in it in each year since its formation, and the present Occupation of such of them as are Teachers in Public Schools; also of the Number of Pupils received into the several Normal Schools receiving Aid from the Committee of Council on Education, and of the Number who have obtained Certificates, with a Specification of the Number in each Class; and also of the Number who have held the Profession of Teaching in Public Schools, with a Specification of the Date of their Abandonment of it:—And, of all Pupil Teachers, Stipendiary Monitors, and other Persons, of whatever Name or Description, who have been wholly or partially trained or educated at the Public Expense to become Teachers, but who have not been received into the Normal Schools.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Sir William Clay presented a Bill to abolish Church Rates, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to carry into effect a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of Sardinia:

An Act for the better Protection of Purchasers against Judgments, County Debts, Cases of Losses and Life Annuities or Rent-Charges:

An Act to explain and amend the Lunacy Regulation Act, 1853:

An Act to authorize the Incorporation of certain Lands in pursuance of a Report of the Inclusion Commissioners for England and Wales:

An Act to authorize the letting Parts of the Royal Forests of Dean and Woolner, and certain other Parts of the Hereditary Possessions of the Crown:

An Act for incorporating the Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton Consumers’ Gas Company:

An Act to amend “The Pudsey Gas Act, 1845,” and to enable the Company thereby incorporated to raise a further Sum of Money:

An Act to enable the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company to raise further Money:

An Act to enable the Taunton Gas-Light and Coke Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes:

An Act for erecting and maintaining a Bridge over the River Parke and called Harrowby Bridge, in the Parishes of Hentland and King’s Caple, in the County of Hereford, and for making convenient Approaches thereto.

Ordered, That Standing Order, No. 177, be suspended, as regards a Petition deposited in the Private Bill Office on the 2nd of March last, relating to the South Eastern and London and South Western Railway Companies; and that the said Petition do stand referred to the Committee now sitting on the London and South Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That The Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That Mr. Hardinge be discharged from further attendance on the Committee.

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Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Prosecutions instituted under the various Acts of Parliament relating to the Municipal, Police or Sanitary Government of any City, Town, Village or District, having reference to the Smoke Nuisance, stating the Number of Writs issued, the Convictions obtained, the Penalties adjudged, and those paid; also the Costs of the Proceedings; the Number of Officers specially appointed for the purpose of enforcing the Law, with the Remuneration paid, and for what time appointed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Metropolis Copies of Reports to the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, on the working of Pipe Sewers, of the District Engineers, Messrs. Leitch, Grant, Cooper, Donalston and Roe: —And, of Notes of a House to House Inquiry made in Ormond-terrace by Mr. F. O. Ward, one of the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, accompanied by Mr. Cooper, one of the Engineers of the Commission, as to the working of 4 and 6 inch pipe drains laid there on the plan of back drainage, and stated to have failed.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for changing the Grand Surrey corporate Name of the Company of Proprietors of Canal (No. 2) of the Grand Surrey Canal, for consolidating their Acts, for authorizing them to make a New Entrance from the Thames, additional Docks and other Works, and to raise further Monies, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by east India the Clerk of the House, —Return to an Order, dated (Sasatra) the 30th day of March last, for a Statement of the Receipts and Charges on account of Sasatra, in each year from 1850 to 1854 inclusive.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented, —Re—Dublin Port, turn to an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, for Returns of the Accounts of all Receipts and Disbursements by the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin, from the 1st day of January 1853, up to the latest Period to which the same have been made up, distinguishing the same under different Heads, and under what Authority: —Of all Monies borrowed by Debentures or otherwise under the authority of the Act 26 Geo. 3, c. 19, and of the Act 32 Geo. 3, c. 35, or of any other Act, the Rate of Interest at which the same was borrowed, what part of the same has been paid off, and the Annual Amount of Interest payable on the subsisting Debt or Debts (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 57, of Session 1851, and of No. 105, of Session 1852): —And, Statement of the Surplus Receipts above Disbursements, for the years ending on the 31st day of December 1853 and 1854 respectively, and of the Total Surplus on the last of these Days, and of the Application or Investment of such Surplus, and the Date thereof, and of the Dividends received thereon.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.


Burials beyond
the Metropolis Act;—Decimal Coinage;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Grain;—Intestacy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Metropolitan Local Management Bill;—Ordnance Survey (Scotland);—Poor Law;—Preparative School;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Screw Propeller;—Secretary of State for Scotland;—and, Testimonial Jurisdiction Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Loan Bill. The Loan Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Income Tax Bill. The Income Tax Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Customs Duties Bill. The Customs Duties Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill. The Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 4th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill. The Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;

Ordered, That a Motion be made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Veneris, 27th die Aprilis, 1855:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant April, That the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 4th day of May next.

Dwellings-houses (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings-houses (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Sum Total of all Fees and Allowances paid or allotted to Draftsmen by the several Public Departments during the years 1853 and 1854, for drafting, settling or advising on Bills laid or to be laid before Parliament; specifying the Fee or Allowance for every Bill, and the Name of the Draftsman to whom it was paid or allotted, and whether such Bill has been passed into a Law;—And, like Return of all Salaries payable during the same periods to Draftsmen of Bills by the several Public Departments, specifying the like particulars:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Select Committee on the Criminal Justice Criminal Bill was nominated of Mr. Henley, Sir George Grey, Sir William Heatlecoe, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Ecart, Mr. Robert Palmer, Mr. Dillion, Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Mullings, Mr. Miles, Mr. Baines, Mr. Deedes and Mr. Henry Herbert.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Parish Constables to amend the Laws relating to the Appointment and Payment of Superintending and Parish Constables, and to dispense with the Services of High Constables and Petty Constables in certain cases: And that Mr. Deedes, Colonel Clifford and Mr. Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Personal Estates of Intestates;—And that Mr. Locke King, Mr. Headlam and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Downing-street Westminster: And that Sir William Mulesworth and Mr. Hoyt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Dissenters' to amend the Provisions of the Marriage Acts relating to Dissenters: And that Mr. Cheatham and Mr. Pellatt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Grants of Services of High Constables and Petty Constables in certain cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir William Mulesworth presented a Bill to enable Downing-street Westminster: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for disafforesting the Woolner Forest of Woolner: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Locke King presented a Bill for the better setting of the Personal Estates of Intestates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read


read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to facilitate Grants of Lands and Tenements for the purpose of Religious Worship, and other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of May next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 27o die Aprilis;

ANO 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th and 25th days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Inverury and Old Meldrum Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day month."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Acts relating to the Wem and Bronygarth Turnpike-roads, praying that Provision may be made in the Wem and Bronygarth Roads Bill for enabling the Petitioners to abandon certain Lines of Road, to make, widen and maintain others, to purchase certain Property, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Standing Orders.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Abingdon Railway, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision if the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.

2. That in the case of the Wisbech Fort, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition according.

3. That in the case of the Sunderland Dock, Petition of the Earl of Durham and Coalowners, Shipowners in Sunderland and Owners of Lands, &c., for dispensing with Standing Order 116, and for leave to be heard on their Petitions against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first and second Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Hotham reported the East of Fife Railway East of Fife Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Somerville reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; that the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Pennant reported the Nottingham and Loughborough Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Somerville reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; that the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; that the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Baillie reported the Ulster Railway Ulster Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; that the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cheetham presented a Bill to amend the Provisions of the Marriage Acts relating to Dissenters' Marriages and Long Marriages.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders.
Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provincial Roads, and an Order of 1st April, 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the regular Army.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of December 1853, and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing all the Toll-gates still existing under the Metropolitan Trust, the Amount at which the same are respectively let, and the several Debts, if any, still remaining due in respect thereof; distinguishing in such Return the Amount remaining due from each District.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing all the Toll-gates still existing under the Metropolitan Trust, the Amount at which the same are respectively let, and the several Debts, if any, still remaining due in respect thereof; distinguishing in such Return the Amount remaining due from each District.

Resolved, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Petitions relating to Church Rates; — Lord's Day; Public Petitions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of December 1853, and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Militia Regiments embodied in England, Scotland and Ireland; the

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Strength of such Regiments on the 14th day of March and the 1st day of April, 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the regular Army.

Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provincial Roads, and an Order of 1st April, 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the regular Army.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Militia Regiments embodied in England, Scotland and Ireland; the

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Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of December 1853, and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Strength of such Regiments on the 14th day of March and the 1st day of April, 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the regular Army.

Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provincial Roads, and an Order of 1st April, 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the regular Army.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of December 1853, and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Loan Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Loan Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs Duties Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word " That " to the end of the Question, in order to add the words " this House will, upon this day six months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(To the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Duties of Customs on Tea, Coffee, Sugar, &c.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8: To leave out from the words " last mentioned" to the end of the paragraph, in order to insert the words " date of the same Duties shall be paid as were payable previous to the passing of this Act."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, Nos. 2 and 3, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Education (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word " now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words " upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now" stand part of the Question:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 28° die Aprilis, 1855:

And the Question being put;
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Income Tax Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider of encouraging the erection of Piers and Harbours in Scotland.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the erection of Piers and Harbours in Scotland.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cooper reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Cooper accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the erection of Piers and Harbours in Scotland:
And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:
And that Sir Archibald Campbell and Mr. Scott do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cowper accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, and on motion of Mr. R. Bonham Carter, ordered the same to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Corporation of Newport, in Monmouthshire, to purchase the Interest of the Freemen in Newport Marshes, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newport Corporation Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enlarge some of the Powers of the Acts relating to the Bristol and Exeter Railway Company, and to enable such Company to raise further Sums of Money, to acquire additional Lands, to lease the Somerset Central Railway, to hold additional Shares in the Exeter and Creston Railway, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stourbridge Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stourbridge Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The East Indian Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Willcox do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Madras Railway Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Dundee and the Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Mardyke and Carlisle Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Oldham Gas, the Oldham Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Royal's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
The Edinburgh Lands Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Railways, and Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill (1846).

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Select Committee on Railways, and the Report of the Committee on the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill, in Session 1848, be referred to the Committee on the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.

Grand Surrey Canal (No. 3) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill be read a second time.

Grand Surrey Canal (No. 3) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Hyde Original Gas Bill, and Hyde Gas (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Halden reported from the Committee on Ground, that in the case of the Hyde Original Gas Bill, and the Hyde Gas (No. 2) Bill, they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House, consolidated the said Bills into one Bill, "to incorporate the Hyde Gas Company, and to grant more effectual Powers for supplying with Gas the several Townships of Hyde, Werneth, Bredbury, Romiley, Newton and Godley, in the County of Chester;" and had examined the allegations of the Bill so consolidated, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Elswington reported the Liverpool Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Woolwich Academy.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Colleges and Schools the Heads of which were recently invited by the Ordinance to submit the Names of highly qualified Candidates to be admitted directly into the Practical Class of Woolwich Academy, specifying any of these Institutions which had been selected for their eminence in training Pupils in scientific subjects, with the Number of Candidates recommended by the Provost and Board of Trinity College, Dublin, on the ground of high scientific attainments:—Statement of the Recommendations forwarded with the successful Candidates, specifying the Age of each Candidate, the College or School from which he was taken, the real Amount of his scientific attainments, as tested by the Masters of the Woolwich Academy on his first reception, and the cases in which the selection was grounded rather upon the proficiency of the Pupil in Greek and Latin, than on his knowledge of the Mathematical subjects especially required at the Academy:—And, Return of the proposed Scheme of the Examination next July in Woolwich Academy for Commissions; of the intended Entrance Examination for Thirty Candidates in the First Week of August; and of the Terms on which the Names of such Candidates with adequate scientific acquirements may be entered for admission on the special ground of Merit.

Emigration from China.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence with the Superintendent of British Trade in China upon the subject of Emigration from that Country (in continuation of Papers presented to the House of Commons by Command of Her Majesty, August 20th, 1853).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Order, dated Army the 1st day of March last, for a Return of the Total Number of Officers and Men in the Army who have been killed in the Crimean:—Like Return of the Wounded; of the Wounded who have since died; of those who have been invalided; of those who have recovered and returned to their Duty of those who have died from Sickness; of those who are invalided, up to the latest Date; distinguishing in each Return, Cavalry, Infantry, Artillery, Sappers and Miners, as well as Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men:—And, Return of the Total Number of Horses which have been killed; and Total Number which have died from other causes, up to the latest Date.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Deficiency Statement of the Amount of Deficiency Bills bearing the Interest on the 27th day of April 1853, and of the Amount received in respect of the New Loan of Sixteen millions, and lying unemployed at the same Date.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 23d day of this instant Assessments for the year ending March 31st, 1855.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Assessments (Metropolis.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Com. Public Works mand,—Copy of the Twenty-third Report from the (Ireland.) Board of Public Works, Ireland; with Appendices, 1854.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Quantities of Cheese imported into the several Ports of Great Britain in each Month of the year 1854, distinguishing the European, United States and Colonial Produce; and of all European Cheese, exclusive of British Cheese, exported from England in the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 921, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return setting forth the Rateable Value of the Property (exclusive of Railways) assessed within each of the Metropolitan Cities and Boroughs of London, Westminster, Marylebone, Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Lambeth and Greenwich, and in each of the other Parishes not within any City or Borough, but included in the Registrar General's Returns of the Total Number of Inhabitants in each of the several Ports of Great Britain in each Month of the year 1854, distinguishing the European, United States and Colonial Produce.
after the Prorogation of Parliament, disappropriated, and converted to a wholly different Organization, as yet not sanctioned by Parliament:—And, Account in detail of the Sum of £ 7,560, voted by this House for the Statute Law Commission, showing what has been expended, and the Balance now remaining in hand.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Troops, which was presented upon the 27th day of March last, be printed, as this instant April, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Act:—Passenger Ships:—Region Donum:—Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill:—Vide Twenty-Sixth:

Spirits Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill:—Stage ninth Report:

Carriages:—Criminal Justice Bill:—Decimal Coinage:—Dwellings-houses (Scotland) Bill:—Education (Scotland) Bill:—Friendly Societies Bill:—Intestacy (Scotland) Bill:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Metropolitan Local Management Bill:—Poor Law:—Sale of Beer Act (1644):—Schools (Scotland) Bill:—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill:—and War with Russia:—were presented, and read: and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill:—and Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill:—were also presented, and read: and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented:—Spirit of the instant April, for Copies of Reports on the Supply of Spirit of Wine, free from Duty, for use in the Arts and Manufactures, addressed to the Board of Inland Revenue in 1854 and 1855.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Loan Bill, take into consideration the Loan Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 9, by leaving out from the word "respectively" to the word "it" in l. 39.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill,

The House divided.

Yeas, 115. 
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: Mr. Fitzgerald Kelly.

Noes, 20.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Customs take into consideration the Customs Duties Bill, as Duties Bill, amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs Spirit Duties Committee on the Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Income Tax into a Committee on the Income Tax Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N° 1 (Additional rate of Income Tax to be charged from 5th April 1855).

Amendment made.

VoL. 110.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 to N° 4, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed Clauses, N° 4 and N° 5, disagreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 6, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 7, disagreed to.

Clauses added.

Clause (Actions or suits may be carried on in the names of the registered proprietors of newspapers or other periodical publications, on behalf of themselves and co-proprietors)——brought up, and read 1°.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time——put, and negatived.

Clause (Protection of copyright in original articles first published in newspapers)——brought up, and read 1°.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause (Every periodical publication that shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding Seven days between the two consecutive parts or numbers of such publication, and the superificies of which shall not exceed Three thousand five hundred inches of printed matter, shall be entitled to the said privileges of transmission and re-transmission by the post, if duly stamped with the appropriate die of One penny: Provided always, That such publication shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed in the third Clause of this Act)——brought up, and read 1°.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mouckton Milnes,] 86.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteside,] N° 260.

N°es, 86.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Martis, 1° die Maii, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill;

Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education reading of the Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill Registration was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Parliamentary Representation (Scotland) Parliamentary Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 10th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Fairs and Markets (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Public Libraries and Museums Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Public Library Committee, upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May, on the Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Militia further to amend the Laws relating to the Militia in (No. 2.)

England: And that Mr. Peel and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Sierra Leone.

Copies of all Orders, Papers, Minutes, Documents and Letters from the Appointment of Government Kennedy in 1852, down to his Removal from the Colony, relating to certain Charges preferred by Governor Kennedy against Mr. William NicollAthlin, late Colonial Surgeon in Sierra Leone, and to his Removal from Office, with the Correspondence which has passed (and the Memorials and Petitions which have been presented) on this subject, between the said Governor Kennedy and the Colonial Office, and the said William Nicoll Athlin, the Colonial Office, and the Lord President of the Privy Council.

Ordered,
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Administration of Justice in the Cinque Ports: And that Mr. Wilson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Cooper do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Peel presented a Bill further to amend the Laws relating to the Militia in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the better Administration of Justice in the Cinque Ports: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the several Acts imposing Duties of Excise, might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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PRAYERS.


Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had formed several Bills into a Group, and agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group No. 3 of Railway and Canal Bills: That, in order to allow the Committee to attend the Debate in the House To-morrow, they had adjourned until Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Fibre Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Newton-in-Mackfield Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Abingdon Railway (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Limerick and Castleconnell Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Londonderry Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Saclie reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway and Canal Bills: That in the case of the Cork and Youghal Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting a recital on the expediency of deferring the payment of £.10,000, reserved by the Act of last Session, until the year 1860; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Corry reported the River Lee Bill; that, in consequence of (Group L.) the early sitting of the House To-morrow, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday, the 3d day of May, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Wem and one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Wem and Bronygarth Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee on Saint George's Harbour Bill be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Ashton-under-the-Lyne Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Birmingham Canal Navigations Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Gas Bill, as amended in the Comm. Gas Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question thereon being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months;"

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The New River Company and Trustees of the New River River Lee Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Comm. Bill Committee of Selection.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Turnpike Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, in order to road Bills attending the sitting of the House To-morrow, they had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Leominster Group L. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, in the case of the Leominster and Ledbury Roads Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegations referring to the amount of Debt, and to payment of Interest; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Turnpike Group H. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, in order to road Bills attending the sitting of the House To-morrow, they had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Order for referring the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill to the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Select Committee on the Edinburgh Lands Bill was nominated of Sir William Mollesworth, Mr. Cowen, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Edward Ellice, Viscount Duncan and the Earl of Dalkeith; and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Memorandum on the subject of Polling Papers addressed by Viscount Ebrington to the Poor Law Board.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence relating to Mr. Enderby, the late Governor of the Auckland Islands, subsequent to the 14th day of March last, in continuation of the Correspondence on the same subject then ordered:—And, that the same be added to the Correspondence so ordered on the 14th day of March last.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Specification for Huts at Aldershott:—Of Contracts:—Of Advertisement:—Of Date of Paper in which the Advertisement was first inserted:—And, of Date of Time stipulated for completion of Contracts.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Commissions granted in the Army, with or without Purchase, since the commencement of the War; stating the Dates of their Commissions, any past Services, and any Staff Employments on which they may have served before.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Army Proceedings to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Promotions in the Army, with and without Purchase, made since the commencement of the War; stating the Names, previous Rank, Date of Promotions, and Time and Nature of Services in each case, and the Regiment from and to which the Promotion took place.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The Lords have agreed to the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Sum Total of all Monies paid or allotted for Salaries, Fees or Allowances to Draftsmen by the several Public Departments during the year 1855, the year 1854, and the first Three Months of the year 1855, for drafting or settling the Drafts of Parliamentary Bills; and in case the Draftsman of any such Bill was or is a Member of or employed under any Statute Law or Criminal Law Commission, the Name of such Draftsman, and the Amount received by him.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Labouchere reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group D. of Private Bills; That, upon the application of the Parties opposing the Bills in that Group, they had adjourned until Monday 21st May, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Brougham:—Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Water Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Improvement Commission and Municipal Corporation Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Milicia (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to Price's Patent Candle Company Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And then the Messenger withdrew.
The Loan Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for raising the Sum of Sixteen millions by way of Annuities. Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Acts. No. 110.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts,—33. Borrow Harbour, in the County of Down; 34. Great Western and Breconford Railway. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Subdivision of Parishes.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed "to inquire into the practicability and mode of subdividing into distinct and independent Parishes, for all ecclesiastical purposes, all the densely-peopled Parishes in England and Wales," in such manner that the Population of each, except in particular cases at Our discretion, shall not exceed Four thousand souls. Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of January last, for a Return of the Stores sent to the East from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; with the Totals of each, the Dates when sent, and when arrived in the East. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Foreign Officers.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of December last, for a Return of the Sum of Money paid in each year since 1843 as Half-pay and reduced Allowances to Officers of disbanded Foreign Corps, as Pensions to Wounded Foreign Officers, and as Allowances to the Widows and Children of deceased Foreign officers; specifying, in each year of such Return, the Number of such Foreign Officers to whom such Half-pay has been allowed.

Return to an Order, dated the 23d day of December last, for Returns of all Officers under the Rank of Field Officers now upon Half-pay, who are willing to serve, and the Number who are fit for Full-pay for Active Service.—And, of the Number and Rank of all such Officers who have supplied to be placed on Full-pay for Active Service.

Staff Officers. (Crimes.)

Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of February last, for a Return of the Names of all Officers serving as Staff in the Crimean, with the Dates of their Appointments to the Staff; distinguishing such as have obtained Certificates at the Senior Department of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Trade and Manufactures (Scotland.)

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of February last, for a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the Board for the Encouragement of Trade and Manufactures in Scotland, for the years 1843 to 1854, both inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 176, of Session 1844).

Public Offices.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return of the Subjects of Examination to which Persons are subjected who are nominated to Clerksips in the Treasury, the Customs, the Excise, the Post Office, the Admiralty, the Board of Control, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Offices, the Paymaster General's Office, the Office of Works, the Office of Woods, the Audit Office, the Registrar General's Office, the Ordnance Office, the War Office, the Poor Law Board, the Board of Trade, the Exchequer, the Privy Council Office, the National Debt Office, the Stationery Office, the Chief Secretary's Office (Ireland), the Paymaster of Civil Service (Ireland), the Poor Law Board (Ireland); stating the Mode and Length of Notice that such Examination will be required, that is given to each Candidate.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Exchequer, an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of all Monies received during the year ending the 31st day of March 1855, to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer at the Bank of England and of Ireland, under the respective heads of Public Revenue; the Amount of all Royal Orders and Treasury Warrants received, and of the Transfers made by the Comptroller General of the Exchequer, the Payments by the Bank of England, and the Balances remaining to the Account of the Exchequer at each Bank on the 31st March 1855.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Stage Carriage Ranges, which was presented upon the 30th day of March last, be printed. No. 203.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army Army (Crimea), which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed. No. 204.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Deficiency Deficiency Bills, which was presented upon the 30th day of Bills April last, be printed. No. 205.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Revenue Revenue and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed. No. 206.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Savings Banks (altered form of Classification), which was Banks presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed. No. 207.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Savings Banks (aggregate Amounts), which was presented Banks upon the 30th day of April last, be printed. No. 208.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Militia, Militia, which was presented upon the 30th day of April No. 209. last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Criminal Criminal and Statute Law Commissions, which was presented Statute Law upon the 30th day of April last, be printed. No. 210.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Church Church Rates, Maynooth College Act, and Numeraries:—Numeraries:—

Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Act, Vide Third Act.—S. Ireland) Act Amendment Bill;—S. Ireland) Act Amendment Bill;—4th Report of the Committee, for the purpose of considering the Acts of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee, for the purpose of considering the Acts for the Endowment of the College of Maynooth, with a view to the withdrawal of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, due regard being had to vested rights or interests: An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "considering" the word "ing" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "all grants or endowments for ecclesiastical purposes, whether charged on the Consolidated Fund or annually voted by Parliament, with a view to their withdrawal, due regard being had to vested rights or interests," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning; 

**Mercurii, 27 die Maii, 1855.**

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday the 6th day of June next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate the Income of such one of the Canons of the Cathedral Church of Carlisle as shall next fall vacant to the Augmentation of certain Ecclesiastical Incumbencies in that City: And that Mr. Pergason, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Charles Howard do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Infants, with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage: And that Mr. Melius and Mr. Whiteide do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Expenses of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with regard to his Lordship’s Mission to Vienna, and Conference with the other Missions of France, Austria and the Sublime Porte, there assembled for Negotiation and Treaty with Russia for the Restoration of Peace:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of all Agreements for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge agreed to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropriatees, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—Of all Awards for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge agreed to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropriatees, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—And, of all Apportionments of Rent-charges which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 121, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Agreements for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge agreed to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropriatees, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—Of all Awards for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge agreed to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropriatees, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—And, of all Apportionments of Rent-charges which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 121, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Benches, &c.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Benefices, Rectories or Vicarages which have been united since the 20th day of April, 1854, under the Act 13 & 14 Vict. c. 9, s. 7; stating the Names of the united Benefices, with the Names of Incumbent or incumbents, the Amount of the Population, and the yearly Value of each, and the Distance that the Churches of each of the united Benefices are from each other; with the County and Diocese in which each is situated (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 771, of Session 1855).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Customs Duties Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Cinque Ports reading of the Cinque Ports Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Excise Acts. into a Committee on the Excise Acts.

In the Committee.

1. Resolved, That, for and upon every hundredweight, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity than a hundredweight, of all Sugar which, after the 19th day of April 1855, shall be used by any Brewer of Beer for sale in the brewing or making of Beer:—

And so in proportion, more or less, according to the rates of the Duty of Excise on Malt, and of the Duty of Customs on Sugar respectively from time to time payable, so that the aggregate of the Duties of Excise and Customs on Sugar used in brewing may be at all times an equivalent for the Duty of Excise on the Malt for which such Sugar is substitut ed:—

In lieu of the Duty of Excise chargeable on such Sugar, under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, c. 36, but over and above all other Duties, whether of Excise or Customs.

2. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Excise on Sugar made in the United Kingdom now payable, there shall be charged, raised, levied, collected and paid unto and for the use of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, from and after the 19th day of April 1855, on Sugar made in the United Kingdom, the several Sums of Money and Duties of Excise hereinafter inserted, described and set forth; that is to say,

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3. Resolved,
Resolved, That for and in respect of all Sugar and Molasses actually received and used after the 19th day of April 1855, in the brewing or making of Worts or Wash brewed or made from Sugar only, or from Molasses only, or from any mixture of these materials or Treacle, or Malt or Grain, and distilled into Spirits by any distiller in England, Scotland or Ireland, there shall be allowed and paid an allowance after the rate of 3s. 3d. for every 112 pounds of Sugar so used, and after the rate of 4s. 3d. for every 112 pounds of Molasses so used; and so in proportion, more or less, according to the rates of the Duty of Customs on Sugar and Molasses respectively, and of the Duty of Excise on Malt from time to time payable, in lieu of the allowances in respect of such Sugar and Molasses respectively contained in Schedule D, annexed to the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 27.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cooper reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next day.

Mr. Ferguson presented a Bill to appropriate the Income of such one of the Canonries of the Cathedral Church of Carlisle as shall next fall vacant to the Augmentation of certain Ecclesiastical Incumbrances in that City: And the same was read the third time.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Sligo Gas (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May.

A Petition of Richard Head Wood, of Sligo, Surgeon; George Leech, of Sligo, aforesaid, Ironmonger; Moses Monds, of Sligo, aforesaid, Merchant; James Harper, of Sligo, aforesaid, Steam Packet Agent; and Henry Lyons, of Sligo, aforesaid, Merchant and Alderman; praying that Provision may be made in the Sligo Gas Bill for increasing the Capital of the Sligo Gas-Light Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving before the said Committee the consent of the several Parties through whose land the proposed deviation is intended to be carried; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

3. That in the case of the Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway, Pier and Telegraph, Petition of Michael Phillips Gazebrook, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for (improvement to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Limerick and Foyles Limerick and Foyles Railway, Petition of Sir Matthew Barrington, for for dispensing with Standing Order 131, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Oxford, Worcester Oxford, and Waterhampton Railway (Improvements and Branches), Petition of Michael Phillips Gazebrook, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, and for (improvement to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 30th day of April last, and had directed him to make a Report hereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Inverary and Old Meldrum Railway Bill was Inverary and Old Meldrum Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherhood do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Surfiton Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Conway Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Folkestone Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gloucester Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Plymouth Great Western Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Lords have agreed to the South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling Leases to be made of the Freehold Estates Bill, of the late Matthew Hill, Esquire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And then the Messenger withdrew.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Act:—Petitions. Sunday Trading (Metropolitan) Bill:—Miners.—Spirit Vapour Thieves Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill:—Spirits Act (and Report Amendment (Ireland) Bill:—Education of Pauper Children Bill, Education (No. 2) Bill, and Free Schools Bill. Education (Scotland) Bill:—Free Schools Bill:—Free Schools Bill, and Education (No. 2) Bill:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Pett sessions Clerks (Ireland):—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill:—Sale of Beer Act (1854):—and, Schools (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Public Health Bill;—and, Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bills.

A Petition of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company, the North Eastern Railway Company, the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill, Company, and the Middlesbrough and Guisborough Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Act (1854), to traffic to and from the South Stockton Station, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to the Army, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed. No. 211.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Stores for the East, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Officers, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Staff Officers (Crimea), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Offices, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Exchequer, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mines (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of this instant May.

The Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 14th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—A Return of the Expenditure on the Relief of the Poor in each Union in Ireland for the year ended 29th September 1854, and of the Total Number of Persons relieved in and out of the Workhouse in each Union during the same Period.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the Select Committee of the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Bill was read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Duncan do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Oldham Gas and Water Bill was read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brocketton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Kingston-upon- Thames Improvement Bill, as upon-Thames amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken on the London and North Western Railway (Shrewsbury to Newtown) Bill, and the Montgomeryshire Railway Bill, in Session 1853, to Newtown, and Mont- gomeryshire Railway Bill (1853).

Hill's Estate Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

M. FitzRoy reported the Dundalk and Blackrock Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Banff, Macduff and Turriff Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Manchester Improvement Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Ipstones Mineral Branch Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Ipponses Mineral Branch Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the Select Committee on the Army before the Committee on the Approximates and General matters to them referred, and that they had examined several other Witnesses on the subject of the Matters to them referred, and had agreed to report the Minutes of Evidence so taken before them to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Maryport and Carlisle Railway Bill was read Maryport the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brocketton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Metropolis Local Management Bill.

The House being informed, that the Sheriffs of the City of London attended at the door, they were called in; and at the Bar presented,—A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.—And the said Petition, praying that proper Clauses may be inserted in the Metropolis Local Management Bill, for the protection of the rights and interests of the Public and the Petitioners; and that the said Bill may not pass into a law as it now stands, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to incorporate the Royal Medical Benevolent College, and for other purposes:—And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Commercial Road Bill.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike Road Bills; That in the case of the Commercial Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill.

Mr. Miles reported the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Infants Marriage Bill. Bill 104.

Mr. Matias presented a Bill to enable Infants, with the Approbation of the Court of Chancery, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Poor Relief (Ireland.) No. 210.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant May, be printed.

Poor Law (North Dublin Union.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken, and of the Poor Law Commissioners (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2d day of April 1854; and, of the Return relative to Poor Relief (Metropolis.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Ninth Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Wines.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Wines in Bond on the 5th day of April last; distinguishing the Sorts, and from whence imported, as far as the same can be obtained.

Army Commissions.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the full Amount that would be required to pay the Regulation Price for the Commission of every Officer who has died in Active Service during the present War.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Margate Pier of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill;—Marriages (Scotland) Bill;—Petitions.

Maynooth College Act;—Religious Opinions;—Vide Thirty-Roman Catholic Chaplains (Army);—Sunday Trading Bills;—(Metropolis) Bill;—Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill;—Accommodation Bills;—Criminal Justice Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—District Schools Acts;
Acts :—Education Bill ;—Education (Scotland) Bill ;—Free Schools Bill ;—Friendly Societies Bill ;—Grain ;—Intoxicating Liquors ;—Metropolis Local Management Bill ;—Poor Law ;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act ;—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill ;—Sale of Beer Act (1854), and Intoxicating Liquors ;—Schools (Scotland) Bill ;—and, Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill, were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Public Health Bill, was also presented, and read ; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill ;
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;—
And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House ;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Committee of the whole House," and inserting the words "Select Committee" instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question ;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Land and Assessed Taxes Division Bill ;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time ;—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left ;
Tellers for the [Mr. Freere, Yeas 35. 
Mr. Spooner ;] Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas 125. 
Mr. Grenville Berkeley ;] So it passed in the Negative.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Intestacy (Scotland) Bill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill ;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;—
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question ;—And a Debate arising thereupon ;—
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Procedure) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Stamp Duties) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Dissenters’ Marriages Bill was, according to Dissenters’ Order, read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs Duties Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Income Tax Bill was, according to Order, Income Tax read the third time.
A Clause (All relief, abatement and deduction, to be proportionate to the increased rate of Duty granted by this Act), was thrice read ; and added to the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Cinque Ports Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Excise Acts. Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee on the Excise Acts, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That for and upon every hundredweight, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity than a hundredweight, of all Sugar which, after the 19th day of April 1855, shall be used by any Brewer of Beer for sale in the brewing or making of Beer

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And so in proportion, more or less, according to the rates of the Duty of Excise on Malt, and of the Duty of Customs on Sugar respectively from time to time payable, so that the aggregate of the Duties of Excise and Customs on Sugar used in brewing may be at all times equivalent for the Duty of Excise on the Malt for which such Sugar is substituted;

In lieu of the Duty of Excise chargeable on such Sugar, under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, c. 50, but over and above all other Duties, whether of Excise or Customs.

2. That, in lieu of the Duties of Excise on Sugar made in the United Kingdom now payable, there shall be charged, raised, levied, collected and paid unto and for the use of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, from and after the 19th day of April 1855, on Sugar made in the United Kingdom, the several Sums of Money and Duties of Excise hereinafter inserted, described and set forth; that is to say,

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3. That, for and in respect of all Sugar and Molasses actually received and used after the 19th day of April 1855, in the brewing or making of Worts or Wach brevœ or wine from Sugar only, or from Molasses only, or from any mixture of these materials and Trecule, or Malt or Grain, and distilled into Spirits by any distiller in England, Scotland or Ireland, there shall be allowed and paid an allowance for the rate of 4s. 3d. for every 112 pounds of Sugar so used, and after the rate of 4s. 3d. for every 112 pounds of Molasses so used; and so in proportion, more or less, according to the rates of the Duty of Customs on Sugar and Molasses respectively, and of the Duty of Excise on Malt from time to time payable, in lieu of the allowances in respect of such Sugar and Molasses respectively contained in Schedule D. annexed to the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 27.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Education Bill adjourned on the Amendment which, upon (No. 2) Bill, the 20th of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Free Schools reading of the Free Schools Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for resuming, this day, the adjoining Testamentary Bill on the Amendment which, upon the 26th Jurisdiction day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 11th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Militia Lords to the Militia (Ireland) Bill be taken into (Ireland) Bill consideration this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Metropolitan Copies of any Reports or Papers by a Committee of Buildings Professional Persons appointed to revise the Metropolitan Building Acts by the Earl of Carlisle, when First Commissioner of Works and Buildings, in 1848 and 1849.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Weights and for legalizing and preserving the restored Standard Weights and Measures: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Veneris, 4° Maii :**

Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Ayr Harbour the Ayr Harbour Bill; That they had exam.ined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting words stating that the recited Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 79, should continue in force for the space of twenty-one years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of Parliament, and by introducing recitals stating the Powers given by the said recited Act for keeping up the said harbour, and making new works therein, and also for borrowing the sum of Ten thousand Pounds for the above purposes, and also stating the necessity of further sums being raised for the same purposes; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had exami.ined the Petitions referred to the 1st and 2d days of this instant May; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith on the Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Wolverhampton Water Bill and Wolverhampton Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Wolverhampton Water Bill, and the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Bill, that they have Power to consolidate the said Bills into one Bill, if they think fit.

Prior's Patent Candle Company Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to Prior's Patent Candle Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ashton-under-Lyne Gas and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Ashton-under-Lyne Gas and Water Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to Ashton-under-Lyne Water Bill.

Ashton-under-Lyne Water Bill.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Water Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Kilmarnock Gas Bill.

The Kilmarnock Gas Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to incorporate "The Kilmarnock Gas-Light Company," established to supply with Gas the Town of Kilmarnock, and the Parishes of Kilmarnock and Riccarton, and Places therein, all in the County of Ayr.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Regent's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill.

The Regent's Canal (Hertford Union Canal) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill.

The Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Keble Bridge Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Keble Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Wales Railway (Consolidation) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Wales Railway (Consolidation) Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Waterford and Limerick Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Waterford and Limerick Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway (No. 2) Bill.

The Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill.

The Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Metropolis Return of the Number of Inhabited Houses in each of the Parishes within the Registrar General's Metropolis District, and of the Rateable Value of the Houses according to the Property Tax Assessment, together with the Rateable Value of each Parish, converted into the Number of Houses, at the Average Value, 1st, of Single Parishes, and 2d, of Parishes in Poor Law Unions, distinguishing the relative position of each Parish or District according to Number, and the Number of Representatives that should be given at the Metropolitan Board, estimating two for every Parish or District where the Aggregate Number shall exceed 20,000, and one for each of the remainder, and in Unions giving, as regards the Local Boards, the following Numbers, viz.

Where the aggregate is - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5,000 27 Members.

Ditto - 5,000 and under 10,000 20

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Ditto 15,000 and under 20,000 27

Ditto 20,000 and above 64

And, an amended Schedule to the Metropolis Local Management Bill, having on the preceding Return.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hindley reported the Newport Gas Bill, with Newport Gas Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hindley reported from the Committee on Phoenix, South Metropolitan, London and Surrey Gas Companies Bill had stated to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with Bills.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Mr. Sparke laid upon the Table,—Report from one Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

An Order for the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Mr. Henry Baille reported the Dundaik and Enniskillen Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Carver reported from the Committee on Group (3) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Steam Boats) Bill, and the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Consolidation Bill), the Committee had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 23d May, considered the Question of the proposed consolidation of the said two Bills into one Bill; and, inasmuch as the object of one of the Bills is to consolidate and include in one Act all the Powers and Provisions of the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company's Acts, it appeared to the Committee that it would be more convenient that the Powers sought by the other Bill for the construction and completion of two short Branches (the Power originally sought by that Bill to provide Steam-boats not having received the sanction of the Committee, should be embodied in the Bill for the consolidation of the Company's Acts that would, in the first instance, subject the sign of a separate Bill, and that the Committee had accordingly consolidated the said two Bills, and be printed.
two Bills into one Bill; and that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the said consolidated Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lyne Regis Roads Bill. Colonel Penman reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike Road Bills; That in the case of the Lyne Regis Roads Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to go on through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group O.) Mr. Miles reported from the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills; That Mr. Esmond, one of the Selected Members, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Esmond do attend the said Committee upon Monday next.

Aberdare Valley Railway Bill. Colonel Boldere reported from the Committee on Group 1. of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Aberdare Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Railway and Canal Bills (Group 2.) Colonel Boldere reported from the Committee on Group No. 2 of Railway and Canal Bills; That, in consequence of the application of the Promoters of the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Bill, the Committee had adjourned to Tuesday the 8th day of May, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Swansea Docks Bill. Mr. Corwall reported from the Committee on Group 1. of Turnpike Roads Bill; That in the case of the Swansea Docks Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders. Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Fees (Clerks of Assize, &c.) Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Criminals who have been committed in England and Wales for each year from 1851 to 1854, both inclusive; and stating the Total Gallons of each different kind of Spirits, the Total of British and Colonial Spirits on which Duty has been paid for Home Consumption; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

East India Company’s Stock. Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Port Wine Adulteration (Jerupiga.) Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of any Despatches from Her Majesty’s Minister at Lisbon, or Her Majesty’s Consul General or Consuls in Portugal, between the years 1848 and 1853, recommending the prohibition or discouragement of the Importation of a Compound called Jerupiga, made with Elderberries, Brown Sugar, Grape Juice and Brandy, and used for the Adulteration of Port Wine:—Copies of any Correspondence between Her Majesty’s Lords of the Treasury and the Commissioners of Customs, within the same Period, relative to the refusal of the latter to permit Jerupiga to be entered as Wine and mixed with Port Wine in bond:—And, of any Minute or Instructions issued by the Lords of Her Majesty’s Treasury and the Commissioners of Customs, within the same Period, authorizing the mixing of Jerupiga with Port Wine in bond, under the Superintendence of the Officers of Customs, in the same proportion as Brandy, viz. Thirty-three Gallons of the Compound to One hundred Gallons of pure Port Wine.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Logwood Return of the Number of Tons of Logwood exported from Great Britain to Oporto in the years 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Cambridge to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased University. to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of recent Communications from the Royal Commissioners appointed in 1850, to inquire into the State, Discipline, Studies and Revenues of the University and Colleges of Cambridge, addressed to the First Lord of the Treasury and the Lord Chancellor, respecting the Scheme of Government for the University of Cambridge.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Logwood Return of the Number of Tons of Logwood exported from Great Britain to Oporto in the years 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of April last, that the Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time ; and the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning ;

Sabbati, 5 die Maii, 1855 ;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Serjeant Slees, Yeas, [Mr. Pollard-Urmaker :]

163.

Tellers for the [Mr. Grogan, Nos, [Mr. Vance :]

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time :—The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of January last, that the Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time ;

And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning ;

Sabbati, 5 die Maii, 1855 ;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question ;

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time :—The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Preamble postponed.

Clause, 1st (Duties of Customs on Tea, Coffee, Sugar, &c.) Amendments made.

Proposed, That the Duty for the following Twelve months after such 5th day of April, on Yellow, Muscovado and Brown Clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered equal in quality to Yellow, Muscovado or Brown Clayed, and not equal to White Clayed, the hundredweight be 12s. 9d.

Afterwards proposed, That the Duty be 12s. 3d.

Question put, That the Duty be 12s. 9d.;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley :]

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Tellers for the [Mr. Blackburn, Nos, [Mr. Muffatt :]

48.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 and N° 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 4, agreed to.

Clause added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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Ordered, That Mr. Miles be discharged from Criminal further attention on the Select Committee on the Justice Bill, Criminal Justice Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Edmund Denison be added to the Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Duties payable, under Colonial Enactments, on Goods imported into and exported from the British Colonies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 886, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of all Persons appointed Physicians, Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Acting Assistant Surgeons, Dressers or other Medical Officers to the Army or Navy, or to the Hospitals at Scutari, Smyrna or elsewhere, for Sick or Disabled Soldiers or Sailors, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the present time, stating the Nature of the Degrees, Diplomas, or Licenses held by them as Qualifications, and the Colleges from which they have been obtained:—And, of any Communications made from the Army Medical Department to Public Medical Bodies within the United Kingdom, or other Individuals, inviting Candidates for Medical Appointments in the Army, Civil Hospitals in the East, or in the Turkish Contingent.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Kinnaird presented a Bill for securing the Religious Liberty of Religious Worship: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for legalizing and preserving the restored Standards of Weights and Measures: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till this day.

Sabbati, 5. die Maii:
Anno 18° Victoriae Regnum, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A MESSAGE by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher Royal Assent of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act for raising the Sum of Sixteen millions by Loan Bill.

An
An Act to transfer to the Corporation of the Town of Brighton the Property, Powers, Privileges and Liabilities of the Brighton Improvement Commissioners.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Wednesday one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, of the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from North Yorkshire one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Railway Bill.

Ordered in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee Standing on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Bradford Corporation Bradford Water Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that proof be given before the Committee on the Bill that the several requirements of the 10 & 11 Vic. c. 34, have been complied with in respect of this Bill; that the Committee on the Bill report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Wes and Bromsgworth Wes and Bromsgworth Roads Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, on proving before the said Committee that Notices have been given to all the Owners, Lessees and Occupiers of the land through which the proposed new lines of road are to pass, and also to the several Owners, Lessees and Occupiers of land on the line of road proposed to be abandoned.

3. That in the case of the Sligo Gas Petition for Sligo Gas Bill additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.


Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; that the Parties promoting the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire and Great Western Railways Bill have been directed to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the General Committee Railway and Canal Bills; That they had added Canal Bills to the Group No. 7, the Grand Surrey Canal Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; No. 224, and be printed.

Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Birkenhead, Group 4 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the Parties promoting the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire and Great Western Railways Bill had been directed to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Group No. 4 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Greville, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Greville do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Colonel Penman reported the Kingston-upon-Hull, Hessle and Ferriby Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glossop Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with Amendments, agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Rich do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships, with Amendments; whereunto this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Birmingham Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Cornwall Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Improvements Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Baines, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned; that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Plymouth Great Western Docks Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Saint George's Harbour Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to Saint George's Harbour Act Amendment Bill.

The Saint George's Harbour Act Amendment Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
referred to the Committee on Group 5 of Railway and Canal Bills, to which the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Bill stands referred.

Mr. Brotherston presented a Bill to amend the Bradford Corporation Waterworks Act, 1854: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Book of Common Prayer;—Irecoa Collegiate Church Act (1853);—Church Rates;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Public-houses Bills;—Conveyance of Exchange Bill, and Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—County Rates (Ireland);—Customs Duties Bill;—Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill;—Affirmations (Scotland) Bill;—Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Juries and Juries (Ireland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—and, Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following to the Criminal Justice Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—and, Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committees on the Bills.

Post-office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Gross and Net Post-office Revenue, including the Income derived from Foreign and Colonial Postage, and the Cost of Management, for the Financial year 1854-55:—Of the Charges of Management, under different Heads, for the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55:—Of the Payments made by the Post-office for the Conveyance of Mails by Railway within the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55, distinguishing, in each instance, Payments for Work done in previous years:—Of Payments out of Post-office Revenue, other than Charges of Management:—Of the Expense of the Money Order Office, and Amount received for Commission, during the year 1854-55:—And, of the Amount paid by each of the Public Departments under the Head of Postage, for the year 1854-55.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Plans, Tenders, Specifications and Conditions, as approved of by the Board of Works in Ireland, previous to the Commencement of the Erection of the following District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland; namely, Cork, Kilkenway, Killarney, Omagh, Sligo, Mullingar, and additions to Belfast, Clonmel and Ballinasloe:—And, Return of the Names of each Contractor, with Amount of his Contract; and Date of Certificate of Completion, and the opening of each District Lunatic Asylum for the reception of Patients.

Militia.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates present with their respective Regiments of Militia in England on the 20th day of April last; specifying the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates absent on that day from their respective Regiments with leave.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for an Account showing the actual Deficiencies on Home-made Spirits, delivered from Warehouse in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, from the 10th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854, and the proportion upon which an Abatement of Duty was made under the 25th section of the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 37; distinguishing Allowances for Accidents and for natural Evaporation.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of April last, for a Return of the Names and Addresses of all Persons who have petitioned the Lord Chancellor to extend the time for Sealing Letters Patent, or Filing Specifications, under the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 115; stating whether no Order, or any, and what Order, was made in each case.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for Returns of the Sum or Sums which have been paid in Liquidation of the Carnatic Debts:—Of the Sum or Sums now remaining due on account of those Debts:—And, of the Sum annually appropriated from the Revenues of the Carnatic in Liquidation of those Debts.

Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this in-polling session, for a Return of all those Debts:—And of the Sum annually appropriated from the Revenues of the Carnatic in Liquidation of those Debts.

Petitions relating to the Criminal Justice Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—and, Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and or- dered to lie upon the Table.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Gross and Net Post-office Revenue, including the Income derived from Foreign and Colonial Postage, and the Cost of Management, for the Financial year 1854-55:—Of the Charges of Management, under different Heads, for the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55:—Of the Payments made by the Post-office for the Conveyance of Mails by Railway within the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55, distinguishing, in each instance, Payments for Work done in previous years:—Of Payments out of Post-office Revenue, other than Charges of Management:—Of the Expense of the Money Order Office, and Amount received for Commission, during the year 1854-55:—And, of the Amount paid by each of the Public Departments under the Head of Postage, for the year 1854-55.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Plans, Tenders, Specifications and Conditions, as approved of by the Board of Works in Ireland, previous to the Commencement of the Erection of the following District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland; namely, Cork, Kilkenway, Killarney, Omagh, Sligo, Mullingar, and additions to Belfast, Clonmel and Ballinasloe:—And, Return of the Names of each Contractor, with Amount of his Contract; and Date of Certificate of Completion, and the opening of each District Lunatic Asylum for the reception of Patients.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates present with their respective Regiments of Militia in England on the 20th day of April last; specifying the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates absent on that day from their respective Regiments with leave.

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Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this in-polling session, for a Return of all those Debts:—And of the Sum annually appropriated from the Revenues of the Carnatic in Liquidation of those Debts.

Petitions relating to the Criminal Justice Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—and, Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Loan Societies, an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales, to the 31st December 1854; by John Field Pratt, Esquire, the Barrister appointed to certify the Rules of Savings Banks.


Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Lords, dated the 1st day of this instant session, May, for Returns of all Agreements for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge awarded to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropria tors, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—Of all Awards for the Commutation of Tithes which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners in the several Counties of England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855; specifying in each case the Amount of Rent-charge awarded to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and showing whether the same be payable to Appropria tors, Impropriators or Clerical Incumbents:—And, of all Appointments of Rent-charges which have been confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 121, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill;—And, a Motion being made, and the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and,
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £35,941, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Law Charges, and the Salaries, Allowances and Incidental Expenses in the Office of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty’s Treasury, including Proceedings relating to Coin; also the Salary and Allowance of Counsel for advising the Treasury on matters relating to the Slave Trade, to the 31st day of March 1856.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £350,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, formerly paid out of the Salaries of the Lord Advocate and of the Solicitor General, Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,100, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Chancery, to the 31st day of March 1856.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,050, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Queen’s Bench, to the 31st day of March 1856.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses incurred by Sheriffs, and the Deficiency of the Fees in the Office of the Queen’s Remembrancer in Exchequer Scotland.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar of the High Court of Chancery, to the 31st day of March 1856.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,415, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of the Insolvent Debtors’ Court, to the 31st day of March 1856.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £13,850, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Treasurers of County Courts, to the 31st day of March 1856.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £23,254, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1856.

10. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £101,218, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, to the 31st day of March 1856.

11. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen’s Prison, to the 31st day of March 1856.

12. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,342, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries of the Lord Advocate and of the Solicitor General, Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

13. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £7,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions carried on under the authority of the Lord Advocate, to the 31st day of March 1856.

14. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £7,198, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Justiciary in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

15. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,593, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Legal Branch of the Office of Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer in Exchequer Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

16. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £57,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of Sheriffs and Stewards, including Procurators Fiscal not paid by Salaries, and the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions in Sheriff Courts in Scotland.

17. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £11,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of such of the Procurators Fiscal in Scotland as are no longer paid by Fees, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,318, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of such of the Sheriffs’ Clerks, Scotland, as are not chargeable on the Revenues of Customs and Excise, to the 31st day of March 1856.

19. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,550, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Salary of the Solicitor of the Crown, and Expenses in matters of Sheriffs, and the Expenses of the Agent of the Great Officers of State in maintaining Rights of the Crown in Civil Actions, &c. in Scotland.

20. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £11,166, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the several Offices in Her Majesty’s General Register House, Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,119, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £51,720, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Crown Office, Queen’s Bench, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,294, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, formerly charged on the Consolidated Fund, to the 31st day of March 1856.

24. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,338, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Queen’s Bench in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,311, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk to the Taxing Officers for the Three Law Courts, Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,322, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Registrars to the Judges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray certain Salaries in the Office for the Registration of Judgments in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

30. Resolved,
30. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Fees to Advocates appointed to act as Commissioners of the High Court of Delegates in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

31. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,346, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Insolvent Debtors' Court in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

32. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 367, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk to the Court of Errors in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Police Justices of Dublin Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1856.

34. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 31,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Metropolitan Police of Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

35. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 658,511, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Constabulary Force in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

36. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,942, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Four Courts, Marshalsea Prison, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

37. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,829, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Session in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

38. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 15,770, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of Inspection and General Superintendence over all the Prisons of the United Kingdom.

39. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 375,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of the Government Prisons and Convict Establishments at Home.

40. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 106,174, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of the Maintenance of Prisoners in County Gaols, Reformatory Institutions and Lunatic Asylums, including Removal of Condemned Prisoners.

41. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 59,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses connected with the Government of Convicts.

42. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 297,021, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of the Convict Establishments in the Colonies.

43. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,050, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Civil Establishment of the Bermudas, to the 31st day of March 1856.

44. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,397, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Ecclesiastical Establishment of the British North American Provinces, to the 31st day of March 1856.

45. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,010, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Indian Department in Canada, to the 31st day of March 1856.

46. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 24,728, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries of the Governors, Lieutenant Governors and others, in the West Indies, and certain other Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1856.

47. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 24,790, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries, Allowances and Contingencies of the Diplomatic Justices in the West India Colonies and the Mauritius, to the 31st day of March 1856.

48. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,630, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Civil Establishments on the Western Coast of Africa, to the 31st day of March 1856.

49. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 11,057, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Charges connected with the Island of Saint Helena, to the 31st day of March 1856.

50. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 976, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of Heiligenstadt, to the 31st day of March 1856.

51. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,807, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Falkland Islands, to the 31st day of March 1856.

52. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,890, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of Hong Kong, to the 31st day of March 1856.

53. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 16,790, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Colonial Land and Emigration Board, and of the Emigration Officers at the different Ports of this Kingdom, also to defray certain Expenses in the Colonies connected with Emigration, to the 31st day of March 1856.

54. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Balance due to the Province of Canada, in respect to the Relief of Sick and Destitute Emigrants from the United Kingdom, in the year 1847.

55. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, Expenses incurred for the Support of Captured Negroes and Liberated Africans, and other Charges under the Acts for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

56. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 11,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Salaries and Expenses of the Colonial Land and Emigration Board, and of the Emigration Officers at the different Ports of this Kingdom, also to defray certain Expenses in the Colonies connected with Emigration, to the 31st day of March 1856.

57. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,699, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, to the 31st day of March 1856.

58. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Extraordinary Disbursements of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, to the 31st day of March 1856.

59. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 138,692, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Supernumerary Allowances, and Compensation to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service, to the 31st day of March 1856.

60. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to grant Relief, to the 31st day of March 1856, to Toulouse andCorsican Emigrants, Saint Domingo Sufferers, American Loyalists, and others who have heretofore received Allowances from Her Majesty.

61. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the National Vaccine Establishment, in the year 1855.


63. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,200, be granted to Her Majesty, for Payment of the Subsistence of the Polish Refugees, and Allowances to distressed Spaniards, to the 31st day of March 1856.

64. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,371, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, Miscellaneous Allowances formerly defrayed from the Civil List, the Hereditary Revenues, &c., and for which no permanent Provision has been made by Parliament.

Resolutions to be reported.
The Chairman of the Committee of Supply having left the Chair, the Clerk at the Table acquainted the House, That he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker, which he read to the House, as followeth:

**House of Commons, Monday Evening, May 7.**

Sir,

I regret exceedingly, after the kind indulgence of the House in permitting me to leave the Chair this evening at an earlier hour than I could possibly have anticipated, that I am obliged most reluctantly to inform them of my unavoidable absence from the House during the remainder of the night, owing to my indisposition. I repeat that it is with sincere concern that I request you to make this announcement to the House.

I am, Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

C. S. Lefevre.

Clerk of the House of Commons.

Whereupon Viscount Palmerston, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 4th of August 1863, relative to the Office of Speaker, might be read; and the Question being put by the Clerk, and agreed to, the said Resolution was read by him, as followeth:

Resolved, That whenever the House shall be informed of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means do take the Chair for that day only;

And, in the event of Mr. Speaker's absence continuing for more than one day, do, if the House shall think fit, and shall so order it, take the Chair in like manner, on any subsequent day during such absence.

Whereupon Mr. FitzRoy, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, took the Chair.

**Ways and Means.**

Mr. Bowrie reported from the Committee of Supply, That they had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Mr. Bowrie also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may sit till Friday next; and, in the event of Mr. Speaker's absence continuing for more than one day, do, if the House shall think fit, and shall so order it, take the Chair in like manner, on any subsequent day during such absence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Bowrie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Whereupon Mr. Bouverie, the Chairman of the Committee of Supply, read the third time.

The Intestacy (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Viscount Duncan do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Intestacy (Scotland) Bill was, according to Intestacy Act Amendment Bill, as amended, be printed. Ordered, That Mr. Dunlop do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, Metropolitan Copies of Reports of Surveyors of Metropolitan Sewers. Commissioners of Sewers, made in conformity with the instructions of the General Committee of the Commissioners on the 11th day of February 1851, as to the difficulties experienced by the Surveyors in executing improved Works of House Drainage, and also of Water Supply and House Drainage combined.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Commissioners of Sewers to expend the Sums borrowed by them on the Security of the Rates, and also to give to the said Commissioners certain other Powers for the same purpose: And that Viscount Ebrington and Mr. Montagu Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next.
Person to whom granted, the Regiment, and the Reasons for which such Commission was granted, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Commissions granted in the Army, with or without Purchase, since the Commencement of the War; stating in each case, the Name of the Person to whom granted, the Regiment, and the Reasons for which such Commission, if without Purchase, was so granted.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Viscount Elrington presented a Bill to empower the Commissioners of Sewers to expend on House Drainage a certain Sum out of the Monies borrowed by them on the Security of the Rates, and also to give to the said Commissioners certain other Powers for the same purpose: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Martis, 8° die Maii;

Anno 18° Victoriae Regno, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker returns Thanks to the House.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit, and proceed To-morrow on the Petition for the Wisbech Port Bill.

Ordered, That the Petitions deposited in the Private Bill Office against the Grand Surrey Canal Bill be referred to the Committee on the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill; and that, subject to the Rules and Regulations of this House, the Parties be heard against the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill, in support of the allegations contained in such Petitions.

The Order for reading the third time the Nottingham and Longborough Road Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit, and proceed To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Colonial Life Assurance Company (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Saving claim to assess to the Poor-Rate) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander Hastic do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, that the Glasgow Water Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Saving claim to assess to the Poor-Rate) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Kelso Bridge Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

an amended the same, by stating that of the original Share Capital of Six thousand pounds, Five thousand six hundred pounds had been paid up, but no payment had been made on Forty Shares remaining; and that by the Provisions therein contained, the Capital had been increased to Nine thousand pounds, by the creation of Six hundred additional Shares; and that the whole of the additional Shares had been subscribed for, but no payments in respect thereof had been made or required; and by stating that the supply of Gas was to be extended; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Weston-super-Mare Gas Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the London and Coleraine Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Practice (No. 2) Bill. and had added a recital thereunto, showing the Amount due from the Company to the Public Works Loan Commissioners; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th day of May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Alford and Boston Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Birmingham Canal Navigations Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, that the Glasgow Water Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Saving claim to assess to the Poor-Rate) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander Hastic do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Kelso Bridge Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, containing, in columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries and other Allowances, if any; the Amount of Security each gives; the Numbers of Accounts remaining open; the Total Amount owing to Depositors; the Total Amount invested with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; the Rate of Interest paid to Depositors on the various Amounts of Deposit, and the Average Rate of Interest on all Accounts; and the Total Amount of the separate Surplus Fund, on the 20th day of November 1854; the Rate of Interest per annum on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenses of Management; the Annual Number of Receipts from Depositors; the Annual Number of Payments; the Average Amount of Receipts; the Average Amount of Payments; the Number and Amount of Annuities granted; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 50th day of November 1854; also, the Day or Days and the Number of Hours in the Week on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Monies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 245, of Session 1841). Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Burial-grounds (distinguishing consecrated from unconsecrated) which still remained open for Interments on the 1st day of January 1855, within the limits of the "Burials within the Metropolis Act;" their extent in Area; the Number of Interments which have taken place in the year 1854, specifying the Number which have taken place in each Month; and the Date of Closure of such as are under any Order for immediate or Future Closure.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee Standing on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Honiton Roads, Petition of William Beplog, for dispensing with Standing Order 110, in the case of the Petition of the mortgagees of tolls, and that the Petitioners may be heard on their Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, notwithstanding the same shall have been deposited later than seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Thames Embankment and Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the amount of 25,492L 10s. be deposited with the Court of Chancery on or before the 17th day of this instant May; and provided also, that there be introduced into the said Bill a Clause prohibiting the taking of the property of Sir Walter James, Baronet, situate in the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, without his consent; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders respectively have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated (India.) the
the 14th day of February 1854, for Copies of the Resolution on Public Works at Bombay, and of the Second Report of the Commissioners on Public Works at Madras, together with the Minutes or Reports of the Governor and Members of Council at Madras to the Governor General or Court of Directors, respecting those Reports:—Of all Minutes or Reports of the Governor General to the Court of Directors in answer to or respecting those Reports:—Of any Memorials from the Commissioners on Public Works at Madras to the Court of Directors respecting those Reports:—And, of any of the Answers of the Court of Directors to the said Memorials, Minutes and Reports.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for Copies of any Further Papers relating to the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into Postal Communication in India; together with Despatches from the Court of Directors to India, authorizing new regulations and a uniform rate of Postage in India.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Home-made Spirits, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Carnatic Debts, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

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The House being informed by Stephen Edward De Vere, Esquire (who voted with the majority), that he was not in the House when the Question was put; Resolved, That the Vote of Stephen Edward De Vere, Esquire, be disallowed. Whereupon the Numbers reported by Mr. Speaker were—Yea 164; Nae 157.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time. The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Carlisle Canonries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Religious Worship Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sewers (House Drainage) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Personal Estates of Intestates Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,941, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Law Charges, and the Salaries, Allowances and Incidental Expenses in the Office of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, including Prosecutions relating to Coin; also the Salary and Allowance of Counsel for advising the Treasury on matters relating to the Slave Trade, to the 31st day of March 1856.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £230,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, formerly paid out of County Rates.
3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,100, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Chancery, to the 31st day of March 1856.
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,550, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Queen's Bench, to the 31st day of March 1856.
5. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses incurred by Sheriffs, and the Deficiency of the Fees in the Office of the Queen's Remembrancer in the Exchequer.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar of the Admiralty, to the 31st day of March 1856.
7. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,415, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of the Insolvent Debtors' Court, to the 31st day of March 1856.
8. That a Sum, not exceeding £13,850, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Treasurers of County Courts, to the 31st day of March 1856.
9. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,254, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1856.
10. That a Sum, not exceeding £101,219, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, to the 31st day of March 1856.
11. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,226, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Prison, to the 31st day of March 1856.
12. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,542, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries of the Lord Advocate and of the Solicitor General, Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
13. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,755, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions carried on under the authority of the Lord Advocate, to the 31st day of March 1856.
14. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,198, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Justiciary in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
15. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,593, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Legal Branch of the Office of Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Exchequer in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
16. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,090, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of Sheriffs and Stewards, including Procurators Fiscal not paid by Salaries, and the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions in Sheriff Courts in Scotland.
17. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,536, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of such of the Procurators Fiscal in Scotland as are no longer paid by Fees, to the 31st day of March 1856.
18. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,318, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in matters of Tithes, and the Expenses of the Agent of the Great Officers of State in maintaining Rights of the Crown in Civil Actions, &c. in Scotland.
19. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Salary of the Solicitor of the Crown, and Expenses in matters of Tithes, and the Expenses of the Agent of the Great Officers of State in maintaining Rights of the Crown in Civil Actions, &c. in Scotland.
20. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,166, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Salaries and Expenses of certain Officers in the Department of the Commissary Clerk, Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1856.
21. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,119, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Commissary Clerk, Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1856.
22. That a Sum, not exceeding £51,290, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
23. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,294, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers in the Department of the Commissary Clerk, Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1856.
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Officers of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, formerly charged on the Consolidated Fund, to the 31st day of March 1856.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,338, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,311, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,320, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk to the Taxing Officers for the Three Law Courts, March 1856.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,322, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Registrars to the Judges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,908, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray certain Salaries in the Office for the Registration of Judgments in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Fees to Advocates appointed to act as Commissioners of the High Court of Delegates in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

31. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,146, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Insolvent Debtors' Court in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £267, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk to the Court of Errors in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Police Justices of Dublin Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1856.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Metropolitan Police of Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

35. That a Sum, not exceeding £638,011, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Constabulary Force in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,942, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Four Courts, Marshalsea Prison, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

37. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,925, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Session in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

38. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,770, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of Inspection and General Superintendence over all the Prisons of the United Kingdom.

39. That a Sum, not exceeding £375,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge of the Government Prisons and Convict Establishments at Home.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £169,174, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of the Maintenance of Prisoners in County Gaols, Reformatory Institutions and Lunatic Asylums, including Removal of Convicts.

41. That a Sum, not exceeding £59,465, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses connected with the Transportation of Convicts, &c.

42. That a Sum, not exceeding £297,621, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of the Convict Establishments in the Colonies.

43. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,050, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Civil Establishment of the Bermudas, to the 31st day of March 1856.

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,397, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Ecclesiastical Establishment of the British North American Provinces, to the 31st day of March 1856.

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,610, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Indian Department in Canada, to the 31st day of March 1856.

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,728, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries of the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and others, in the West Indies, and certain other Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1856.

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries, Allowances and Contingencies of the Stipendiary Justices in the West India Colonies, and the Mauritius, to the 31st day of March 1856.

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,630, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Civil Establishments on the Western Coast of Africa, to the 31st day of March 1856.

49. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,007, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Charges connected with the Island of St. Helena, to the 31st day of March 1856.

50. That a Sum, not exceeding £976, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of Heligoland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

51. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,807, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Falkland Islands, to the 31st day of March 1856.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,800, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of Hong Kong, to the 31st day of March 1856.

53. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,720, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Colonial Land and Emigration Board, and the Emigration Officers at the different Ports of this Kingdom, also to defray certain Expenses in the Colonies connected with Emigration, to the 31st day of March 1856.

54. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Balance due to the Province of Canada, in respect to the Relief of Sick and Destitute Emigrants from the United Kingdom in the year 1847.

55. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, Expenses incurred for the Support of the Captured Negroes and Liberated Africans, and other Charges under the Acts for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

56. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Salaries and Expenses of the Mixed Commissions established under the Treaties with Foreign Powers for suppressing the Traffic in Slaves.

57. That a Sum, not exceeding £157,669, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Consular Establishments Abroad, to the 31st day of March 1856.

58. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Extraordinary Disbursements of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, to the 31st day of March 1856.
59. That a Sum, not exceeding £188,609, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Superannuation Allowances and Compensations to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service, to the 31st day of March 1856.

60. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,570, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to grant Relief, to the 31st day of March 1856, to Toulouese and Corsican Emigrants, Saint Domingo Sufferers, American Loyalists and others who have heretofore received Allowances from Her Majesty.

61. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,006, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the National Vaccine Establishment, in the year 1855.

62. That a Sum, not exceeding £325, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Support of "The Refuge for the Destitute," in the year 1855.

63. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,500, be granted to Her Majesty, for Payment of the Subsistence of the Polish Refugees, and Allowances to distressed Spaniards, to the 31st day of March 1856.

64. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,371, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, Miscellaneous Allowances formerly deferred from the Civil List, the Hereditary Revenues, &c., and for which no permanent Provision has been made by Parliament.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill.

Mr. Miles reported the Great Northern London Cemetery Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group O).

Mr. Miles reported from the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills; That it appeared to the Committee that the Evidence of Captain W. N. Dixon, Royal Artillery, Mr. R. W. Gunner and Mr. James Gunner, was necessary upon the case of the Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill; and that he had accordingly been instructed by the Committee to move the House, that the said Captain W. N. Dixon, Mr. R. W. Gunner and Mr. James Gunner do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That Captain W. N. Dixon, Mr. R. W. Gunner and Mr. James Gunner do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Railway and Canal Bills (Group 10.)

Lord Hotham reported from the Committee on Group 10 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Kendal, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Leslie Railway Bill.

Lord Hotham reported from the Committee on Group 10 of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Leslie Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill. Bill 112.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the Select Committee on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Eastern Papers, Part XIII.—Papers relating to the Negotiations at Vienna on the Eastern Question.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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1. Sir Robert Peel presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize Bounty, &c.

2. And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.
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Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Manchester, Group of 3 Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Lincoln Borough Branch, &c.) Bill, they had examined and amended the Bill, amended the same, by striking out the paragraph relating to the Power to provide or hire vessels, that part of the Preamble not having been proved to their satisfaction; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Strutt reported from the General Committee on Manchester Railway and Canal Bills; That they had added to the Group No. 6, the Westminster Terrace Railway Bill, and the West London and Crystal Palace Railway and Westminster Terrace Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Lancashire and Yorkshire Blackburn Railways Bill; That the Parties promoting the Lancashire and Yorkshire and Blackburn Railways Bill had stated to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Pennant reported the Nottingham and Longborough Road (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Edward Bell reported from the Committee on Sunderland Group L. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Sunderland Dock Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the statement as to its being expedient to confer exemptions from the payment of the Tolls authorized to be levied by the River Wear Commissioners, inasmuch as that part of the Preamble had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Railway and Canal Group No. 6 of Railway and Canal Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee this day, a Letter was received, stating that Lord Robert Cecil, one of the Members of the Committee, was unable to attend, on account of indisposition.

Ordered, That Lord Robert Cecil be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on the Glasgow, Kirkintilloch and Balderstone Roads Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by adding a clause whereby certain therein specified portions of Roads within the Municipal Boundaries of the City of Glasgow were freed from Toll, the Committee judging such Amendment to be expedient; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Lunatic Asylums (Ireland); (Advances) Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 18th day of this instant May.
Sir Edmund Hayes reported from the Committee on Group (8) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Capital Bill), they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, with the facts of the case as proved before the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Wisbech Port.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Wisbech Port Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Aboyne, Ballater, Braemar and Cairnwell Road Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Aboyne, Ballater, Braemar and Cairnwell Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Metropolis Main Sewers. No. 231. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return setting forth the Main Sewers in the Metropolis, to be inserted in Schedule D. of the Metropolitan Local Management Bill.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Patents for Inventions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Addresses of all Persons who have petitioned the Lord Chancellor to extend the time limited for proceeding with their Patents by the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, stating whether no Order, or any and what Order, was made in each case.

New Palace (Westminster). Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before the House, Copies of so much of the Plans of the Architect of the New Palace at Westminster as will show the manner in which he purposes to extend the Buildings from the Clock Tower Westwards, along Bridge-street and around New Palace Yard, together with a Statement of the purposes for which such Buildings are proposed; and, a Report thereon from the Board of Works.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mayor's Court (Birmingham). Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Causes entered into in the Mayor's Court, Birmingham, and the Total Amount of Money sued for, in each of the years 1842, 1843, 1844 respectively; distinguishing in each year the Number of Causes entered for Sums above £20.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Petitions. Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill;—Bills of exchange Thirty-Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;—Dwelling—fourth Report. houses (Scotland) Act;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Inland Revenue (Excise Department);—Intoxicating Liquors;—Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Matthew Phillips;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Act.—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—Town Police Clauses Act;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to Army before request that their Lordships will be pleased to give Sebastopol leave to the Earl of Aberdeen and Lord De Roi to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Army before Sebastopol:—And that Mr. Roebuck do carry the said Message.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the separate Report of Dr. Baly, in the sanitary state of the Route of the Crimea.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Court of Return of the Total Sum due or paid for Salaries and Chancery. Office Expenses under the Act 5 & 6 Vic. c. 103, since the passing of the Act; and also of the Total Sum paid for Compensation for Loss of Offices and Profits to Officers under the same Act, since the passing thereof, up to the 25th day of November 1854:—Like Return of the Total Sum paid to each of the late Sworn Clerks appointed Taxing Masters, for Salary and Compensation, collectively and together, under the same Act, since the passing thereof:—Returns of the Annual Amount of Compensation awarded to each of the said Taxing Masters under the said Act, in the event of their ceasing to hold the said Office, and of the Annual Sums to be paid to the Personal Representatives of each of them as Compensation after their Deaths, and for what Number of years after their Deaths such payments to their Personal Representatives are to continue, and out of what Funds, and by whom, such Payments for Salary and Compensation are now made, and to be made:—And, of the Total Sum due or paid for Salaries Office Expenses and Compensations respectively, under the said Act, from the 25th day of November 1842 to the 25th day of November 1843; and a like Return from the 25th day of November 1853 to the 25th day of November 1854; and showing the diminution of the Annual Charges under the said Act within the period of Thirteen years.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated 1853, the 30th day of March last, for Returns showing the Amount of Capital on which the several Rates of Legacy Duty have been paid in Great Britain in the years 1853 and 1842, with an Addenda, showing the Amount of Tax received on each of the Eight several Rates; also the Amount of Duty, in the Abstract, on each of the Eight several Rates:—Showing the Amount of Capital on which the several Rates of Legacy Duty have been paid in Ireland for the years 1853 and 1854, and distinguishing the Amount of each Rate:—Showing the Total Amount of Duty on Legacies, Probates and Administrations received in Ireland in the years 1853 and 1854.
United Kingdom in each of the years 1853 and 1854 for Stamp Duties on Legacies, Probates, Administrations and Testamentary Inventories; distinguishing the Amount from England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland; with an Abstract of the whole Amount of Duty received since 1797:—And, showing the Total Amount of Duty on Legacies, Probates and Administrations, received since the year 1797 (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 438, of Session 1853). Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return of the Amount of 4 per cent. East India Company's Stock, accepted by holders of the various 5 per cent. Stocks converted by the East India Company during the years 1853 and 1854; distinguishing the various Stocks, and stating the Number of Holders who accepted the terms of the East India Company.

Orders of the day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the said Orders be postponed till after the Notice of Motion relative to the Army of India.

Army of India. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider Vol. 116.

and inquire how the Army of India may be made most available for the War in Europe, and to inquire into the steps necessary to be taken if it should be deemed expedient to constitute the Army of the East India Company a Royal Army; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir Francis Perry, Yeas, Sir D. Lucy Evans: Tellers for the Mr. Haig, Noes, The Earl of Mulgrave: So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mitted to the Metropolitan Local Management Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Militia (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Weights and Measures Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Ecclesiastical Property (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Nugier do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Religious Worship Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Sewers (House Drainage) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "upon Wednesday next," and inserting the words "this day," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "upon Wednesday next" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Personal Estates of Intestates Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 21st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill, as amended, of the Legislature of Victoria, to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to continue an Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her present Majesty, for enabling the Judges of the Courts of Common Law at Westminster to alter the Forms of Pleading: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill National to amend an Act of last Session, to provide for the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture and the Fine Arts, for the care of a Public Library, and the Erection of a Public Museum in Dublin: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Hills's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Sir William Moleysworth, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Woolmer Forest Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Sir William Moleysworth, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society [Stamp Duty on Memorials.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of Five pounds shall be payable for and upon the first Memorial which may be enrolled, pursuant to a Bill "to change the name of 'The National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society' to the name of 'The International Life Assurance Society,' and to enable the said Society to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman or Secretary, or any one Director of the said Society, and to give additional Powers to the said Society;" from which Memorial the names of the persons who shall be deemed, held and taken to be the Trustees of the said Society shall appear; and for and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall, for the first time, be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the like Sum of Five pounds, in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would otherwise be payable upon the deeds, surrenders, admissions or assurances, in the law, in order to vest the annuities, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, property, effects or monies of the said Society in the said Trustees.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next, at the time of Private Business.

The House was moved, That the Report from the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition.
Mr. Brothers presented a Bill for making an Embankment, Road and Railway on the North side of the River Thames, between the Cities of London and Westminster: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Royal London Militia Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order, That the Report on the Gloucester Water and Local Board of Health Bill do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next, at Eleven o'clock.

The Order for referring the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill to the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. Grenfell be added to the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Greenwood be discharged from further attendance on the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills.

Mr. Corry reported the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting a statement in reference to the working of the Railways by the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, and to the expediency of making Provision in reference to the traffic thereon, and on adjoining Railways, in order to make the same in conformity with the fact; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cobbett reported the Exeter and Earmouth Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hughes Adair reported from the Committee on the East Kent Railway Bill, that in the case of the East Kent Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out a recital of the expediency of repealing certain penalties imposed by “The East Kent Railway Act, 1833,” as such recital had become inapplicable, in consequence of a Provision with reference to those penalties being inserted by the Committee in the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report from the Architect and Engineer, as to the Progress and present State of the New Bridge at Westminster.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Legacy, &c. Duties, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Militia, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates: — Church Rates Abolition Bill; — Marriage Law Amendment Bill: — Maynooth College Act; — Religious Instruction (South Shields) Act; — Australian Colonies: — Proposed Tax (Scotland); — Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill; — Education (Scotland) Bill; — Free Schools Bill; — Friendly Societies Bill; — Intoxicating Liquors; — Metropolitan Local Management Bill; — Poor Law; — Poor Law (Ireland) Act; — Postal Communication (Bandon and Cork) Bill; — Public-houses (Scotland) Act; — Sale of Beer Act (1854); — Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; — Tenement's Valuation Act, &c.: — Testimonial Jurisdiction Bill; — and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Criminal Justice Bill; — and, Public Health Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committees on the Bills.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Brougham: — Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Income Tax Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Rotherham Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords give leave to the Viscount Gordon [Earl of Aberdeen] to attend this House, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, "to inquire into the condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army," as desired by this House (his Lordship in his place consenting): — And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Newspaper Stamp Duties Bill be now read the third time; and which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question: — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put: — The House divided.

The Yeas and the Noes were as follows: —

Tellers for the [Mr. Hanger],


Tellers for the [Mr. Vansittart],

No, Mr. Pecher: 60.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time: — The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Every periodical publication that shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding Seven days between the two consecutive parts or numbers of such publication, and the weight of which shall not on the whole exceed Six ounces, shall be entitled to the said privilages of transmission and re-transmission by the Post, if duly stamped with the appropriate die of Vol. 110.) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question thereon put, That the said Clause be now read a second time: — It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Schedule A. amended, and agreed to.

Schedule B. (Allowances and Drawbacks).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6: After the word "Fifty-five," to insert the words "or bonded under the Act of the 17th and 18th Vic. c. 27, and marked on or after the 8th day of May 1854."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made. Schedule, as amended, agreed to. Clauses added. Preamble agreed to. Title amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and amended the Title, as followeth: — A Bill for granting certain additional Rates and Spirit, &c. Duties of Excise. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Customs take into consideration the Customs Duties Bill, as Duties Bill, amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 40, by leaving out "0 12 9" and inserting "0 12 3") instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That 12s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. stand part of the Bill: — The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Stamp Duties reading of the Stamp Duties (Drafts on Bankers) Bill; — Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill; — Local Management Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Testamentary adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time: — The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cinque Ports Bill; — Cinque Ports Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Newspaper, &c. Postage and Stamp Duties Bill.
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Religious Worship Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Kinaird do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Infant's Marriage Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be amended, be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading: And that Mr. Horshall, Mr. Thomas Baring and Mr. Cairns do prepare, and bring it in.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;
Sabbati, 12° die Maii, 1855:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is the opinion of this House, that a new, complete and systematic edition of the Statutes now in force, omitting all such enactments as are repealed, obsolete or expired, would be more accessible and intelligible to Members of Parliament, and to the generality of Her Majesty's subjects, than the present Statute Book;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Locke King. Yeas, Ser. Henry Willoughby: 38.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, Noes, The Earl of Malmesbury: 47.
So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Election to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Election Auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), showing in a Tabular Form, for England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, their Names, Date of Appointment, what other Places or Offices held by each at the time of their Appointment or subsequently, whether Electors or not in the particular County, Riding, District, Town, Borough, Burgh or Burghs for which they are appointed to act.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lune, 14° die Maii:
Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bouverie Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th and 11th days of this instant May; and had directed him to make a Report thereon to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Chesterfield Water and Gas Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with Amendments, agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Banff, Macduff and Turriff Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Commercial Road Bill was read the third time. Commercial Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Fibre Company Bill was read the third time. Fibre Company Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Leominster and Ledbury Road Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved,
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Manchester Improvement Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Rent-free Police and Improvement Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

South Wales Railway Consolidation Bill.

A Motion being made, That the South Wales Railway Consolidation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Swansea Docks Bill.

The Swansea Docks Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Waterford and Limerick Railway Bill.

The Waterford and Limerick Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ayr Harbour Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ayr Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Crumford and High Peak Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Crumford and High Peak Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crumford and High Peak Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Newtown and Oswestry Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newtown and Oswestry Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Saint Helen's Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Helen's Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wroxton-super-Mare Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wroxton-super-Mare Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Bradford Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bradford Corporation Water Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society [Stamp Duty on Memorials.]

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society [Stamp Duty on Memorials.], a Resolution; which was read, as Followeth:

That a Stamp Duty of Five pounds shall be payable for and upon the first Memorial which may be enrolled pursuant to a Bill "to change the name of 'The National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society' to the name of 'The International Life Assurance Society,' and to enable the said Society to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman or Secretary, or any one Director of the said Society, and to give additional Powers to the said Society," from which Memorial the names of the persons who shall be deemed, held and taken to be the Trustees of the said Society shall appear; and for and upon every other such Memorial, in which the name of any person shall, for the first time, be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the like sum of Five pounds, in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would otherwise be payable upon the deeds, surrenders, admissions or assurances, in the law, in order to vest the annuities, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and personal property, effects or monies of the said Society in the said Trustees.

The Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Sir Erskine Perry reported the Warrington Water (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Erskine Perry reported the Gloucester Water and Local Board of Health (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Wigan and Preston Roads, North of Yeoville Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Chartham, Witney, Chartham, Witney, &c. Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Penman reported from the Committee on Turnpike-Group 1. of Turnpike-road Bills; That Viscount read bills Galway, one of the Selected Members of the Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Viscount Galway do attend the Committee To-morrow.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Railway and Group 1 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Canal Bills Cole, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Cole be discharged from further attendance on the Committee.

Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group P. of Private Bills; That in consequence of (Group P.) a Letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, stating that they had not yet prepared the Admiralty Clauses in the case of the Barrow Harbour Bill, now under the consideration of the Committee, they had adjourned To Friday next, at half past Three o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Pennant reported the Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord John Russell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Papers relative to the alterations in the Constitutions of the Australian Colonies (the Copies of several Bills of New South Wales and Victoria, with the portions which it is proposed to omit, printed in Italics), (in continuation of Papers presented 20th April 1855).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Tinney :
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords have agreed to the Uxbridge Burgage Lands Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Uxbridge Burgage Lands Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Third Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and into the conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That a printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

And the Messenger was again called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith; and a printed Copy of the said Report was delivered to him, to be communicated to the Lords:—And then he again withdrew.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of March last, for a Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt brought to Charge in the years ending the 5th day of April 1854 and 1855 respectively.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of Receipts and Expenditure by the Honourable War- den and Assistants of the Harbour of Dover, in the County of Kent, from the 10th day of October 1853 to the 10th day of October 1854.

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor, under the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 100, s. 88, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the several Commissioners in Lunacy, during the Six Months ending on the 4th August 1854.

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor, under the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 100, s. 88, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the several Commissioners in Lunacy, during the Six Months ending on the 4th February 1855.

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor, under the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 100, s. 88, of all Sums received by the several Commissioners in Lunacy for Travelling and Personal Expenses, or upon any other account, during the year ending on the 31st December 1854.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report, with Abstracts of Accounts relating to the circumstances of the undermentioned Turnpike Trusts, applying for Local Acts in the present Session of Parliament, made by direction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Powers conferred upon him by the Act of 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 89,—22, Wharfe- land and West Farleigh Roads; 23, Bridport Roads, First District; 24, Keswick and Kendal Road, Yorkshire District; 25, Uphill and Bleadon Road.

Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Adjourned Message from the Lords, by Mr. Tinney, to dress to Her Majesty, dated the 3d day of this instant May, for Copy of Ninth Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the directions of the First District:—Copy of In-Land.-Duties Act, of the Inspector General of Constabulary in Ireland, for the guidance of the Constabulary Force acting under the Provisions of the Acts 17 & 18 Vic. c. 89.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cambridge University, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill:—Marrages (Scotland) Bill:— PETITIONS.


Probate and Legacy Duty; Settlement and Rating:—Spirit Duties (Scotland and Ireland) Bill:—Stage Carriages:—Decimal Coinage:—Education (Scotland) Bill:—Free Schools Bill:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Landlord and Tenant (Ireland):—Metropolis Local Management Bill:—Poor Law:—Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill:—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill:—Schools (Scotland) Bill:—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:—and, War with Russia:—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Public Health Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

The Customs Duties Bill was, according to Order, Customs Duties Bill read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Wlliamson do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, &c. Duties (Excise) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the further consideration of the Bill be deferred till the House has decided upon the principles of the Bill announced by the President of the Board of Health for the modification of the Act commonly known as Holhouse's Act, which Act is proposed to be incorporated in the Metropolitan Bill," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to
to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed be left out stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, 131.

Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 6.

Yea.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mackinson, 8.

Mr. Apsey Pellatt: 6.

No.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No 1. (The Act of the Session holden in the first and second year of William the Fourth, c. 69, shall, subject to the Provisions herein contained, become the Law for electing Vestrymen and Auditors of Accounts and otherwise be in force, in every parish mentioned in either of the Schedules (A.) and (B.) to this Act, which has not adopted such Act, in manner therein provided, in like manner as if the 43d section of the said Act were repealed, and as if every such parish had so adopted the said Act, and notice of such adoption had been given as therein directed.)

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, 89.

Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 33.

Yea.

Tellers for the [Sir Frederic Thesiger, 33.

Viscount Ebrington: 33.

No.

Clause, No 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No 3 to No 8, agreed to.

Clauses, No 9 and No 10, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No 11, agreed to.

Clauses, No 12 and No 13, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No 14 and No 15, agreed to.

Clause, No 16, amended and agreed to.

Clauses, No 17 and No 18, agreed to.

Clause, No 19, postponed.

Clause, No 20 (Metropolitan Board of Works constituted and incorporated).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17: After the word "the" to insert the word "northern." Question, That the word "northern" be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No 21 to No 26, postponed.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Martis, 15° die Maii, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 10th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Alterations in reading of the Alterations in the National, Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second National reading of the National, Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Jurisdiction of reading of the Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Sir George Grey, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Burial-into a Committee on the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act (and) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply.mittee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Infants' Marriage Bill was, according to Order, Infants' Marriage Bill read the third time;

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Malins do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Investments into a Committee on the Investments (Dublin) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sewers (House Drainage) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in England and Wales with reference to the Assessment of Mines to the Relief of the Poor: And that Mr. Kendall, Mr. Robarts and Mr. Michael Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws of Scotland regarding Insolvency and Bankruptcy: And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Details of the Sum of £120,400 (Civil Services), voted by the House of Commons on the 9th day of February, for an excess of Stationery supplied to the Army in the East, stating how much of that Sum was expended in Cardboard Papers for Ammunition.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Lord Advocate presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws of Scotland regarding Insolvency and Bankruptcy: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kendall presented a Bill to amend the Law in England and Wales with reference to the Assessment of Mines to the Relief of the Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Martis, 15° die Maii;
Anno 18° Victoriae Reginis, 1855.

Prayers.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the London and Blackwall Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Limerick and Faye's Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Electric Telegraph Company Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating that the authority of Parliament was necessary for the objects of the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Group North Staffordshire Railway (Transfer to London and North Western Railway, &c.) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Rotherham Gas Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Aberdare Valley Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Gwyn do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Dundalk and Blackrock Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection have Committee of leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Manchester, the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Lincoln Branch, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the third reading.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Nottingham the Nottingham and Longborough Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the third reading.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Cromford and High Peak Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Saving rights of the Crown and the Duchy of Lancaster), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be the third reading.

The Bradford Corporation Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken South Eastern Railway Bills before the Committee on the South Eastern Railway Bills (Leithsham to Bromley), the Sudellum and Far-

brough Railway, and the West London and Crystal Palace Railway (Extension to Farnborough), in the Session of 1854, be referred to the Committee on Group 2 of Railway and Canal Bills, to which the Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill stands referred.

The
The Select Committee on the Woolner Forest Bill was nominated of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Portal, Viscount Duncan, Mr. Compton, Sir James Butler East, Sir William Jelffes, and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill was nominated of Sir William Molesworth, Lord John Manners, Mr. Disraeli, Sir Joseph Paxton, Mr. Mayher, Lord Elcho, and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Mr. Christopher reported the Weymouth Water Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Christopher reported from the Committee on group G. of Private Bills; That in the cases of the Wolverhampton Water Bill, and the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the said Bills, with a view, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House, to consolidate the said Bills, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Miles reported from the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills; That in the case of the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had made Provision in the Bill, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 14th instant; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Miles reported from the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, the Trustees of the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks and the Birkenhead Dock Trustees Bill, for confirming certain conditional arrangements for transferring to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses the Under-takings of the other Petitioners, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Group (1) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Improvements and Branches) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting the Powers to use Locomotive Engines on a part of the Stratford and Moreton Branch, which were given up by the Promoters; and by omitting the recitals as to the alteration of the Numbers of the Joint Committee at Wolverhampton, which the Committee thought it inexpedient to make; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on the Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hugh Addie reported the Great Western and Great Western Railway (Improvements and Branches) Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Houses of Parliament an Account of all Houses in charge of the Department of Works, formerly Private Dwelling-houses, occupied for the Public Service in London and Westminster, distinguishing those which are Crown Property and those which are Private Property, and the Rents payable by Government for the latter.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Houses of Parliament an Extract of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Governor General of India in Council, dated the 29th day of December 1854:—Copy or Extract of any other Despatch from the said Directors, prohibiting the opening of a New Loan in India without the sanction of the Authorities in England—And, Copy of any Despatches from the Government in India, explaining the reasons for opening a New Loan.

Mr. Hugh Addie reported the Great Western and Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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and whether the past recorded Proceedings of that Board were examined on each such occasion, for the years 1852, 1853 and 1854, respectively.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Metropolitan Sewers.

Ordered, That, in addition to the Order of the 29th April, there be laid before this House, fac-simile Copies of the said Engineers' Drawings accompanying their Reports.

Breach of Blockade, &c.

The Order made upon the 21st day of February last, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Vessels seized under Neutral Flags for Breach of Blockade, for carrying smuggled Papers or Goods contraband of War, since the 29th day of March 1854, with the Names and Tonnages of several Captains, and of the Ships, or of the Authorities that seized the same, with the Dates of the several Seizures, and when Proceedings were taken in the Court of Admiralty, with the Dates of Commencement or Restitution; stating the Nature of the Cargo, the Tonnage, and the Amount of the Sale of each Vessel and of the Cargo, with the Amount of all Costs, Charges and Expenses incurred; distinguishing the Expenses of the several Proceedings in the Court of Admiralty, and the Amount of Fees in each case paid to the Officers of the Crown and Counsel employed, with the Amount of the Balance remaining for Distribution to the Captors, and when Notice of the same was published in the Gazette, was read, and discharged.

Naval Prizes.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Vessels seized or captured, whether under the Russian, Neutral, Allied, or British Flags, and of which Proceedings have been taken in the High Court of Admiralty of England, from the 29th day of March 1854 to the Date of making the Return, showing the Name of the Prize, her Master's Name, her Tonnage, the Nature of her Cargo (if any), and under what Colours she was captured, the Names of the Capturing Ship and its Commanding Officer, the Date of the Capture, the grounds upon which she was captured, the Date when Proceedings were commenced, the Date of Adjunction, the Decretal part of Sentence, the Particulars and Amount of the Gross Proceeds, and of the Payments thereout; distinguishing the Fees to Counsel, and to the Proctor for the Crown, the Balance for Distribution, and the Date when Notice of the Distribution was published in the Gazette, in each case respectively.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Wisbech Port.

1. That in the case of the Wisbech Port Petition, the said Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on proving before the Committee on the Bill, that Notices of the application have been inserted once in the London Gazette, and once in each of three successive weeks in a London Morning Paper and in a Cambridgeshire Paper; and also on proving that Notice of the Bill has been given to every mortgagee of the property of the Corporation; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders respectively shall have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 156, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with, so far as and under such restrictions as the Committee on the Bill shall think fit; and provided that there be inserted in the Bill a Clause binding the Petitioners to open their original line of Railway, and the intended Junction Railway, simultaneously; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order shall have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

3. That in the case of the Cape Town Railway, and Dock Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 168, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensplied with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Wisbech Port Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Wisbech Port Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for better enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wisbech to raise and secure Monies payable by them to the Newe Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Commissioners, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Eliot Yorke and Lord George Manners do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Cardwell reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group L of Private Bills; That in consequence of (Group L) the early sitting of the House To-morrow, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday the 17th day of May, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, during their present Session, touching the legal position of the Bishops and other Members of the Church of England in that Colony:—And, of the Votes of the respective Houses on any such Address, if received.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Vernon Smith presented,—Further Return to Land Forces, an Order, dated the 29th day of March last, for an (Canada.)

Abstract Return of the Total Land Forces under the disposition of the Governor General of India in Council; distinguishing European Troops from Native, and the Queen's Troops from the Company's, and including the Subsidiary Troops and Contingents of all kinds from Native States:—And, like Return of Police Corps militarily organized, commanded by British Officers.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Sagar, &c. the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Tabular Return, showing the Quantities of Sagar of the several Sorts imported into the United Kingdom, and the Quantities retained for Home Consumption, together with the Rates of Duty charged thereon, and the Net Revenue accruing therefrom, in each year, from
from 1809 to 1854 inclusive; followed by a Comparative Statement of the Average Prices of British Plantation and Foreign Sugar (ordinary Yellow Havannah), for the same series of years:—Account of the Imports into the United Kingdom of Sugar, Molasses, Rum, Coffee, Cocoa and Cotton, from the West Indies, British Guiana, the Mauritius and British Possessions in India, for the years 1821 to 1854 inclusive; distinguishing the Quantities imported from each Colony and each Possession in each year;—Similar Account of the Quantities of Foreign Sugar imported, stating from whence, and the Quantities from each Place or Country:—And, Account of the Quantity of Refined Sugar and Sugar Candy imported into the United Kingdom in the years 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, and 1854 respectively; stating the Quantity retained for Home Consumption, the Rates of Duty paid, and the Quantity exported (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 237, of Session 1854).

Foreign Sugar.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Sugar entered for Home Consumption during each year, from 1831 to 1854 inclusive:—distinguishing Refined from Unrefined, and also the several Places from whence such Sugar was imported (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 248, of Session 1854).

East India Railways.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Court of Directors of the East India Company and the several Governments in India, relative to the Progress of Railway Undertakings in India (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 318, of Session 1854).

Richmond Bridge.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Richmond Bridge : Cash Account for the year 1854.

Land Tax.

A Statement of the Expenses incurred under the Acts for the Redemption and Sale of the Land Tax, and in discharging the Incidental Expenses attending the execution of those Acts, from the 5th April 1854, the Period to which the last Account was made up, to the 5th April 1855.

Freight Money (Greenwich Hospital).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Freight Money (Greenwich Hospital), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Burial-grounds (Metropolis).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Burial-grounds (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Lunacy.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lunacy, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

Public Petitions.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Carlisle Canonries Bill;—Church Rates;—Church Rates, &c.;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Mynaguth College Act;—Miners’ Money (Ireland);—Education of Pauper Children Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Metropolis Local Government Bill;—Poor Law;—Publichouses (Scotland) Act;—Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Schools (Scotland) Bill, and Education (Scotland) Bill,—Screw Propeller:—and, Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill, —were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Metropolitan Buildings Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Resolution.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, a Resolution, relating to part of the Evidence given by Mr. Peel, presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to ascertain the Condition, Revenue and Expenditure of the Harbours of Ramsgate and the Cinque Ports:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Timney:

The Lords have agreed to the Birminghame Water Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also, The Lords have agreed to the Breamingham Water Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of securing the Manufacturers. Property of Manufacturers of Iron, Steel, Cutlery, Edge-tools, Hardware, Gold, Silver and Silver plated, Britannia Metal, German Silver, Copper and Brass Articles and other Metals, Mother of Pearl, Shell, Tortoiseshell, Bone, Horn, Ivory, Leather and Wood, and also for securing the Wages of the Workmen engaged in such Manufactures.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill the better to secure the Property of Manufacturers of Iron, Steel, Cutlery, Edge-tools, Hardware, Gold, Silver and Silver plated, Britannia Metal, German Silver, Copper and Brass Articles and other Metals, Mother of Pearl, Shell, Tortoiseshell, Bone, Horn, Ivory, Leather and Wood, and also for securing the Wages of the Workmen engaged in such Manufactures, by extending the Provisions of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her present Majesty, chapter forty, commonly called "The Woollen, &c. Manufactures Act," to the said Hardware and other Manufactures.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill the better to secure the Property of Manufacturers of Iron, Steel, Cutlery, Edge-tools, Hardware, Gold, Silver and Silver plated, Britannia Metal, German Silver, Copper and Brass Articles and other Metals, Mother of Pearl, Shell, Tortoiseshell, Bone, Horn, Ivory, Leather and Wood, and also for securing the Wages of the Workmen engaged in such Manufactures, by extending the Provisions of the Act of
Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.  
**Resolved, That the Bill do pass.**

**Ordered, That Mr. Wilton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.**

The Alterations in Pleadings Bill was, according Alterations in the Order of the day being read, for the second National Ordinance of 1855, intituled, **Resolutions (Dublin) Bill;**  
**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.**

**The Order of the day being read, for the second Savings and Friendly Societies and Investments Bill:**  
**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.**

The Order of the day being read, for the third Weights and Measures Bill:  
**Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.**

The Order of the day being read, for the second Grants of Lands Bill:  
**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.**

The Marquis of Blandford presented a Bill to the House of Commons, to amend the Law for the Inspection of Coal Mines in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next; and to be printed.

**Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to amend the Law for the Inspection of Coal Mines in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.**

**Mr. Coleyle presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification of Justices of the Peace: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next; and to be printed.**

**Mr. Haulefield presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Conveyance of Lands for Charitable Uses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May; and to be printed.**

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Bill Office of the day and hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee on every Railway and Canal Bill, be suspended in the case of the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill; and that the Committee to whom such Bill stands referred, have leave to sit, and proceed on Monday next, provided the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills do give Notice forthwith to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of the day and hour of the sitting of the Committee on the Bill.

The Order for referring the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee Bill to the Committee of Selection, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for transferring part of the Property and Powers of the Trustees of the River Lee, and for the Amendment of the Acts of the New River Company, the (No. 2). East London Waterworks Company, and the said Trustees, and for other purposes: And that Sir John Johnstone and Mr. Mills do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That in the case of the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit, and proceed to-morrow.

Mr. Brotherston presented a Bill for incorporating the Cape Town Railway and Dock Company, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brotherston presented a Bill for incorporating the Cape Town Railway and Dock Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Telegraphs, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Trusts and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugars, &c., Sugar, &c., which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Foreign Sugar, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land Forces, Land Forces, &c. (India), which stands referred, have leave to sit, and proceed on the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Minute of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Chester and Holyhead Railway (Extension at Holyhead) Bill, in Session 1847, and the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill, in Session 1848, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 2 of Railway and Canal Bills, in respect of the Englisland and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order No. 202, as requires that seven clear days' Notice shall be given by the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills to the Clerk's in the Private Bill Office, be suspended in the case of the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Minute of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Chester and Holyhead Railway (Extension at Holyhead) Bill, in Session 1847, and the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill, in Session 1848, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 2 of Railway and Canal Bills, in respect of the Englisland and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.

Ordered, That the Minute of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Chester and Holyhead Railway (Extension at Holyhead) Bill, in Session 1847, and the Chester and Holyhead Railway Bill, in Session 1848, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 2 of Railway and Canal Bills, in respect of the Englisland and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Carlisle Canonries Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months,"

Ordered, That the House divide, and the Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Charles Howard : 102.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hayter. : 88.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commons Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Carlisle Canonries Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Treasurer of each County, County Accounts of a City, and a County in Ireland, showing the Receipts and Payments on behalf of each County in the year 1854; showing the Receipts and Payments on behalf of each Corporation, Town Council, Body, having a right to levy Rates off the Inhabitants of Towns in Ireland, being a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of each in 1854; showing the Receipts—1st, Balance, if any, on hand in County Bank or Exchequer Bills on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Amount received from County Cess due and uncolllected on the 1st day of December 1854; and Payments—1st, Balance, if any, due County Bank or Treasurer on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Amount of all Sums paid; and, 3d. Balance, if any, in County Bank or Exchequer Bills on the 31st day of December 1854; together with a Statement of—1st, The Assets above Liabilities; and, 2d. The County Cess due and uncolllected on the 31st day of December 1854; but not including therein any Sum ordered to be levied at the Summer Assizes preceding, or the Second half of the Sum ordered to be levied off the County of Dublin in the Spring preceding.
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1st. Balance, if any, due to the Treasurer on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Lighting, watching and cleansing Expenses; 3d. Repairs; 4th. Improvements; 5th. Salaries; 6th. Law Charges; 7th. Interest on Debts; 8th. Annuities; 9th. Debts paid off; 10th. Incidental Expenses; and, 11th. Balance, if any, in Treasurer's hands on the 31st day of December 1854; also the Amount of Debt due by each such Body on the 1st day of January 1854 and the 31st day of December 1854, in Classes, distinguishing—1st. The Bonded Debt; 2d. The Amount due to Contractors; 3d. To Bank; 4th. To other Parties; 5th. To Treasurer; with the Rate of Interest on each Class of Debt, and the Increase or Decrease of the Debt during the year:—And, similar Return from each Port, Harbour or Dock Commissioners, or other similar Body having Power to levy Tonnage or Goods Rates in any Port in Ireland.

Victoria-street Sewer.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Expenditure relating to the Victoria-street Sewer, stating the Amount of the Original Contracts, the Expense incurred in Repairs, the Expense of Survey, and all Excess incurred in relation to the said Sewer, giving the Names of the various Surveyors employed, the Items paid in Compensation to the Names of the Individuals by whom Compensation has been paid for Damage done in the Construction and Repair of the said Sewer; together with an Account of all Monies, and how raised, towards the Expenditure of the said Sewer; together with the Names of the Members of the Commission of Sewers under whose Orders the Victoria-street Sewer was commenced.

"Candia" Transport.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Survey held at Woolwich on the "Candia" (Iron) Transport, and that of the Pilot who took her out.

Formation, &c. of Parishes Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next, the Formation, &c. of Parishes Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

Bills of Lading.

Ordered, That Mr. William Brown be added to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare, and bring in the Bills of Lading Bill.

Bills of Lading Bill.

Mr. Cairns presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law of Bankruptcy in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Petition of the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company, and of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Halifax, both in their corporate capacity, and as the Local Board of Health of the District of the Borough, praying that Provision may be made in the Halifax Gas Bill for giving effect to an Agreement entered into by the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses for purchasing the Undertaking of the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Cairns presented a Bill to facilitate the more speedy Arrest of Absconding Debtors in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Anno 18° Victoriae Regna, 1853.

PRAYERS.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway, Pier and Telegraph Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Edward Hayes reported from the Committee on Group (8) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out a reference to certain arrangements which have been omitted from the Bill as amended, and by altering the Preamble so as to show that the intended contribution of the Cromford and High Peak Railway Company is to be made towards the general undertaking of the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group No. 11 Railway and Canal Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exmouth Bargeage Lands Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Kingston-upon-Hull, Hessle and Ferry Road Kingston-upon-Hull, Hessle and Ferry Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing the Road from the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull to the Western Boundary of the Parish of Hessle, in the East Riding of the County of York.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newtown and Ousebery Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the same.

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Resolved,
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for making a Railway from Over- 
aby, in the County of Salop, to Welchpool and New- 
town, in the County of Montgomery.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Weston-super-Mare Gas Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newton in Macclesfield Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Waverley Valley Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Southampton Paving Trust, Saint 
Pancras Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the West London 
and Crystal Palace Railway Bill in Session 1853, and the West
minster Terminals Railway Bill in Session 1854, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 6 of 
Railway and Canal Bills, to which the West London 
and Crystal Palace and Westminster Terminals Railways Bill, and the Westminster Terminals Railway 
(Clapham to Norwood) Bill, stand referred.

Airrie Rural 
District Police 
Bill.

The Order for referring the Airrie Rural District Police Bill to the Committee of Selection, was read; 
and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Airrie Rural 
District Police 
(Bill).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of the ninth Victoria, chapter thirty- 
two, and to reconstitute the Police District therein- 
mentioned, and extend the limits thereof; to erect 
and maintain a Hall, Court-house and Public Offices, 
in or near Airrie, and for other purposes: And that 
Mr. William Lockhart and Mr. Baird do prepare, 
and bring it in.

The Order for reading the third time, To-morrow, the Folkestone Improvement Bill, was read; and 
discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

A Petition of the East Kent Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the East Kent 
Railway Company to extend their authorized line of 
Railway, by the Construction of a Railway from Caunterbury to Dover, with two Branches at Dover, 
to increase their Capital, and for other purposes, was 
presented, and read; and referred to the Select 
Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Railway 
in respect of non-compliance with the Standing 
Orders in the case of the Petition for the East 
Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for transferring New River 
part of the Property and Powers of the Trustees of Company 
and the River Lee, and for the Amendment of the Acts of the 
New River Company, the East London Water, 
and Crystal Palace and Westminster Terminus Rail-
way Bill.

The Select Committee on Divorce Bills was no Diverse 
Bills, of Mr. Copper, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Sotheron, 
Sir John Polkington, Sir John Yarde Buller, Mr. 
Hotham, Mr. Isabella Carter, Mr. Robert Philli-
more and Mr. Freshfield.

The Fisheries (British Islands and Power) Bill Fisheries 
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a 
second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Bridgeport and Brood 
Rivers Roads Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Book of Common Prayer: Public 
—Carisbro Canaries Bill;—Church Rates;—Ecc. 
diocesan Courts;—Marriage Law Amendment Vide Thirty- 
—Maynooth College Act;—Decennial Census;— 
Based;—Drainage (Ireland) Act;—Education Bills, 
Free Schools Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;— 
Friendly Societies Bill;—Hardware, &c. Manufactu-
riers Bill;—Inland Revenue (Excise Department);— 
Intoxicating Liquors;—Poor Law (Ireland);— 
Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act 
(1854);—Savings Banks (Ireland);—Schools (Scot-
land) Bill;—and, Schools (Scotland) Bill, and Edu-
cation (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; 
and ordered to be upon the Table.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the Select Committee Army before 
on the Army before Sebastopol; That they had ex-
ation several other Witnesses on the subject of 
the matter to them referred; and had agreed to re-
port the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; 
and be printed.

Mr. Cobbett reported the Staines, Wokingham and Stanes, 
Woking Railway (Alternations, &c.) Bill, with Amend-
ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; 
(Alternations, &c.) Bill.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Stanes, 
Group (6) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the 
Wokingham case of the Staines, Wokingham and Woking 
Railway (Reading Junction) Bill, they had examined the (Reading 
Allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but Junction) Bill, 
the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; 
and be printed.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Stanes, 
and Wokingham and Woking Railway 
(next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday 
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to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased, Court, 
to give directions, that there be laid before this 
House,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns, showing the Number of Children between the Ages of Three and Fifteen years, in each Parish and Union, distinguishing those who are and are not attending a Day School, and distinguishing, also, the Number of such Children who shall then be attending any such Day Schools, and at the Cost of their Parents or Relatives:—And, of the Number of such Children who shall then not be attending any Day School, and distinguishing, also, the Number of such Children who shall then be in Work, and, of the Number of such Children who shall then be attending Day Schools on the 25th day of March 1854 and 1855, at the Cost of other Parties than their Parents or Relatives (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 350, of Session 1854).
Then the main Question, so amended, being put; Public

Ordered, That the subject of the said Bill be referred

to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Parish Con-

stables Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

and committed to a Committee of the whole House,

for Tuesday next.

The Places of Religious Worship Registration Places of

Worship Resolution, That the said Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday

next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee

on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation provements

Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and

committed to a Committee of the whole House,

for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee

on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Hardware, &c. Manufactures

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Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Personal

into a Committee on the Personal Estates of Intestate Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

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the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee

on the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Parish Constables Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on

Friday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Hardware, &c. reading of the Rating or Mines Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Schools (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time To-morrow.

An Amendment was proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon

Friday the 1st day of June next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the Railways Act (Ireland), 1851, and to make further Provisions in respect to the acquisition of Lands for Railways in Ireland: And that Mr. Isaac Butt and Mr. Beaumish do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Apportionment of Grand Jury and other County Assessments according to the general Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland: And that Mr. Horsman, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in it.

A Motion being made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill, as amended, of the Legislature of New South Wales, “to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty;”

Lord John Russell, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Lord John Russell and Mr. John Ball do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion being made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts of Parliament now in force respecting the disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown in Her Majesty’s Australian Colonies, and to make other Provision in lieu thereof;

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Mr. Horsman presented a Bill to facilitate the Apportionment of Grand Jury and other County Assessments, according to the general Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Beckett reported from the Committee on the London and North Western Railway Bill; That they had considered the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make the recitals in reference to the financial condition of the Company agree with the facts of the case, as proved to the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Edward Eller reported the Folkstone Improvement (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Bolton and Nightingales’ Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Duncan reported from the Select Committee on the Edinburgh Lands Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee standing on Standing Orders, a Resolution which was read, Orders, as followeth:

That in the case of the North Yorkshire and North York-Cleveland Railway, Petition of Messrs. Dursford and Cleveland, for dispensing with Standing Order 149, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Public Health Bill, and the Nuisances Removal Bill, have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the said Select Committee; That they had taken Evidence, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Sir
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration East of Fife Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Provision as to the rights of the Crown), was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Luton, Dunstable and Welwyn Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lyne Regis Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Royal London Militia Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill to repeal the Act Airいた Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill. District theretoe mentioned, and extend the Limits thereof; to erect and maintain a Hall, Court-house and Public Offices in or near Airいた, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group F. of Private Bills; That, in consequence of (Group F.) the Promoters of the Barrow Harbour Bill, and the Westminster Improvement Bill, not being prepared to proceed with their case, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday the 24th instant, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Court of Returns of Cause Petitions heard before the Lord Chancellor from Hilary Term 1855, in a Tabular Form; stating the Dates of filing Petition, of the Hearing and of the Final Decree where the first Decree was for an Inquiry or an Account:—And, of all Causes heard before the Lord Chancellor during the same period; stating the Date of filing the Original Bill, and of the Hearing.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Constabulary, Returns of the Number of Paymasters of Constabulary who were in Office at the time of the Office being abolished, the Salary paid to each, the Number of years' Service of each Paymaster, and the Amount of Allowance or Compensation which was paid to each Paymaster on the discontinuance of his Services:—And, of the Number of Poor Law Inspectors whose Services were lately discontinued, the Salary paid to each, the Number of years' Service of each, and of the Assistant Secretary, and the Amount of Compensation or Allowance made to each:—The above Returns to be made in one Tabular Form; and in both
both cases a reference is to be given to the Clause of the Act under which the Compensation was calculated, or to the Authority by which it was granted.

A Message from the Lords, by Sir George Rose:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill of the Lord Chancellor, for the Establishment of a Court of Commissions of Oyer and Terminer for the Middle Division of the County of Middlesex.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill of the Lord Chancellor, for the Establishment of a Court of Oyer and Terminer for the South Division of the County of Middlesex.

The Lords have agreed to the Bangor Markets and Public Institutions Bill, without any Amendment:—And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Affirmations (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill of the Lord Chancellor, for the Establishment of a Court of Commissions of Oyer and Terminer for the South Division of the County of Middlesex.

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The Lords have agreed to the Bill of the Lord Chancellor, for the Establishment of a Court of Oyer and Terminer for the Middle Division of the County of Middlesex.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant May, for a Return of the Names and Addresses of all Persons who have petitioned the Lord Chancellor to extend the time limited for proceeding with their Patents by the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, stating whether no Order, or any and what Order, was made in each case.

Mr. C. D. O'Connor presented,—A Petition relating to the Criminal Justice Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords do agree, and the same was read the first time; and then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Patent for Inventions be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Victoria-street Sewer, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to East India, which were presented upon the 17th day of this instant May, be printed.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Universal Suffrage; Church Rates;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Newspaper, &c.—Postage and Stamp Duties Bill;—Property Tax (Scotland);—Decimal Coinage;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland);—Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Criminal Justice Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway and Canal Bills; That, upon the Application of the Parties in the case of the Portsmouth Railway Bill, they had adjourned to Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Resolved, That the Report do lie upon the Table, Vol. 110.

Mr. Bowyer presented a Bill to facilitate the Grand Juries Despatch of Business before Grand Juries in England Bill.

Ordained, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon (Scotland) Bill, was proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The House adjourned.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 19° Maii, 1855:—

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley:—

Noes, Mr. Stirling:—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common Lanes Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common Lanes Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;—Committee of Privy Council for Trade, &c.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill, on the 26th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common Lanes Committee on the Cinque Ports Bill.
Militia (No. 2) Bill, Bill 139.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Alterations in Pleadings Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Alterations in Pleadings Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Weights and Measures Bill.
The Weights and Measures Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Grants of Lands Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grants of Lands Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Education of Pauper Children Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education of Pauper Children Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Supply.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Court of Session (Scotland) Bill.
The Court of Session (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Schools (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Schools (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next.

Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill, Bill 139.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm the Incorporation of the Borough of Brighton; and that Sir George Brooke Peckell and Lord Alfred Hervey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a “Prince of the Blood” Return of the Number of Men and Horses shipped on Board the “Prince Alfred” Transport, and the Amount of the Ship’s Tonnage.

Sir George Brooke Peckell presented a Bill to confirm the Incorporation of the Borough of Brighton; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Affirmations Lords to the Affirmations (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of this instant May, for Copies of any Letters which have been addressed to the General Board of Health, complaining of the Omission of any Notice of certain Returns in relation to the Treatment of Cholera, which Returns were sent to the General Board of Health in pursuance of a Circular dated September last, and issued by the Board; and, of any Correspondence which has passed between the President of the Board and the Medical Council, together with Copies of the Returns which have been rejected by the Medical Council.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.


Luna, 21° die Maii;
Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.
Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Scinde Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and amended the Preamble thereof, by inserting therein a recital of the deed and settlement of the Company, and statements in reference to the shares taken and the present management of the Company, and also in reference to certain negotiations at present going on between the Company and the East India Company, to make the Preamble in conformity with the facts as proved before the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported Bills Estate Bill, without Bills Estate Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be the third time.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the North Yorkshire and North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr.
Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th and 18th days of this instant, May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Alfred and Boston Road Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the East Kent Railway Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Capital) Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newton in Mackerfield Improvement Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Saint Helen's Improvement Bill was read the third time.
A Clause (Saving rights of Creditors), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.
Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Waveney Valley Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for extending the Times granted to purchase Lands for the part of the Waveney Valley Railway between Bunyans and Beccles.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
A Clause (Company not to exercise remaining compulsory Powers), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Charlbury, Witney, &c. Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial Life Assurance Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Telegraph Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gloucester Water and Local Board of Health Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Limerick and Foynes Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and Blackheath Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newport Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Improvements and Branches) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sligo Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Warrington Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

The Wisbech Port Bill was read a second time: Wisbech Port
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Airdrie Rural one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, District Police
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Halifax one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Provision in the Halifax Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Colonel Peunant reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Lightpill and Birdlip Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegation referring to the arrears of interest; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Peunant reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Limerick and Foynes Railway Bill, and the Stroud, Coisaross and Minchinhampton Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out...
striking out the allegation referring to the interest of the debt; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Stroud and Chalford Road Bill.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Strowd and Chalford Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegation referring to the arrears of interest; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Turnpike-road Bills (Group I.)

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, with the consent of the Parties promoting and opposing the Bills remaining before them for consideration, they had adjourned to Thursday, June 7th, at Twelve o'clock. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway and Canal Bills (Group 3.)

Mr.orry reported from the Committee on Group No. 3 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Fower, one of the Members of the Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day; and had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group D.)

Mr. Lobowere reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That, on the application of the Parties promoting and opposing the Liverpool Docks Bills, they had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Basingstoke, Stockbridge and Lobcomb Corner Road Bill.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on the Basingstoke, Stockbridge and Lobcomb Corner Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Bridport Roads Bill.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Bridport Roads Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Aberyst, Bal-lover, Bramall and Carnwally Road Bill.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Ballober, Bramall, and Carnwally Road Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had made Provision in the Bill, pursuant to the Instruction of the House; and had received proof of due compliance with the Orders contained in the same Instruction; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Georserand Newbury Road Bill.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Georser and Newbury Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Turnpike-road Bills (Group I.)

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, to consult the convenience of persons prosecuting Bills before them, the Committee had adjourned to Monday the 4th day of June next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Broad Gauge) Bill.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Group (1) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Broad Gauge) Bill, they had stated to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Severn Valley Railway Group (1) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Severn Valley Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting the recital that it is expedient that the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company should be authorized to become Shareholders in the Undertaking, and enter into arrangements with the Company, and by introducing a recital of the expediency of the Company obtaining accommodation at the Shrewsbury stations, it appearing to the Committee desirable that such alterations should be made; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter from the Royal Commissioners for Inquiry into the University of Cambridge, addressed to the Lord Chancellor, on the subject of the Cambridge University Bill, as amended in the Committee, dated May 1855.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Warehouses or Vaults at any of the Spirit Warehouses Outports or Provinces of the United Kingdom, which have been approved by the Board of Customs for the deposit of Wines and Spirits, or either of those Articles, without payment of Duty, under the Provisions of the Customs Laws; specifying the Names of the Parties whose premises have been so approved, the Situation of the Buildings, and distinguishing whether Warehouses, Vaults or otherwise; also the Date of Approval, and the Amount of Bond entered into on account thereof.

Mr. Hugh Adair reported from the Committee on Railway and Canal Group on 5 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the Canal Bills Parties promoting the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill had applied to them for an adjournment, in consequence of the absence of a material witness; and such application not being opposed by the Petitioners against the Bill, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Church Rates;—Public —Episcopals;—Capitular Estates Bill;—Marriage Petitions; Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Vide Thirty—Regium Donum, Maynooth College, &c.;—Decimal Ration Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Coinage;—Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill;—Railway Bill;—Church Rates;—Public Grain;—Intoxicating Liquors;— Londonderry Estates;—Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Metropolis Removal Amendment Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—Robert Owen;—Petty Sessions Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—and, Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro—Adjournment, possessed, That this House do now adjourn;—And the said Petition was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented,—Return to an Ad—Assessmentsdress to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of April (Metropolis.) last, for a Return, setting forth the rateable Value of the Property (exclusive of Railways) assessed within A. 1855.
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with each of the Metropolitan Cities and Boroughs of London, Westminster, Marylebone, Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Lambeth and Green-
wich, and in each of the other Parishes not within any City or Borough, but included in the Registrar General’s Returns of the Metropolitan Districts: 1. Under the Pre-emptory Tax (Schedule A); 3. To County Rate; and, 3. To the Poor’s Rates; together with the Population and Number of Inhabited Houses in 1851.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Cholera, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Pensions granted to the Widows of Officers who have lost their Lives in any Branch of Her Majesty’s Service during the present War in the East; stating the Rank of the deceased Officer, the Date of his Death, and the Amount granted.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Friendly Societies Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Victoria Government Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the East; stating the Rank of the deceased Officer, the Date of his Death, and the Amount granted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Personal Estates of In-
vestments Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dissenters’ Marriages Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That Mr. Craufurd do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract entered into at Vienna by the Secretary for War, for the Supply of Summer Clothing to be issued to the Troops serving in

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract entered into at Vienna by the Secretary for War, for the Supply of

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the Lords to the Affirmations (Scotland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Craufurd do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 1st day of June next, theRating of Mines Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the House had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next; and be printed.

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Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract entered into at Vienna by the Secretary for War, for the Supply of Summer Clothing to be issued to the Troops serving in
in the Crimea; specifying the Nature and Quality of the Articles to be furnished, and the Price agreed to be paid for the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill be laid before this House.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 15th May 1855, and previous Papers, relating to the Ordnance Survey.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Act of the first and second years of King William the Fourth, chapter Thirty-seven, commonly called the Truck Act: And that Mr. Charles Forster and Mr. Henry Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Return of the Number of Rooms and Houses at the College at Sandhurst in the occupation of the College, stating how occupied.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Select Committee on Sandhurst Royal Military College.

Mr. Bouverie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — An Account of the Mercantile Marine Fund, under the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 131, showing the Balance of Cash and Amount of Stock held on 1st October 1853, with the Income and Expenditure from that Period to 31st December 1854.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

MARTIS, 22° DIE MAI.

Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1° 55. PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Luton, Dunstable and Wellingborough Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Luton, Dunstable and Wellingborough Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Brotherston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lyme Regis Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Lyme Regis Roads Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

East Kent Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the East Kent Railway Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon Monday the 4th day of June next."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, — Mr. Lushington, Mr. Deedes; Tellers for the Noes, — Mr. James Macgregor, Mr. Frewen.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

A Clause (Saving Admiralty provisions of former Act), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Lushington do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Bridport and the Bridport and Broad Windsor Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Narrow Gauge) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sunderland Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wigan and Preston Roads, North of Yarrow Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order, That the Report on the Metropolitan Railway Bill do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee;—And that they have leave to sit, and proceed upon Thursday next.

The Order for the third reading of the Ryeham and Neckar Railway Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee;—And that they have leave to sit, and proceed upon Thursday next.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Clause of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as relates to the Endowment and Reclamation of Land, the same being objected to by the Admiralty; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, — Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for an Account of all Sums paid into the Stannop Office in Great Britain and Ireland on Insurance from Fire, for the quarters ending severally the 25th day of March, the 24th day of June, the 29th day of September, and the 25th day of December 1854; distinguishing the Amount of Allowance made to each Office for collecting the same in the Country; London, Edinburgh.
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Mr. Cobbett reported the Portsmouth Railway Bill, with Amendments. Order'd, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cardwell reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Hartlepool Pier and Port Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out several words and clauses which were struck out of the Bill, and by inserting the preamble to the additional provision; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the House; and that proof had been given of due compliance with the Order contained in the Resolution of the House of April 25th; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Order'd, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Order'd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the East Kent Railway Company to extend their authorized line of railway, by the construction of a railway from Canterbury to Dover, with two branches at Dover; to increase their capital, and for other purposes: And that Sir Edward Dering, Mr. Strutt, Viscount Palmerston, Mr. Miles, Mr. Wilson, Lord Seaton, Mr. Emst, Mr. Grantham, Mr. cheere, Sir John Trollope, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Richard Vyvyan and Mr. Brotherhood.

Then the names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference:—And being returned;

Viscount Palmerston reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, which was managed on the part of the Lords by the Lord Privy Seal; and that the Lords had communicated the following Resolution, which had been adopted by their Lordships' House:

"Die Lune, 21st May. 1855.

Resolved, By the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled,

That this House is willing to concur with the other House of Parliament (if it shall think fit) in the following arrangement for the transmission of Messages, Bills and Papers from one House to the other (namely),

That, in addition to the present practice with regard to Messages between the Houses, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of Messages from one to the other; and that, Messages so sent be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst it is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the Business then proceeding;

Resolved, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Commons, and their concurrence thereto desired.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Schools to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the proportion of Scholars (or Children attending School) to the Population in each County of Scotland, so far as it can be exhibited by the Census of 1851.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the condition of our Army before Sebastopol, and the conduct of those Departments of the Government whose duty it has been to minister to the wants of that Army:—And also,

The Lords desire a present Conference with this House in the matter of a Resolution of their Lordships relating to Messages between the Houses of Parliament, and to desire the concurrence of this House thereto:—And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an answer to Army before Sebastopol, by Messengers of their own.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to a Conference with the Lords, as desired by their Lordships. And the Messenger was again called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith:—And then he again withdrew.

Viscount Palmerston reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, which was managed on the part of the Lords by the Lord Privy Seal; and that the Lords had communicated the following Resolution, which had been adopted by their Lordships' House:

"Die Lune, 27th May, 1855.

Resolved, By the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled,

That this House is willing to concur with the other House of Parliament (if it shall think fit) in the following arrangement for the transmission of Messages, Bills and Papers from one House to the other (namely),

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Bouverie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council regulating the admission of Persons to the Civil Service of the Crown.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Church Rates;—Episcopal and Capuchin Estates Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Stamp Duties (Drains on Bankers) Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Hardware, &c., Manufacture Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—Wages;—and, War with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the complete Revision of our Diplomatic Establishments, are recommended in the Report of the Select Committee of 1850 on Official Salaries, should be carried into effect;

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Bankruptcy reading of the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next.

The Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill was, ac- Absconding cording to Order, read a second time; and comm- Debtorsitted to a Committee of the whole House, for Wed- nesday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Parish Committee on the Parish Constables Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Carlisle Committee on the Carlisle Canons Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Railways (Ireland) Bill was, according to Railway Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Ireland) Bill Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Spirits Committee on the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment (Ireland) Act Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 7th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Friendly into consideration the Friendly Societies Bill, as Societies Bill, amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Education into consideration the Education of Pauper Children Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Brighton a Committee on the Brighton Incorporation Bill; Incorporation and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re- solved the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bouverie reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading;—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Horsey, Mr. Thomas Baring, Mr. Cairns and Mr. William Brown do prepare, and bring it in.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Brighton a Committee on the Brighton Incorporation Bill; Incorporation and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re- solved the Chair; and Mr. Cooper reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and di- rected him to report the same, without Amend-
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Bills of Lading (No. 5) Bill. Mr. Horsfall presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordinance Board Bill. Mr. Mossell presented a Bill for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordinance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till Thursday next.

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ANNO 18° Victoriae Regn. 1855.

PRAYERS.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill. The House had before it the Report from the Committee on Group 4.

Railway and Canal Bills (Group 4.) Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Group No. 4 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Gwyn, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day. Ordered, That Mr. Gwyn be discharged from further attendance on the Committee.

Message from the Lords. A Message from the Lords, by Mr. Russell: Mr. Speaker,

Sewers (House Drainage) Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Sewers (House Drainage) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Madras Railway Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Madras Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Lancaster Water and Gas Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Lancaster Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And then the Messenger withdrew.

Charlbury, Witney, &c. Road Bill. The Charlbury, Witney, &c. Road Bill was read the third time. Ordered, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Colonial Life Assurance Company Bill. The Colonial Life Assurance Company Bill was read the third time. Ordered, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Cork and Youghal Railway Bill. The Cork and Youghal Railway Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Electric Telegraph Company Bill. The Electric Telegraph Company Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Exeter and Ermouth Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Sir John Duckworth do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glasgow, Dumfriots and Helensburgh Railway Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hill's Estate Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Limerick and Foynes Railway Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newport Gas Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Lincoln Branch, &c.) Bill be now read the third time: Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Royal London Militia Bill was read the third Royal London Militia Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to amend an Act of the first year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter 100, to enable Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the City of London to purchase certain Lands and Houses for building more convenient and requisite Head-quarters, Storehouses and other proper accommodation for the Royal London Militia; and to confer certain other Powers. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Sligo Gas Bill be read the Sligo Gas Bill. third time To-morrow.

The Warrington Water Bill was read the third Warrington Water Bill. time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lyne Regis Roads Bill was, according to Lyne Regis Roads Bill. Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing, widening and maintaining several Roads in the Counties of Dorset and Devon, leading to and from the Borough of Lyne Regis, and from the Turnpike-road on Raymond's Hill to the Turnpike-road at the Three Ashes, in the Parish of Crewkerne, in the County of Somerset. Ordered,
Ordered, That Mr. Brotherton do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Alterations, &c.) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Alterations, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Weymouth Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Weymouth Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wolverhampton New Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wolverhampton New Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Narrow Gauge) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Narrow Gauge) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Thames Embankment and Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Thames Embankment and Railway Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Monday the 4th day of June next," in order to add the words "this day six months" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:---It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this day six months" be added instead thereof:---It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, being Promoters of the Undertaking of the Dearness Valley Railway, praying that Provision may be made in the Dearness Valley Railway Bill for authorizing a certain Deviation in the Line of the proposed Railway, was presented, and read;

and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That in the case of the Halifair Gas, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Petitions be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, provided that Notice of the proposed additional Provision be inserted in each of two successive weeks in a local newspaper; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order shall have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Brotherton presented a Bill for enabling the East Kent Railway Company to extend their authorized Line of Railway by the Construction of a Branch from Canterbury to Dover; with two Branches at Dover; to increase their Capital, and for other purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Harcourt Vernon reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group D. of Private Bills; That upon the application of the Parties promoting and opposing the different Bills under their consideration, they had adjourned to Wednesday the 6th of June, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Boldere reported the Rhymney Railway Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Loan Fund Societies (Ireland) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Pollard-Urquhart reported from the said Select Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Leek Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by reciting that certain rights are claimed, instead of affirming the existing of such rights, and by omitting the names of the townships within which such rights are claimed, in order to make the Preamble consistent with the evidence given to the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the West Bromwich Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway (No. 2) Baroda and Beach Branches at Dover; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to have the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baines reported from the Select Committee Criminal on the Criminal Justice Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended, as be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 4th day of June next.

Mr. Lavelle reported the Carlisle and Silloth Railway and Dock Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hugh Adair reported the Metropolitan Railway Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Post-office (Limerick, &c.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Receipts of the Post-office for the past year from the Towns on the Line of Railway between the Limerick Junction and Cork, including that City, also the Receipts at the same Towns in respect of the Correspondence between such Towns, and the Cost incurred for the same per the Conveyance of the Mails between these Points:—Similar Return for the past year from the Towns on the Line of Railway between Limerick and Waterford, including these Cities, and the estimated Cost of conveying the Mails between these Points by any Tender made by the Railway Company:—And, Return of all Memorials and Correspondence, on the subject of Postal Communication between Waterford and Limerick, made to Her Majesty's Government, and the Replies thereto, between the 1st of January 1852 and the 1st day of June 1855.

Army in the East.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Nominal Return of all Officers belonging to the Army in the East who have applied for Remuneration for the loss of Horses, Mules and Baggage, between the 30th day of April 1854 and the 1st day of May 1855, with the Dates of such Applications.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Brownrigg.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Despatches and Correspondence connected with the Removal of Mr. J. Stuart Brownrigg from the Office of Postmaster General of the Island of Mauritius, on the 9th day of June 1853.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Newfoundland.

Mr. John Ball presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of March last, for Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Governor of Newfoundland, on the recent changes in the Constitution of that Colony.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant May, for Copy of the separate Report of Dr. Boly, on the Sanitary State of Gibraltar.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Spirits (Navy.)

Mr. Osborne presented, Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant May, for a Return of the Number of British Ships and Horses shipped on Board the "Prince Alfred," Transport, and the Amount of the Ship's Tonnage.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Marriage Public Law Amendment Bill;—Magdalen College Act;—Petitions.

Regium Donum;—Religious Equality;—Licensing Act;—Police-houses (Scotland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Rental Repeal Amendment Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Port.

Schools Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill;—Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Metropolis Roads Bill;—Mortality of the Mails between these Points by any Tender made by the Railway Company:—And, Return of all Memorials and Correspondence, on the subject of Postal Communication between Waterford and Limerick, made to Her Majesty's Government, and the Replies thereto, between the 1st of January 1852 and the 1st day of June 1855.

Gibraltar.

Mr. Osborne presented, Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant May, for a Return of the Number of Men, Horses, &c., on Board the "Prince Alfred," Transport, and the Amount of the Ship's Tonnage.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Poor Law Inspectors, on the 20th day of March last, for a Return of the Names of the Poor Law Inspectors, the Dates of their respective Appointments, the Unions in the DistRICTS allotted to each, the Dates of their Visits to each officially, during the years 1853 and 1854.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March East India last, for Copies of any further Papers relating to the "Barnabas" Hostilities.
Hostilities with Burmah (in continuation of Papers presented 15th March 1853).
Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the Resolution adopted by them respecting the Arrangement for the Transmission of Messages, Bills, and Papers from one House to the other (namely), “That, in addition to the present practice with regard to Messages between the Houses, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of Messages from the one to the other: “And that Messages so sent be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst it is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the Business then proceeding.”

Ordered, That Mr. FitzRoy do acquaint their Lordships with the said Resolution.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Constables Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Education of Pauper Children Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Brighton Incorporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordnance Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the Notices of Motions.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House cannot adjourn for the Rest of the Session on the 31st day of March 1854, from the Members of a General Committee of Civil Servants of the Crown, relative to the Establishment of a Civil Service Provident Fund; together with the Appendix and Abstract of the Number of Signatures (omitting the Names) accompanying such Abstract.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter to the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, dated the 7th day of December 1853, from the Members of a General Committee of Civil Servants of the Crown, relative to the Establishment of a Civil Service Provident Fund; together with the Appendix and Abstract of the Number of Signatures (omitting the Names) accompanying such Abstract.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Tea Warehouse List of all Warehouses in London and the Out-houses of the United Kingdom which have been approved by the Board of Customs for the deposit of Tea, without payment of Duty, under the Provisions of the Customs Laws; specifying the Names of the Parties whose Premises have been so approved, the Situation of the Buildings, and the Date of Approval.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the providing of improved Dwellings for Labouring Classes in Ireland; and that Sir William Somerville and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of an Act to enable the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria, to provide for the Regulation of the Affairs of the said Church.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Dublin Copy of the Commission recently issued by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to Lord Talbot de Malahide, Mr. South and Mr. Stephenson, relative to the Hospitals in the City of Dublin.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Metropolitan Committee this day, at Twelve o’clock, on the Metropolitan Local Management Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, at Twelve o’clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Church Rates Abolition (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 8th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Grand Jury and Local Assessments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

The Grand Juries Bill was, according to Order, Grand Juries read a second time; and committed to a Committee bill of the whole House, for Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotch) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Bill;

Resolved,
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Edinburgh Lands Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grants of Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Hardware, &c. Manufactures Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Education of the Pauper Children Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title to an Act to provide for the Education of Children in the receipt of Out-door Relief.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Brighton Incorporation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordnance Board Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

Sir William Somerset presented a Bill to encourage the providing of improved Dwellings for the Labouring Classes in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sewers (House Drainage) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill.

Ordered, That the short Title of the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to "International Life Assurance Society Bill."

International Life Assurance Society Bill.

The International Life Assurance Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill.

The Peterborough and Wellingborough Road Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wigan and Preston Roads, North of Yarrow Bill.

The Wigan and Preston Roads, North of Yarrow Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sligo Gas Bill.

The Sligo Gas Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bolton and Nightingales' Road Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bolton and Nightingales' Road Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Folkestone Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Folkestone Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London and South Western Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and South Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Airdrie Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill.

The Airdrie Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill.

The New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Wisbech Port Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, That they have Power to appoint the Committee on the Wisbech Port Bill for any day not earlier then seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the House proceeded to take into consideration Army before Sebastopol.

The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the Message from the Lords of the 25th day of this instant May, wherein their Lordships request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Fourth Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Army before Sebastopol.

Ordered, That a printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday the 23d day of this instant May, on the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Malt. Returns of the Number of Bushels of Malt charged with Duty in England, between the 5th day of April 1853 and the 5th day of April 1854:--Of the Number of Bushels of Malt charged with Duty, between the 5th day of April 1854 and the 31st day of March 1855:--And of Amount of extra Duty of 10s. 4d. per Quarter charged on Stock of Malt on hand in England, the 5th day of May 1854.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Amount of Judges' Fees received in the County Courts for the Period since their Establishment to the end of the last year to which the Accounts are made up:--Of the Total Amount received by the Judges of such Fees for their own use, from the Establishment of the Courts in 1847 to the 30th day of September 1848:--Of the Total Amount of the Salaries and Allowances for travelling paid to such Judges, from the 30th day of September 1848 to the end of such last year:--Of the Total Amount of Clerks' Fees for the same Period, the Total Amount of Salaries paid thereout, and the Total Amount received by the Clerks for their own use:--Of the Total Amount of High Balance Fees received in such Period, and how expended:--Of the Total Amount received by the Treasurers of County Courts on account of the General Fund, and the Payments made thereout, during such Period, as given in the Balance Sheets rendered to the Treasury:--Of the Total Amount of the Allowance to Treasurers of County Courts during such Period for travelling and other Expenses, and out of what Fund paid. --And, of the Names of all Districts in which Court-houses have been built, and the Expense of each such Court-house. Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order for resuming, upon Thursday next, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3d day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 7th day of June next. The
The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday the 7th day of June next, the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Proce- dure) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of June next.

Mr. Hugh Adair reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting reference to certain Powers which are not conferred by the Bill in its amended form; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lascelles reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and amended the same, for the purpose of stating the purposes for which the additional capital is sought to be raised; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Widow's Return of the Number of Widows of Master Gunners, Boatswains and Carpenters, for the years 1840 to 1854, in receipt of Annuities, distinguishing the Amount paid to each Class, and in each year; showing also the Aggregate of the Fifteen years.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Stationary by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant May, for Details of the Sum of £ 120,400 (Civil Services), voted by the House of Commons on the 9th day of February, for an Excess of Stationery supplied to the Army in the East, stating how much of that Sum was expended in Cartridge Paper for Ammunition.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this Instant May, for Extract of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the Governor General of India in Council, dated the 20th day of December 1854—Copy or Extract of any other Despatch from the said Directors, prohibiting the opening of a New Loan without the sanction of the Authorities in England; And, Copy of any Despatches from the Government in India, explaining the Reasons for opening a New Loan.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March—Sewers Rates last, for a Return of the Rates levied by the Metropolitan Commission of Sewers in the several Parishes of the Borough of Lambeth, and the Amount of the Rates collected in each Parish, in each year from 1848 to 1854, both inclusive; and also the Amount expended by the said Commissioners in making new Sewers or Repairs of Sewers in each Parish, in each of those years.

Return to several Orders, dated the 26th day of April last, and the 15th day of this instant May, for Copies of Reports to the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, on the Working of Pipe Sewers, of the District Engineers, Messrs. Lewish, Grant, Cooper, Donaldson and Roe—And, of Notes of a House to House Inquiry made in Ormond-Terrace by Mr. F. O. Ward, one of the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, accompanied by Mr. Cresy, one of the Engineers of the Commission, as to the Working of 4 and 6-inch Pipe Drains laid there on the Plan of Back Drainage, and stated to have failed: And, for fac-simile Copies of the said Engineers' Drawings accompanying their Reports.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this Instant May, for Copies of Reports of Surveyors of Sewers. Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, made in conformity with the directions of the General Committee of the Commissioners on the 18th day of February 1854, as to the Difficulties experienced by the Surveyors in executing improved Works of House Drainage, and also of Water Supply and House Drainage combined.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Metropolitan an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table—by the Clerk of the House.—The Twenty-ninth Report of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Turnpike-Roads North of the Thames.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sewers Rates (Lambeth,) and the Paper relative to Metropolitan Turnpike-Roads, be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary, a copy of the Third and Final Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed November 10, 1852, to inquire into the state and condition of the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches in England and Wales; with an Appendix.

Mr. Cooper also presented, Return to an Address, for the Return of the Number of Schools, and in what County situated, of the Private Reformatory Schools which have been certified by Government; whether for Boys or Girls; and the Number of Boys or Girls which each School is capable of containing.
Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of March last, for Returns of the Number of Prosecutions in the Metropolitan Police Courts, under the Smoke Nuisance Abatement (Metropolis) Act, stating the grounds of such Prosecutions, and the Amount of Fines imposed in consequence thereof:—Of the mode in which the Amount of such Fines has been applied:—And, of the Expenses attending such Prosecutions. To an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22d day of December last, for a Return of litigated Cases in the Sheriff Courts of Scotland, commenced subsequently to the 1st day of November 1852, and finally decided prior to the 1st day of November 1853, with the Sums and Taxed Expenses decreed for therein:—Similar Return as to Cases commenced subsequently to the 1st day of November 1853, and finally decided prior to the 1st day of November 1854:—Return of the Number of Cases sent to Proof between the 1st day of November 1852 and the 1st day of November 1853, in such a Proof was concluded within that period; showing the Time occupied by such Proof in each case, and the Sums paid to Commissioners for taking the same:—Similar Return for the period between the 1st day of November 1853 and the 1st day of November 1854:—Return of the Number of Criminal Cases before the Sheriff Courts of Scotland in which the Panels pleaded guilty, for the period between the 1st day of November 1852 and the 1st day of November 1853, and the Sums charged and in Exchequer on account of Witnesses in such Cases:—And, similar Return for the period between the 1st day of November 1853 and the 1st day of November 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Reformatory Schools; and Smoke Nuisance Abatement (Metropolis) Act, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Dublin Port, which was presented upon the 26th day of April last, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to East India Railways, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Newfoundland, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Gibraltar, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits (Navy), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant May, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Act:—Regina Donum:—Australian Colonies:—Licensing (Public-houses), &c.:—Education (Scotland) Bill:—Free Schools Bill:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Intoxicating Liquors (Spirits) Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill:—George Ryder Power:—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—Sale of Beer Act (1854):—Schools (Scotland) Bill:—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:—War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Ball presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant May, for Copies of any Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, during their present Session, touching the legal position of the Bishops and other Members of the Church of England in that Colony:—And, of the Votes of the respective Houses on any such Address, if received. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, to the House, Despatch of the Duke of Newcastle, relative to the Descent upon the Crimea, dated the 31st August 1854.

Mr. Peel also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant May, for Copy of the Correspondence relative to the re-arrangement of the Select Committee of Artillery Officers and others at Woolwich, including the General Order of the 50th day of March last, appointing some additional Members, and a List of the Days of Meeting to the present time.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Descent upon the Crimea, be referred to the Select Committee on the Army before Sebastopol; and that the Return relative to Artillery Officers (Woolwich), be do upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Prosecution adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, that this House cannot adjourn for the Recess without expressing its dissatisfaction with the ambiguous language and uncertain conduct of Her Majesty's Government in reference to the great question of Peace or War; and that, under these circumstances, this House feels it a duty to declare, that it will continue to give every support to Her Majesty in the prosecution of the War, until Her Majesty shall, in conjunction with Her Allies, obtain for this Country a safe and honourable Peace; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the first word "House" to the word "feels," in order to insert the words "having seen," with regret that the Conferences of Vienna have "not led to a termination of hostilities," instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Sabbath, 29th day of May, 1855.

A Message by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Royal Assent. Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act for granting to Her Majesty an increased Income Tax Rate of Duty on Profits arising from Property, &c., Bill.

Fiscations, Trades and Offices:

An Act for granting certain Duties of Customs on Customs Duties Bill.

An Act for granting certain additional Rates and Spirit, &c., Duties of Excise:—(Excise) Bill.

An Act to remove doubts as to the Commissions Militia Officers of Militia in Ireland, who have omitted (Ireland) Bill to deliver unto the Clerk of the Peace descriptions of their Qualifications, and to indemnify them against the
An Act to enable the East Indian Railway Company to issue and register Shares and Securities in Railway Bill.

An Act to incorporate the Stourbridge Gas Company, and to enable them to light with Gas the Town of Stourbridge in Worcestershire, and other Places.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "having seen with regret that the Conferences of "Visita have not led to a termination of hostilities," be inserted instead thereof;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting after the words "regret that," the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea,"

And the Question being proposed, That the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Bill be adjourned till Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testimony Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Personal Estates of Intestates Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Militia (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, Militia (No. 2) read the third time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 2, l. 19, by inserting after the word "places," the word "except such or such portion of the several Inns of Court and Inns of Chancery as may now be extra-parochial."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the House to resolve itself into a Public Health Committee, upon Friday next, on the Public Health Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Passenger Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 4th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Bath, in the room of Thomas Plima, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Bovenham, in the County of Buckingham.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of all Petitions on the subject of the proposed Constitution for New South Wales, presented to this House since the year 1853, with the Number of Signatures attached to each Petition.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Sums paid under the Act 56 Geo. 3, c. 94, and subsequent Orders of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in the years 1853 and 1854, for the difference of Rates and Charges due to Corporations, Companies or Individuals, for Foreign Vessels which, under Treaties of Reciprocity or otherwise, are admitted into the Ports of the United Kingdom at the same Rates of Charge as British Vessels; specifying each of the several Rates; on what account the same was paid, whether for Light Dues, Dock Dues, Dues on Ships or Merchandise, Pilotage or otherwise; also, the Total Amount (under the Reciprocity Treaties) paid to each Corporation, Company or Individual, in respect of the amounts due to each Corporation, Company or Individual, in respect of the years ended the 31st day of December 1853 and 31st day of December 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 189, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 30th day of April last, Sierra Leone, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Orders, Papers, Minutes, Documents and Letters, from the Appointment of Governor Kennedy in 1852, down to his removal from the Colony, relating to certain Charges preferred by Governor Kennedy against Mr. William Nicoll Aitkin, late Colonial Surgeon in Sierra Leone, and to his removal from Office, with the Correspondence which has passed (and the Memorials and Petitions which have been presented) on this subject between the said Governor Kennedy and the Colonial Office and the said William Nicoll Aitkin, the Colonial Office, and the Lord President of the Privy Council, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to Charges preferred by Governor Kennedy against Mr. William Nicoll Aitkin, late Colonial Surgeon at Sierra Leone, from the Appointment of the said Governor down to the present time.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
Law of Partnership.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to the Law of Partnership, might be read; and the same being read:

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the state of the Law relating to Partnership;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for limiting the Liability of Members of certain Joint Stock Companies.

2. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Fitz-Roy accordingly reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for limiting the Liability of Members of certain Joint Stock Companies.

2. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership.—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bills: And that Mr. Fitz-Roy, Mr. Bouverie and Viscount Palmerston do prepare, and bring them in.

“Candia.”

Transport.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant May, for a Copy of the Report of the Survey held at Woolwich on the “Candia” (Iron) Transport, and that of the Pilot who took her out.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie presented a Bill for limiting the Liability of Members of certain Joint Stock Companies; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bouverie presented a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership: And the same was read the first time; and agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Three of the afternoo, ordered the Clerk to take the Chair.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Basingstoke, Wokingham, and Woking Railway Bills.

The Wolverhampton New Water Bill was read the Wolverhampton New Water Bill the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Weymouth Water Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Wolverhampton New Water Bill was read the Wolverhampton New Water Bill the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Abingdon, Basingstoke, Stockbridge, and Lovelock Road Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Acts; in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Dearness Valley Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Acts; in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Dearness Valley Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Fitz-Roy accordingly reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership.

2. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Weymouth Water Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Wolverhampton New Water Bill was read the Wolverhampton New Water Bill the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Abingdon, Basingstoke, Stockbridge, and Lovelock Road Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Basingstoke, Stockbridge, and Lovelock Road Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Bridport Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

I hereby certify, that The Speaker has sprained his leg in mounting his horse. A considerable amount of inflammation has resulted from the injury, which has not yet sufficiently subsided to enable him to take the Chair.

Edw. Headland,
M. R. C. S., &c. &c.

92, Guildford-street, June 34, 1855.

Whereupon Mr. Fitz-Roy, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, having counted the House, took the Chair, according to the Resolution of this House.

Mr. Bouverie presented a Bill to amend the Law of Partnership:—The House acquainted the House, that he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker, together with a Medical Certificate, which he read to the House, as follow:

Sir,

I trust that the enclosed Certificate from the Surgeon who has been attending me during my indisposition will satisfy the House with regard to the cause of my unavoidable absence on the present occasion. I can only express my sincere regret at being thus prevented attending the service of the House.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,
C. S. Leftere,
Speaker.

Sir Denis Le Marchant, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

I hereby certify, that The Speaker has sprained his leg in mounting his horse. A considerable amount of inflammation has resulted from the injury, which has not yet sufficiently subsided to enable him to take the Chair.

Mr. Fitz-Roy, the Chairman of the Committee, took the Chair, according to the Resolution of this House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Acts; in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Dearness Valley Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Acts; in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Dearness Valley Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Madras—The amendments made by the Lords to the Madras Railway Bill, Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Staines, Wokingham, and Woking Railway (Alterations, &c.) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hayter, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Weymouth Water Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Wolverhampton New Water Bill was read the Wolverhampton New Water Bill the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Abingdon, Basingstoke, Stockbridge, and Lovelock Road Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Bridport Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Gosport and Oldursby Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Great Northern London Cemetery Bill*, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the *Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill*, as amended in the Committee, be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Hinton Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Rhymney Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Scindia Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Severn Valley Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Somerset Central Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway, Pier and Telegraph Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stroud, Cairncross and Minchinhampton Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Stroud and Chalford Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Portsmouth Railway Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Lightpill and Birdlip Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill* be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the *Earl Amenity* be discharged from further attendance on the Committee on Group H. of Tumpike-road Bills.

Mr. Corey reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the *England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill*, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, for the purpose of confining the operation of the Bill to the improvement of the Postal and Passenger Communication between England and Ireland via Holland and Kingstown or Howth, and of making it otherwise consistent with the facts of the case as proved before them; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, Transports, dated the 29th day of January last, for a Return of the Ships engaged as regular Transports, with the Names (stating whether Steam or Sailing), from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 1st day of January 1855, with the Dates of Engagement, and if still in the Service; the Register Tonnage on which the Freight is calculated; the Rates of Freight, and whether reduced or increased since first engaged; the Service performed, with the Quantity of Cargo, Troops or Stores taken by each; the Length of the Passages; in Steam Ships, the Horse-power and Consumption of Coals or Fuel per Hour.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Bills, &c. Returns of the Amount paid from the Consolidated Fund to the Assistant Barristers in Ireland, and to the Chairman of Kilmarnock, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1851:—Of the Amount paid from the Consolidated Fund to the Assistant Barristers in Ireland, to the Chairman of Kilmarnock, and to the Recorders of Dublin and Cork, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1854:—Of the Amount paid in Salaries, and of the Allowances for travelling Expenses, to the two Judges of the Insolvent Court in Ireland, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1851:—Of the Amount paid to the sole Judge of the Insolvent Court, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1855:—And, in a Tabular Form, of the Stamped Paper issued by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue in Ireland to the several Stamp Distributors, and sold by them, and also of the Stamped Paper sold by the said Commissioners to Persons other than Stamp Distributors, in the years ending the 30th day of June 1850 and 1855, viz:—Stamped original Civil Bill Ejectment Forms; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Forms for Redemption; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Forms in Replevin; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Process Forms, for the recovery of any Legacy or distributive share of Assets; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped (other than the above) original Civil Bill Process Forms; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped Notice of Appeal Forms; &c.

The above Returns to specify the Amount of Stamped Paper sold upon each Form of Process or Proceeding; also the Amount upon each class of Copies and upon Recognizance of Appeal; and also the Gross Amount of Stamp Duties received in each of the said years in respect of Civil Bill Proceedings.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Towns in Ireland that have elected Town Commissioners under the Provisions of the Towns Improvement Act of last Session; stating the Names and Qualifications (as required by the Act) of each Commissioner, and stating in what instances the Lord Chancellor of Ireland has appointed the Chairman of such Commissions a Justice of the Peace for the Town, and in what instances, if any, he has appointed a Commissioner, not being Chairman; and in what instances he has
not appointed any Commissioner a Justice of the Peace for the Town as authorized by the Act.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thurs-
day next, the Truck Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant June.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a
Committee To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, on the
Metropolitan Local Management Bill, was read, and
dischargd. Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next,
at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Com-
mittee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to
give directions, that there be laid before this House a
Copy of any Reports to the War Office on the
Results of Experiments made at the Manchester
Barracks or elsewhere with M'Dougall's Disin-
fected Powder.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to
Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are
of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Public Petitions. Vide Thirty-

nineth Report.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Church Rates;—
Church Rates Abolition Bill;—Marriage Law
Amendment Bill by Name of County Act;—Reli-
gerious Equality;—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.);—
Burials beyond the Metropolis Act;—Decimal
Coinage;—Education Bills;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Li-
quors;— Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amend-
ment Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—
Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—St. Mary-in-
Arden Parish;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Savings
Banks (Ireland);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Ten-
ants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill;
—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—War with Russia;
—and, Wee Pawns, &c. (Scotland),—were presented,
and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Incumbered Estates Inquir Com-
mission (Ireland.)

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of Report of Her Majesty's Commis-
sioners appointed to inquire into the Incumbered
Estates Court, and into the expediency of continu-
ning the same, or transferring its Powers to the Court of Chan-
cery; together with an Appendix containing Evi-
dence and Returns.

Copy of Seventeenth Annual Report of the Com-
misssioners of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland,
pursuant to the Act 6 & 7 Vict. c. 91.

Copy of Twenty-first Report of the Commiss-
ioners of National Education in Ireland (for the
year 1854), with Appendices : Vol. I.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed
to inquire into the present State of the River Tyne;
together with the Minutes of Evidence and Ap-
pendix.

Copy of Sixth Report, with Abstracts of Accounts
relating to the Circumstances of the under-men-
tioned Turnpike Trusts applying for Local Acts in
relating to the Circumstances of the under-men-
tioned Turnpike Trusts—Hearford and Norwiche, since its first foundation;
and of the corresponding Entries of the same cer-
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ified Returns made by the Governors in conformity
with the Act 1 Geo. 1, c. 10, s. 20.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the
29th day of March last, for Returns of the Number
of Royal and other Commissions which have been
appointed during the reigns of George the Fourth,
and William the Fourth, and Her Majesty, to inquire
into or report on the Law of Real Property; the
Registration of Deeds and Simplification of Forms
of Conveyance; the Process, Practice and Pleading
of the Superior Courts of Common Law; and the
Process, Practice and Pleading of the Court of
Chancery.—Of the Names of the paid Commissions
and respective Remuneration of the Draughtsmen
of such Bills; distinguishing how much was incurred
for each Commission, and the Total Sum received
for Salary, Fees or other Emolument by each and
every Commissioner, by Name, distinguishing the
Length of Time each Commissioner has served:—
And, of the Number and Nature of the Bills pre-
pared or approved of by such Commissions, and
Bills afterwards laid before the House; the Names
and respective Remuneration of the Draughtsmen
of such Bills; distinguishing all such of the said
Bills as have passed into Laws from such as have
not been so passed into Laws.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the
Draftsmen
1st day of May last, for a Return of the Sum Total of
of all Monies paid or allotted for Salaries, Fees or
Allowances to Draftsmen by the several Public
Departments during the year 1854, the year 1855,
and the first Three Months of the year 1855, for
drafting, or settling the Drafts of; Parliamentary
Bills; and in case the Draftsman of any such Bill
was or is a Member of or employed under any
Statute Law or Criminal Law Commission, the
Name of such Draftsman, and the Amount re-
ceived by him.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the
Education
24th day of May last, for Copy of the Correspond-
ence between a Deputation from the Scottish Epis-
copal Church and the Lord President of the Council,
May 12—17, on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of March
last, for a Return of the Names and Amount of
Salaries of all Officers, Medical, Clerical or other-
wise, employed in Workhouses in Ireland during
the year 1854, whether as intern or visiting Officers;
and, in relation to the latter Class, specifying the
Average Number of Visits made in the Week by
each.

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of May
last, for Copy of the Commission recently issued by Hospitals.
the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to Lord Tallbot de
Malahide, Mr. South and Mr. Stephenson, relative
to the Hospitals in the City of Dublin.

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the di-Gaols:
sections of several Acts of Parliament,— Gaols:
Copies of all Reports, and of Schedules (B.) trans-
mittcd to the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Coals, Cinders
by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, and
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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education Bill reading of the Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Free Schools reading of the Free Schools Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Prosecution adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, relative to the Prosecution of the War, and which Amendment was to leave out from the first word "House," in the Original Question, to the word "feels," in order to insert the words "having seen with regret that the Conferences of Vienna have not led to a termination of hostilities," instead thereof; and to which Amendment, an Amendment had been proposed on the 25th day of May last, to insert, after the words "regret that," the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.—

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, The Lords have agreed to the Swannanoa Valley Rail- way Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment;—And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Morteis, s° die Junii, 1855:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Insolvency and fraudulent Reading of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June, resolve itself into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ordnance Board Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cinque Ports Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself National into a Committee on the National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. (Dublin) Bill, Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sewers (House Drainage) Bill.

On the first and second of the said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the said Amendments were in furtherance of the original intentions of this House), were agreed to.

Then the last of the said Amendments, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Registration Lords to the Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Youngful amends the Youths Offenders Act; and that Mr. Offenders. Adderley, Mr. Robert Palmer and Mr. Stafford the more do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the several Acts amending the Duties of Excise, might be read; and the same being read:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

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Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Gloucester and Water and Local Board of Health Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Hoyter, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London and Blackwall Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the London and South Western Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Hoyter, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Nottingham and Newhaven Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Sunderland Dock Bill be now read the third time:

The Earl of Maldon, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancaster Water and Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Torquay District Churches Bill.

Ordered, That the Torquay District Churches Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway and Telegraph Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway, Pier and Telegraph Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

East Kent Railway Bill (Extension to Dover Bill).

The East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, that they have Power to appoint the Committee on the Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill, for any day not earlier than Thursday next.

Dublin Turnpike.

Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Group P. of Private Bills; That the Parties opposing the Westminster Improvements Bill had stilled to the Committee that the Evidence of Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie was essential to enable them to establish their case before the Committee; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed by the Committee to move the House, that the said Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie do attend the said Committee on Friday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie do attend the said Committee on Friday next, at One o'clock.

Westminster Improvements Bill.

Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Group P. of Private Bills; That the Parties opposing the Westminster Improvements Bill had stilled to the Committee that the Evidence of Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie was essential to enable them to establish their case before the Committee; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed by the Committee to move the House, that the said Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie do attend the said Committee on Friday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That Sir Edwin Pearson, Thomas Billings and William Mackenzie do attend the said Committee on Friday next, at One o'clock.

Private Bills (Group P).

Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Group P. of Private Bills; That on the application of the Opponents to the Westminster Improvements Bill, the Committee had adjourned to Friday the 8th instant, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Leaf of Absence.

Mr. John Ball presented.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of May last, for a Return of the Duties payable, under Colonial enactments, on Goods imported into and exported from the British Colonies (in continuation of Parliament Paper, No. 836, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That Mr. George Alexander Hamilton have leave of absence for three weeks, on account of ill health.

Customs Duties (Colonies).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of May last, for Copy of an Act to enable the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to provide for the Regulation of the Affairs of the said Church.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Prisoners tried at the Assizes for every County in England and Wales during the last five years; distinguishing those tried before the Judges from those tried before Commissioners not Judges.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Rating of Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Constables Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

"The Lords have agreed to the Kingston-upon-Thames Improvement Bill, without any Amendment; Upon Thames Improvement Bill.

Also,

The Lords have agreed to the Plymouth Great Western Docks Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Oldham Gas and Water Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Bristol and Exeter Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Inverury and Old Meldrum Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Episcopal Public and Capitanual Estates Bill;—Marriage Law Amend- ment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Regium Do- nationum Act (Ireland);—Ministers’ Money (Ireland);—Ministers’ Money (Scotland);—Magnum University Act;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amend- ment Bill;—Landlord and Tenant (Ireland);—Metropo lis Buildings Bill;—Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Noises Removal Amendment Bill;—Poor Law;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill;—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Sewers, in respect of Reports on the working of Sewers, Pipe Sewers, which was presented upon the 26th of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Sewers, in respect of Reports of Surveyors on im. provd Works of House Drainage, which was pre sented upon the 20th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Transports, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Real Property, &c. Commissions, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, No. 284.
Drafts of Bills in Parliament.
No. 295.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Draftsmen of Bills in Parliament, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Education (Scotland) Bill. No. 296.
Ordered, That the Return relative to the Education (Scotland) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Coal, Cinders, and Cullm. No. 297.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Coals, Cinders and Cullm, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Iron, &c. No. 298.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Iron, &c., which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Cheese. No. 299.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Cheese, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Civil Service Provident Fund. No. 300.
Ordered, That the Return relative to the Civil Service Provident Fund, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Army, Commissariat and Ordnance. No. 301.
Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Army, Commissariat and Ordnance, which were presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Prosecution of the War.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, relative to the Prosecution of the War; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the first word " House " in the Original Question, to the word " feels," in order to insert the words " having " seen with regret that the Conferences of Vienna " have not led to a termination of hostilities," instead thereof; and to which Amendment, an Amendment had been proposed on the 25th day of May last, to insert, after the words " regret that," the words " owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the " strength of her Navy in the Black Sea;" and And the Question being again proposed, That the words " owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the " strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercurius, 6° die Junii, 1855:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Railways (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Registration of Births, &c. (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the said Amendment, being read a second time, (and it appearing that the same was to render the Bill conformable to the intentions of this House), was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Excise Acts.

(Concluded from the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That there shall be charged and paid for and upon every gallon of Spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, which on or after the 1st day of October 1855 shall be distilled within the United Kingdom, or be in the stock, custody, or possession of any distiller, or of any person in trust for him, or for his use, benefit, or account, or which, having been distilled within the United Kingdom, shall on or after the said day be in warehouse, and be taken out of warehouse for consumption within the United Kingdom, the respective Rates and Duties of Excise following (that is to say):

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and so in proportion for any greater or less degree of strength, or any greater or less quantity, in lieu of all other Duties of Excise on such Spirits chargeable under any Act in force.

2. Resolved, That there shall be allowed and paid to the distiller or proprietor of all Spirits, which, having been distilled within the United Kingdom before the 1st day of October 1855, shall, on or after the said last-mentioned day, be in the stock of any distiller, or in warehouse, the several Allowances and Drawbacks of Excise following (that is to say): For and upon every gallon of such Spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, or any greater or less degree of strength, if such Spirits shall have been distilled from Malt only, under the provisions and regulations entitling the distiller to the allowance in that behalf, the allowance of Eight-pence per gallon; and if such Spirits shall have been distilled from any other materials than Malt only, or otherwise than in conformity with such provisions and regulations, the allowance of Two-pence per gallon, in lieu of all other allowances on such Spirits, payable under any Act in force.

3. Resolved, That on and after the 1st day of October 1855, all Allowances and Drawbacks of Excise granted by any Act now in force, for or upon Spirits distilled in any part of the United Kingdom, in respect of the Malt or other materials used in making such Spirits, and for and upon Sugar and Molasses used in the distillation of Spirits, shall respectively cease and determine.

4. Resolved, That it is expedient to allow Malt to be made and consumed free from the Duties of Excise for the sole purpose of distilling Spirits, and to allow Sugar and Molasses to be consumed for the like purpose free from the Duties of Customs.

5. Resolved, That there shall be charged and paid for and upon every License to be taken out yearly by every person (other than a Distiller or Rectifier of Spirits) authorized by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to make or mix methylated Spirit, the Duty of £. 10. 10 s. 0 d.

6. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Duties of Excise.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered,
Prayers.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, That they have Power to appoint a Committee on the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) bill, to meet on any day not being earlier than seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ecclesiastical and Church Estates Commissions, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Laws relating to the Assaying of Gold and Silver Wares.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, That they have Power to appoint a Committee on the Torquay District Churches Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the Act for extending for a limited Time the Provision for Abatement of Income Tax in respect of Insurance on Lives; And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Laws relating to the Assaying of Gold and Silver Wares.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Great Northern London and Manchester Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Public Petitions Committee, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th day of May last, and the 4th day of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Stamp Duties payable on Matriculation and Degrees in the University of Oxford: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That this Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, That they have Power to appoint a Committee on the Great Northern London and Manchester Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Dublin Hospitals. No. 294. Ordered, That the Return relative to Dublin Hospitals, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Customs Duties (Colonies.) No. 295. Ordered, That the Return relative to Customs Duties (Colonies), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant June, be printed.

Church Affairs (Victoria.) No. 296. Ordered, That the Return relative to Church Affairs (Victoria), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant June, be printed.

Public Libraries and Museums Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Libraries and Museums Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Maynooth College. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee, for the purpose of considering the Acts for the Endowment of the College of Maynooth, with a view to the withdrawal of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, due regard being had to vested rights or interests; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "considering" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "all grants or endowments for ecclesiastical purposes, whether charged on the Consolidated Fund or annually voted by Parliament, with a view to their withdrawal, due regard being had to vested rights or interests," instead thereof.
And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 27th day of this instant June.

Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill. Bill 157.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Bankruptcy Debtor's Bill (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Signatures of Religious Worship Registration Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply Committee of Supply; Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Grand Juries Grand Juries Bill; Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Ways and means of Ways and Means; Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider the Laws relating to the Assaying of Gold and Silver Wares.

(1. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to Gold Finger-Rings move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for excepting Gold Finger-Rings from the operation of the Act of the last Session relating to the Standard of Gold and Silver Wares.

2. Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to the Assay Offices move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill toabolish the Offices for assaying and marking wrought Plate at the Cities of York, Exeter, and Chester, and the Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Greene accordingly reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That the Chairman be directed to move the Gold Finger-Rings, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for excepting Gold Finger-Rings from the operation of the Act of the last Session relating to the Standard of Gold and Silver Wares.

2. That the Chairman be directed to move the Assay Offices House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Offices for assaying and marking wrought Plate at the Cities of York, Exeter, and Chester, and the Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bills: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring them in.

The Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Contingent Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for excepting Gold Finger-Rings from the operation of the Act of the last Session relating to the Standard of Gold and Silver Wares; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr.
Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to abolish the Offices for assaying and marking wrought Plate at the Cities of York, Chester and Chester, and the Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike-road Bills; That, upon the application of certain of the Members of the Committee, the Committee had adjourned to Friday next, the 8th day of June, at Twelve o’clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Greene reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That in the case of the Dearness Valley Railway, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 7° die Junii;

Anno 18° Victorij Regni, 1855.

Prayres.

Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Mr. Brotherton reported the Dearness Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Royal Medical Benevolent College Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dundee and Perth and Aberdeen Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Swansea Vale Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Basingstoke, Stockbridge and Lobsomb Corner Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bridport and Broad Windsor Roads Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bromley Road Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Gosmerfield and Donesbury Road Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill, at Twelve o’clock.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Honiton Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lightpall and Birdlip Road Bill was read the Lightpall third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Bill. Oxford, Wor-

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway (Improvements and Branches) Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill, at Twelve o’clock.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; And that the Improvement Title be, An Act to enable the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company to alter and improve certain of their Works, and to construct additional Works, and to authorize Arrangements with respect to the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Portsmouth Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ryngrove Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stroud and Chalford Roads Bill was read the Stroud and third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stroud, Cainscross and Minchinhampton Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Leck Improv-

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Southampton reading of the Southampton Paving Trust, Saint Pancras Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22d day of this instant June.
Mr. Strutt reported from the Committee on Group (a) of Railway and Canal Bills; That in the case of the London and North Western and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways Bill, they had examined the alle-ged extension contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it necessary for the station at Preston being improved; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that they had proceeded with the clauses of the Bill as far as Clause 3, when the parties promoting the Bill stated, that in consequence of the clause being negatived by the Committee, it was not their intention to proceed with the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Petitions.

Vide Forty-first Report.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Church Rates;—Church Rates Abolition Bill;—Episcopalian and Caputular Estates Bill;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.);—Rating of Mines Bill;—Court of Session (Scotland) Bill;—Decimal Coins;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Ejectment (Ireland);—Endemic and Epidemic Diseases;—Free Schools Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors (India) Bill;—Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;—Opium Trade (China); and, intoxicating Liquors (India);—Public Health Bill, Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, and Metropolis Local Management Bill;—Public-house Bill (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Metropolitan Buildings Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Cathedral and Collegiate Churches.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Second Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed November 10, a. d. 1852, to inquire into the state and condition of the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches in England and Wales. Copy of Sixteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, 2 June 1856.

Mr. Cooper also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Copy of all Correspondence between the Poor Law Commissioners and the Board of Guardians of the Limerick Union, relative to any special or additional remuneration to the District Medical Officers of the City for their Services during the late visitation of Cholera.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of May last, for Returns of Cause Petitions heard before the Lord Chancellor, from Hilary Term 1853 to Hilary Term 1855, in a Tabular Form; stating the Dates of Filing Petition, of the Hearing and of the Final Decree, where the first Decree was for an Inquiry or an Account;—And, of all Causes heard before the Lord Chancellor during the same Period; stating the Date of Filing the original Bill, and of the Hearing.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the subject of the Public Prosecutors Bill have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

New Palace (Westminster).

Copy of All Papers and Correspondence relating to the Great Clock and Bell at the New Palace at Westminster (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 500, of Session 1852).

Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill.

The Order for resuming upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 29th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 16th day of this instant June.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Railway and Group No. 6 of Railway and Canal Bills; That Mr. Canal Bills Fortescue, one of the Members of the Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Fortescue do attend the Committee to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Cobbett reported from the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the parties promoting the West London and Crystal Palace and Westminster Terminals Railways Bill had stated to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Copper, Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of February last, for an Account of the Quantity of Copper exported from the Port of London during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing each Sort, and to what Country exported;—Similar Return for the Port of Liverpool;—Accounts of all Copper Ore which has been imported into the United Kingdom during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing each Parcel of Ore upon which Duty has been paid, together with the Rate and Amount of Duty received thereon;—Of all Copper imported into the United Kingdom in the year ending the 6th day of January 1855; distinguishing each Sort of Copper, from what Country, and into what Ports imported;—Similar Return of Quantity exported;—Account of Tin imported into the United Kingdom in the year ending the 6th day of January 1855; distinguishing from what Countries imported;—Similar Return of Exports of Tin; And, Account of all Zinc and Zinc Ore imported and exported during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing from what Countries imported;—Similar Return of Exports of Tin; And, Account of all Zinc and Zinc Ore imported and exported during the year ending the 5th day of January 1855, showing the Quantity upon which Duty has been paid, together with the Rate and Amount of Duty received thereon;

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pointed within the last Six Months to any Office in the Incumbered Estates Court (Ireland), and of the Salaries of such Officers or Clerks, and of the respective Duties of their Appointments; and of the Authority by virtue of which such Appointments were made.

Metropolis Turnpike Roads.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Return from the Number of Tolls at and Toll-bars on the Roads and Streets within the limits of the Metropolis Turnpike-roads Commission, North of the Thames, existing under its authority on the 29th day of March 1852, 1842 and 1833 respectively; together with the Total Income and Expenditure for the years ending the 25th day of March 1852, 1842 and 1833:—Of the Amount of Unliquidated Debt on the 24th day of March of the said years, and of the year 1842; specifying in the latter instance the District to which it applies:—Of the Names of the present Commissioners, and the Number of Boards of Commissioners held in each of the said years, with the Number of Commissioners attending each Board:

—And, of the Exemptions from full payment of Tolls by Omnibus Proprietors, and the terms thereof; and whether authorized by the Commissioners or Lenees.

Receipt and Draft Stamps.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Receipt and Draft Stamps, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant June, be printed.

Prosecution of the War.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Amendment proposed on the 24th day of May last, which was to leave out from the first word "House," in the Original Question relative to the Prosecution of the War, to the word "feels," in order to insert the words "having seen with regret " that the Conferences of Vienna have not led to a "termination of hostilities," instead thereof; and to which Amendment an Amendment was made on the 25th day of May last, to insert after the words "regret that," the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea;" and the Question being again proposed, That the words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The House, resuming the said adjourned Debate.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

"The Lords have agreed to the Over Darwen Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Ulster Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the London-derry Improvement Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Kilmarnock Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Hyde Gas (No. 2) Hyde Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Prosecution words "owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea," be inserted in the proposed Amendment:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from Excise Acts. the Committee on the Excise Acts, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That there shall be charged and paid for and upon every gallon of Spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, which on or after the 1st day of October 1855 shall be distilled within the United Kingdom, or be in the stock, custody or possession of any distiller, or of any person in trust for him, or for his use, benefit or account, or which, having been distilled within the United Kingdom, shall on or after the said day be in warehouse, and be taken out of warehouse for consumption within the United Kingdom, the respective Rates and Duties of Excise following (that is to say):

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and so in proportion for any greater or less degree of strength, or any greater or less quantity, in lieu of all other Duties of Excise on such Spirits chargeable under any Act in force:

2. That there shall be allowed and paid to the distiller or proprietor of all Spirits, which, having been distilled within the United Kingdom before the 1st day of October 1855, shall, on or after the said last-mentioned day, be in the stock of any distiller, or in warehouse, the several Allowances and Drawbacks of Excise following (that is to say): For and upon every gallon of such Spirits of the strength of hydrometer proof, and so in proportion for any greater or less degree of strength, or any greater or less quantity, in lieu of all other Duties of Excise on such Spirits chargeable under any Act in force.

3. That on and after the 1st day of October 1855, all Allowances and Drawbacks of Excise granted by any Act now in force, for or upon Spirits distilled in any part of the United Kingdom, in respect of the Malt or other materials used in making such Spirits, and for and upon Sugar and Molasses used in the distillation of Spirits, shall respectively cease and determine.

4. That it is expedient to allow Malt to be made and consumed free from the Duties of Excise for the sole purpose of distilling Spirits, and to allow Sugar and Molasses to be consumed for the like purpose free from the Duties of Customs.

5. That there shall be charged and paid for and upon every License to be taken out yearly by every person (other than a Distiller or Rectifier of Spirits), authorized by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to make or mix methylated Spirit, the Duty of £. 10. 10s.

6. That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Duties of Excise.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Chancellor of the
the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring them in.

Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill.

The Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Investments Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Coal Mines Inspection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Inspection Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greene reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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Friendly Societies Bill.

The Friendly Societies Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Certain Societies established for granting annuities or awards to members serving in the Militia) was, accord- ing to present statistics, to keep on the Bill, in p. 13, l. 16, by inserting after the word “law” the words “and opinion.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Grand Jury Assessments (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Criminal Justice Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chan-cery Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Mortmain Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself grants of into a Committee on the Grants of Lands Bill; and, Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself grants of into a Committee on the Cinque Ports Bill; and, Cinque Ports Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Com- mittee of the whole House, for Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee on the 11th March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, that the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill be now read a second time, resolved into itself and the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Committee of the whole House for this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Jurisdiction of the Stanway Court Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Appeals) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Stamp Duties) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Appeals) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Appeals) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Stamp Duties) Bill; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the mode of amending Acts of Parliament: And that Mr. Locke King, Mr. Watson and Mr. Montagu Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Metropolis Local Management Bill was, read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to impose increased Rates of Duty of Excise on Spirits distilled in the United Kingdom; to allow Malt, Sugar and Molasses to be used Duty free in the distilling of Spirits, in lieu of Allowances and Drawbacks on such Spirits, Sugar and Molasses respectively; and to amend the Laws relating to the Duties of Excise: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to allow Spirit of Wine to be used Duty free in the Arts and Manufactures of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Locke King presented a Bill to alter the mode of amending Acts of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Lord John Russell presented, by Her Majesty's War with Russia,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the Addresses, Resolutions, &c., received from the British Colonies on the subject of the War with Russia, in continuation of Papers presented 25th January and 8th March 1855.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on Derbyshire, the Derbys, Staffordsh. and Worchesters, Staffordshire Railway (No. 2) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by adding recitals explanatory of the financial condition of the Company, and by striking out the recital of the expediency of selling, leasing or amalgamating the Undertaking of the Company to or with the South Staffordshire Railway Company, and by inserting a recital of the expediency of re-enacting the Power of sale, lease and amalgamation to and with the London and North Western Railway Company contained in the existing Act of the Company; and had made verbal Amendments thereunto; and found the same, as amended, to be

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Petitions

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on the Petitions presented upon the 5th and 6th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Jervaulx and Old Meldrum Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway (No. 2) Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway (No. 2) Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for incorporating the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Baines, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Lands by compulsion), was twice read; and added to the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gateshead Quays and Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Expenses of Act), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Londonderry and Coleraine Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Gun-barrel and Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Hoffe's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Colonel Peasant reported from the Committee on Hedon and Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of Hedon and Hull, &c., Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegation referring to the arrears of interest due on the credit of the Tolls arising on the secondary District; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Duncan reported from the Select Committee on the Woolmer Forest Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to "Stokes Bay Railway and Pier Bill."

A Motion being made, That the Stokes Bay Railway and Pier Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Baines, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Stokes Bay Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Stokes Bay Stokes Bay and Isle of Wight Railway Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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Petitions relating to Parliamentary Papers; —

Church Rates; — Church Rates Abolition Bill; —

Marriage Law Amendment Bill; — Maynooth College Act; — Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill; — Licenses (Public-houses, &c.); — Brothels; — Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; — Decimal Coinage; — Education (Scotland) Bill; — Friendly Societies Bill; — Great Torrington Cemetery; — Inland Revenue (Excise Department) Intoxicating Liquors — Metropolis Local Management Bill; — Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill; — Public Health Bill; — Sale of Beer Act (1854); — Schools (Scotland) Bill; — Secretary of State for Scotland; — Formation, &c. of Parishes Bill; — Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; — Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill; — and, War with Russia, — were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Church Rates Abolition (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire how far it may be advisable to extend the Provisions of the Acts for the better Regulation of Mills and Factories to Bleaching Works established in certain parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; with the Evidence and Appendix.

Mr. Cooper also presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return showing the proportion of Scholars (or Children attending School) to the Population in each County of Scotland, so far as it can be exhibited by the Census of 1851.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — A Return of the Number of Non-commissioned Officers, Trumpeters and Drummers, and Rank and File of the British Army in the Crimea at such time, as many as are Teachers in Public Schools; also of the Number of Pupils received into the several Normal Schools receiving Aid from the Committee of Council on Education, in the Purchase and Adaptation of Kneller Hall, and of the Sums expended annually in the Support of that Establishment from its Commencement to the present time, specifying distinctly the Cost of Tuition, and the Cost of Board and other Current Expenses; also of the Number of Pupils instructed in it in each year since its formation, and the present Occupancy of such of them as are Teachers in Public Schools; also of the Number of Pupils received into the several Normal Schools receiving Aid from the Committee of Council on Education, and of the Numbers of those who had obtained Certificates, with a Specification of the Number in each Class; and also of the Number of such as had left the Profession of Teaching in Public Schools, with a Specification of the Date of their Abandonment of it; — And, of all Pupils Teachers, Stipendiary Monitors, and other Persons, of whatever Name or Description, who have been wholly or partially trained or educated at Public Expense to become Teachers, but who have not been received into the Normal Schools. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Carriages in England, Wales and Scotland, in the year 1854, distinguishing the Numbers in each Kingdom, and classifying them as nearly as possible in the following manner:

Class 1. Carriages kept for private use.
1. Private Carriages with four wheels and two or more horses.
2. Private Carriages with four wheels and one horse.
3. Private Carriages with two wheels and two horses.
4. Private Carriages with two wheels and one horse.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery (Ireland), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Copper, &c., which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to East India, which were presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prosecution of the War. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Amendment proposed on the 24th day of May last, which was to leave out the first word " House," in the Original Question relative to the Prosecution of the War, to the word " feels," in order to insert the words " having seen with regret that the Conferences of Vienna have not led to a termination of hostilities," instead thereof; and to which Amendment, an Amendment had been proposed on the 25th day of May last, to insert, after the words " regret that," the words " owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea;" And the Question being again proposed, that the words " owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea;" be inserted in the proposed Amendment.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.—

Message from the Lords. Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Vaux to attend the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, on the subject of the Public Prosecutors Bill, as desired by this House (his Lordship, in his place, consenting).

Prosecution of the War. And the Question being again proposed, That the words " owing to the refusal of Russia to restrict the strength of her Navy in the Black Sea;" be inserted in the proposed Amendment; And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Sabbati, 9° die Junii, 1855: And the Question being put,—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words " having seen with regret that the Conferences of Vienna have not led to a termination of hostilities," be inserted after the word " House" in the Original Question,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put; Resolved, That this House, having seen with regret that the Conferences of Vienna have not led to a termination of hostilities, feels it a duty to declare, that it will continue to give every support to Her Majesty in the prosecution of the War, until Her Majesty shall, in conjunction with Her Allies, obtain for this Country a safe and honourable Peace.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, at Twelve o’clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o’clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Grants of Lands Bill was, according to Order, Grants of read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court Amend-ment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Abounding Debtors (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Monck reported, That the
the Committee had gone through the Bill, and di-
rected him to report the same, without Amendment.  
Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into
a Committee on the Gold Finger-Rings Bill; and, af-
fter some discussion concerning the Chair, and the
Chairman, the Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Viscount Monck reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amend-
ment.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-
mittee on the Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition
Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-
mittee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said
Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented
to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased
to give directions, that there be laid before this
House, Copies of any Communications from the
Government of France, with the several Replies
thereunto, since the 1st day of January 1852, con-
cerning the Fisheries in the Seas between the Coast-
est of the two Countries, pursuant to the Convention
of August 1850.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to
Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are
of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

And then the House, having continued to sit
until half an hour after Two of the clock on
Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 11° die Junii;
Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House as followeth:

I have to offer my sincere thanks to the House
for the very kind and indulgent consideration
it has extended to me whilst disabled from attend-
ing the business of the House. Now, the Acts which regulate the
Chair; and I understand that doubts have been
suggested whether these words do not make it absolu-
tely necessary that the Speaker himself, and not
any person appointed to act as Speaker in his
absence, should be in the Chair at the time. No
doubt the intention of the Legislature was, that the
Speaker should be taken in the most solemn and public
manner possible, when the House was not in Com-
mittee; but I think it very desirable that the House
should consider the point. These two Members,
before they took their Seats, did everything, as far
as they were aware, which they were required to do
by law; but they may have been placed in a very inconve-
nient position unless some legislative enactment be
passed which will protect them from any penalties
they may have incurred for having sat in this House
without having been sworn in strict conformity with
the provisions of the Acts. I do not venture to give
any opinion as to whether or not these doubts are
well founded. I only throw out the suggestion in
the hope that an early step may be taken for the pur-
purpose of giving such relief to these Gentlemen as,
the House may think expedient under the circum-
cstances of the case.”

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit Committees,
this day, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Westminster Land Company westminster
Bill be added to Group P, of Private Bills; and Land Com-
pany Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to sit and
proceed upon such Bill forthwith, if they shall think
fit.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Hyde Gas
amendments made by the Lords to the Hyde (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords;
and acquaint them, that this House hath
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Bristol and
Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol and Easter Railway Bill; and the same were twice
read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords;
and acquaint them, that this House hath
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Liverpool and
Amendments made by the Lords to the Liverpool Corporation Water Bill; and the same were twice
read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords;
and acquaint them, that this House hath
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the East of Fife Railway Bill be East of Fife Rail-
way Bill.

The Fife and Kinross Railway Bill was read the third time
and Amendments were made to the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Great Northern London Cor-
poration Water Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Great Northern London Com-
mittee Bill be read the third time.

A Motion being made, That the Hartlepool Pier and
Port Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty’s Command, ac-
bruated the House, That Her Majesty, having been
informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Con-
sent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned,
that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and an
Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Leek Improvement Bill was read the third Leek Improve-
ment Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill.
The Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill.
The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Scinde Railway Bill.
The Scinde Railway Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill.
The Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Torquay District Churches Bill.
Ordered, That the Torquay District Churches Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Bognor Railway Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bognor Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Halifax Gas Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Halifax Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill, be printed:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Public Petitions.
Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Church Rates Abolition Bill:—(Infantry (India)):—Marriage Law Amendment Bill:—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill:—Rating of Mines Bill:—Court of Session (Scotland) Bill:—Decimal Coinage:—Education Bills:—Education (Scotland) Bill:—Free Schools Bill:—Friendly Societies Bill:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Public Health Bill:—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—Secretary of State for Scotland:—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:—and, Testimonial Jurisdiction Bill, were presented, read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to the Metropolitan Buildings Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Metropolis Local Management Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause, No. 48, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 49 to No. 53, agreed to.

Clause, No. 54, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 55 to No. 57, agreed to.

Clause, No. 58 (Penalty on erecting Houses with out proper waterclosets, &c.) Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 9: To leave out the words "or privy."

Question proposed, That the words "or privy" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 18: To leave out the words "or occupier."

Question, That the words "or occupier" stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 28 and 29: To leave out the words "or more."

Question proposed, That the words "or more" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 59 and No. 60, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 61 (Penalty on persons improperly making or altering drains).
Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 12: After the word "drain" to insert the word "watercloset."

Question proposed, That the word " watercloset" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 62 and No. 63, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 64 to No. 67, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 66, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Wines and by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, Spirits.

dated the 26th day of January last, for Accounts of the Number of Gallons of Foreign Wine imported; of the Quantities upon which Duty has been paid for Home Consumption, and the Quantities exported; also the Quantities exported on Drawback, and the Quantities retained for actual Consumption in the United Kingdom, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1855; distinguishing the different Countries from whence imported, and whether Red or White; together with the Quantities of each Sort remaining in Bond on the 5th day of January 1855, distinguishing London from the Country:—And, of the Number of Proof Gallons of Rum, distinguishing West India, East India, and Foreign:—also of Brandy, Geneva, and other Foreign, Colonial, or Jersey Spirits imported; of the Quantities upon which Duty has been paid for Home Consumption, the Quantities exported, and the Quantities shipped as Stores and used by the Navy, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1855; together with the Quantities of each Sort remaining in Bond on the 5th day of January 1855, distinguishing London from the Country (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 304, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3d day of May Wines last, for a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Wines in Bond on the 5th day of April last; distinguishing the Sorts, and from whence imported, as far as the same can be obtained.

Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of May New South Wales last, for Copies of all Petitions on the subject of the proposed Constitution for New South Wales, presented to this House since the year 1853, with the Number of Signatures attached to each Petition.

Ordered, That the Return relative to New South Wales, be printed.

Mr. Horson presented, Return to an Order, Coroners' dated the 17th day of April last, for a Return of the Number of Inquests held by the several Coroners in Ireland for each of the years 1843, 1844 and 1845, separately, and of the Sum presented each year as Payment to those Coroners, and also to Medical Witnesses:—Similar Return for each of the years 1850, 1851, 1852 and 1853, but distinguishing the Sums presented for holding Inquests,
Inquests, for Mileage, and for Medical Witnesses, and other Expenses of holding Inquests.—And, Return of the Number of Coroners appointed to Districts in the several Counties and Counties of Cities in Ireland, pursuant to the Provisions of the Act 9 & 10 Vict. c. 37, and at what Presenting Term such Appointments were made respectively.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of May last, for Returns of the Number of Paymasters of Constabulary who were in Office at the time of the Office being abolished, the Salary paid to each, the Number of years' Service of each Paymaster, and the Amount of Allowance or Compensation which was paid to each Paymaster on the discontinuance of his Services; and, of the Number of Poor Law Inspectors whose Services were lately discontinued, the Salary paid to each, the Number of years' Service of each, and of the Assistant Secretary, and the Amount of Compensation or Allowance made to each:—The above Returns to be made in one Tabular Form, and in both cases a reference is to be given to the Clause of the Act under which the Compensation was calculated, or to the Authority by which it was granted.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Schools (Scotland), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

 Ordered, That the Return relative to the "Candia" Transport, which was presented upon the 25th day of May last, be printed.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th and 8th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company Bill, for dispensing with Standing Order 162, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the recent Correspondence between the East Kent Railway Company and the Government, respecting the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all new Places created and Appointments made since the 6th day of April 1849, whether under any Act of Parliament, or by any other Authority; stating separately the Salaries of each, and the Estimated Annual Expenses of the Establishments in connexion with such Appointments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 633, of Session 1848).

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Sick Soldiers admitted into the Hospital at Sintyug, from the period of its Establishment to the termination of the last Quarter; with the Number of Deaths in the same Hospital during the same time.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the publication, in certain Proceedings in the House of Commons: And that Sir George Grey presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Army Civil Proceedings (House of Commons) Bill. No. 304. Dundas, respecting the Blockade of the Sea of Azoff and the Western Shores of the Crimea, and the Bombardment of Odesa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented for the validation of doubts as to the validity of certain Proceedings in the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Gold and Return of the Quantities of Gold and Silver Watch Cases marked at the following Halls, during the years 1847 to 1855 inclusive; viz., London, Chester and Birmingham (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, Nos. 465 and 522, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Gold and Return of the Quantities of Gold and Silver Watch Cases marked at the following Halls, during the years 1847 to 1855 inclusive; viz., London, Chester and Birmingham (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, Nos. 465 and 522, of Session 1854).

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Army Civil Proceedings (House of Commons) Bill. No. 304. Dundas, respecting the Blockade of the Sea of Azoff and the Western Shores of the Crimea, and the Bombardment of Odesa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Education adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon (No. 2) Bill, the 2d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next; an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Monday next," in order to add the words "this day month," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "Monday next" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
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Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters’ Marriages Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Dwelling for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

The Youthful Offenders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Public reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by adding, at the end of Clause 13, the words “or register any Place of Religious Worship according to the Provisions of this or of any other Act.”

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Jury Assessments (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Jurisdictions (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Juries and Jurisdictions (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Juries and Jurisdictions (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Grand Juries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Constituted Fund.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £10,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. FitzRoy also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Gold Finger-Rings Bill.

The Gold Finger-Rings Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Saint Cross Hospital.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the Conduct of Francis Earl of Guilford, Master of Saint Cross Hospital, with reference to the Application of the Funds of that Charity, at the Prayer of Her faithful Commons, or the Motion of the late Joseph Hume, Esquire, M. P., in the year 1849.—Of Instructions given to the Attorney General, consequent upon the Report of the said Commissioners, to proceed against Francis Earl of Guilford.—Of any Letter or Letters addressed by the Bishop of Winchester to Sir John Jervis, the then Attorney General, or to his Solicitor, Mr. Plowman, having reference, directly or indirectly, to this Suit or Charity, by way of Compromise or otherwise:—Of all Propositions made in any Letter or Letters containing Propositions for a Compromise, from the Attorney General or his Solicitor to Francis Earl of Guilford or his Solicitor to the Attorney General or his Solicitor:—Return showing the state the Suit was in in 1861 and 1852:— Copies of the Costs incurred from the time of filing the Information to the present Date:—Of all Memorials presented to Her Majesty’s late and present Attorney General, in reference to this Charity:—Of the Valuation made by Mr. Clutton of the Property of Saint Cross Hospital, and Return of the Sum of Money he charged for the same:—Of the Report of Mr. Tite, as the Valuer employed by the Attorney General to value the Property of Saint Cross Hospital, and of his Charges:—Returns of Property belonging to the Hospital, under Lease on Fines, or otherwise, the Names of the Lessees, the Fines that have been paid, and the Amount received in respect of them by Francis Earl of Guilford, from the year 1808 to the present time:—Of Property belonging, or said to belong, to the Charity; specifying what Portion is in the possession of the Hospital, and what is not:—Copies of the late Sir W. Wynn’s Opinion on the Private Act of Parliament passed in the 18th year of Elizabeth, prohibiting the Hospital from leasing any of their Property:—Of the late Sir W. Wynn’s Letters to the late Dr. Leckey, Master of Saint Cross Hospital, relative to the said Hospital:—Of the Original Information filed against the Earl of Guilford, and Date; and of the Prayer thereof:—Of a Letter from Sir F. Thacker, in reply to the Memorial of Mr. R. Andrews and the Reverend H. Holloway:—And, of the proposed Scheme for the future Management of the Charity; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,[233]
Mr. Sullivan : 7.
Mr. Marrow,

Tellers for the Noes,[233]
Mr. Heyter : 24.
The Earl of Malmesbury : 283.

And it appearing upon the Report of the Division by the Tellers, that Forty Members were not present; and it being then half an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Martis, 12° die Junii ;

Anno 18° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave Committees.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Lynei Valley the Amendment made by the Lords to the Lynei and Bridgend Valley and Bridgend Railways Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House is agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and Gun-barrel London) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Londoanderry and Coleraine Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Duties.

(Group H.)

Road Bill.

Brassington Railway Terminus Westminster Bill.

Commons.)

Proceedings Stage Carriage Turnpike-ment Bill.

Local Manage- into Validity of Orders Great North-

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reading of the Great Northern London Cemetery Bill, Henry Davies had produced before them the

petition for additional Provision; particularly the objects sought to be gained by the

Bill, and amended the same, by describing more

of the Act for carrying into effect the Convention with France concerning the Fisheries, since the 1st
day of January 1852; with the Date of Applications, the Name and Address of Ap-

plicant, in respect of what Vehicles, and the Answers of the Treasury or Commissioners.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Chelsea to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased Royal Military Asylum.

House, a Return of the Number of Rooms in the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, stating how they are now occupied, distinguishing the Dormitories from the Halls of Study and Dining Rooms; and the Names, Professions and Occupations of all Persons occupying any Rooms in the Establishment.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Oyster Copies of the several Letters from the Board of Trade, of the 28th day of April 1847, to the Com-


Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all British and French Fishing Vessels that have been seized under the Provisions of the Act for carrying into effect the Convention with France concerning the Fisheries, since the 1st
day of January 1852; with the Date of such Seizure, and the Amount of the Penalty and Costs incurred or paid, stating the Cause and Time of Detention in each case.—Also, of all British Fishing Vessels that have been lost or taken into Ports of France, in which Her Majesty has Consuls or Agents, since the 1st day of January 1852; with the Amount of the Penalty and Costs incurred or paid, stating the Cause and Time of Detention in each case.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Petition of Walter Newall, re-

metropolitan relating to the Metropolitan Buildings Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant June, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Group J. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case Bleadon Westminister Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill. Mr. Cobden reported from the Committee on Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported the London and Basingstoke Road Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a List of all Memorials and Applications made to the Lords of the Treasury and to the Board of Inland Revenue, as to Compositions of Mileage Duties on Stage Carriages during this year, 1855; showing the
Mr. Cobden reported the Westminster Land Company bill, with Amendments; Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for Copy of the recent Correspondence between the East Kent Railway Company and the Government, respecting the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill.

Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of May last, for an Account of the Sums paid under the Act 50 Geo. 3, c. 54, and subsequent Orders of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in the years 1853 and 1854, for the difference of Rates and Charges due to Corporations, Companies or Individuals, for Foreign Vessels which, under Treaties of Reciprocity or otherwise, are admitted into the Ports of the United Kingdom at the same Rates of Charge as British Vessels; specifying each of the several Rates; on what Account the same was paid, whether for Light Dues, Dock Dues, Dues on Ships or Merchandise, Pilotage or otherwise; also, the Total Amount (under the Reciprocity Treaties) paid to each Corporation, Company or Individual, in each of the years ended the 31st day of December 1853 and 31st day of December 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 189, of Session 1853). Ordered, That the Return relative to Wines and Spirits, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wines, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Army Civil Departments, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Church Rates;—Lord's Day;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Roman Catholic Religion;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.) to the Winding of Mines Bill;—Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill;—Court of Session (Scotland) Bill;—Decimal Coinage;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Bill;—Public Health Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Secretary of State for Scotland;—and, Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill, were presented, read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the initiation of the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, the Decimal system of Coinage, by the issue of the Florin, has been eminently successful and satisfactory; that, in the opinion of this House, theDecimal Coinage.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—The House was adjourned to-morrow, without a Question first put, till after Four of the clock: The House was adjourned Forty Members not being present, and it being then the 31st day of December 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 189, of Session 1853).
the purpose of obtaining a warrant of removal under 8 & 9 Vic. c. 117, should in all cases be open and public; and, when within the metropolitan police district, should be before a metropolitan police magistrate.

2. That the depositions of the pauper and witnesses should be taken in open court, and committed to writing.

3. That the warrant of removal, in addition to the other matters upon which the justices are required to adjudicate, should contain an express adjudication that the pauper was not at the time of making the warrant irremovable, under the 9 & 10 Vic. c. 66, from residence, sickness, accident, or otherwise.

4. That the name and age of every child under the age of 16, ordered to be removed, should be stated in the warrant of removal.

5. That the warrant should state the place where the justices find the pauper to have been born or to have resided, or the union in Ireland, or the parish in Scotland, in which such place is situated.

6. That a notice of chargeability, accompanied by a copy or counterpart of the warrant of removal and statement of grounds of removal, similar to those required by the 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 76, s. 79, and the 11 & 12 Vic. c. 31, in the case of a removal from parish to parish in England, should be sent, mutatis mutandis, to the Board of Guardians of the union in Ireland, or to the Parochial Board of the parish in Scotland, within which the place is situate where the justices find the pauper to have been born or to have resided; and that such Board of Guardians or Parochial Board be entitled to receive, on application, a copy of the depositions on which the warrant of removal was made.

7. That the Board of Guardians in Ireland, or the Parochial Board in Scotland, should be at liberty to appoint a warrant of removal without any such consent or interference on the part of the English Poor Law Board as is required by the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 117, s. 4; and should be respectively authorized to depray out of the funds in their hands all expenses necessary for the proper investigation of the case and the prosecution of the appeal.

8. That in every case of actual removal the pauper should be delivered at the workhouse of the union in Ireland, or to an inspector of the poor of the parish in Scotland, within which the place of birth or residence, as stated in the warrant, is situate.

9. That an authority similar to that which they now possess with regard to pauper emigration (under the 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 76, s. 62) should be given to the Poor Law Board to make regulations (with the approval of the Home Secretary) as to the time and manner of carrying out removals from England to Ireland or Scotland.

10. That so far as the Committee have been able, consistently with the terms of the inquiry committed to them by the House, to investigate the operation of the Irremovable Act 9 & 10 Vic. c. 66, they find reason to believe that the period of residence necessary to acquire the privilege of irremovability under section 1 of that Act, might be properly reduced from five years to three years, and that the area of residence for the same purpose might be properly enlarged from the parish to the union.

11. That as doubts appear to have been entertained by some magistrates and some Boards of Guardians, whether the provisions of the Act (9 & 10 Vic. c. 66, s. 1), extend to poor persons born in Ireland or Scotland, it is expedient to remove those doubts by an express declaratory enactment in the affirmative.

Resolutions with regard to Removals from Scotland of Chargeable Poor Persons born in England, Ireland, \\

1. That the hearing and examination required for the purpose of obtaining a warrant of removal, under the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 83, should be, in all cases, open and public; and that the depositions of the pauper and witnesses should be committed to writing.

2. That the warrant of removal, in addition to the matters specified in the form given in the Schedule (A) of the said statute, should contain an express finding that the pauper had not, at the time, a settlement in Scotland, and that he was in a state of health which admitted of his removal; and that it should set forth the place in England or Ireland to which he is to be removed, together with the name and age of every child ordered to be removed.

3. That a notice of chargeability, accompanied by a copy or counterpart of the warrant of removal and statement of grounds of removal, similar to those required by the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 83, and the regulations thereunder, to be given to parishes in Scotland against which a claim of removal is to be made, be sent to the Board of Guardians of the union in England or Ireland within which the place is situate to which the pauper is to be removed; and that such Board of Guardians should be entitled to receive, on application, a copy of the depositions on which the warrant of removal was granted.

4. That no pauper should be removed of his own consent under the provision of the 77th section of the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 83, unless such consent be given in the presence of the president of the Place, and a certificate granted by such Sheriff or Justice that the consent was so given, and that the pauper is in a state of health admitting of his being removed.

5. That the pauper be delivered at the workhouse of the union or parish in England, or of the union in Ireland, within which the place is situate to which he is ordered to be removed, or if, in England, there be no workhouse in such union or parish, to a relieving officer or overseer thereof.

6. That removals should be carried out pursuant to regulations to be made by the Board of Supervision, and approved of by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

7. That all doubts should be removed, as to the right of the Board of Guardians in England and Ireland, to whose union a pauper has been removed, or has been ordered to be removed, to apply for suspension of the warrant of removal in all cases in which the pauper was not legally removable from Scotland, and also to recover from the removing parish the expenses thereby occasioned to such Board of Guardians.

8. That a settlement once acquired by residence should not be lost by lapse of time, under the provisions of the 76th section of the 8 & 9 Vic. c. 66, till the expiration of the time therein mentioned; and that this be secured by a declaratory enactment to that effect.

9. That with reference alike to the acquisition and to the loss of settlement, residence in any part of a town consisting of separate parishes, or parts of separate parishes, though not continuously in the same parish, should have the same effect as if such residence had been continuously in the same parish.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Munts have leave of absence leave of absence for a fortnight, on urgent business.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Foreign Shipping, which was presented upon the 12th day of November of this instant June, be printed.

No. 909.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Sunday Committee on the Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill; And a Motion being proposed, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair; an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this
CLAUSE, No. 1 (Penalties for selling, offering or exposing for sale any goods, &c.)

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 159.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 69.
Noes, {Mr. Spooner: } 53.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

To leave out the words "in the morning," and insert the words "in the afternoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

" after the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 126.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

" any of the penalties inflicted under this Act."

Question, That those words be there added:

" provided that no person of the Jewish race and religion shall, in any case whatever, be liable to any of the penalties inflicted under this Act."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 154.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Sir William Clay: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

"after the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

"after the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 4th day of July next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Justices of Peace Qualification Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed Peace Qualification Bill, to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Schools (Scotland) Bill; the Order of the day was read, and the Committee divided.

Tellers for the {Mr. Chauncy, } 62.
Yea, {Mr. Hatchins: } 63.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

" provided that no person of the Jewish race and religion shall, in any case whatever, be liable to any of the penalties inflicted under this Act."

Question, That those words be there added:

"after the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 126.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 59.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

"after the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 154.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

"after the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

" after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 140.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the line:

" provided that no person of the Jewish race and religion shall, in any case whatever, be liable to any of the penalties inflicted under this Act."

Question, That those words be there added:

" after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 155.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 140.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

"after the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon."

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the {Lord Robert Grosvenor, } 155.
Yea, {Viscount Ebrington: } 61.
Noes, {Mr. Thomas Duncombe: } 51.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Rating of Mines Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.


The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Cline Ports Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Cinque Ports Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Spirit of Wine Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Spirit of Wine Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Woolner Forest Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Woolner Forest Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £10,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Validity of Proceedings (House of Commons) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Validity of Proceedings (House of Commons) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time: 
—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Office of to consider and report to the House whether any and what Improvement may be made in the providing for the execution of the Office of Speaker, in the event of the Speaker's unavoidable absence by reason of illness or of other causes.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sums, if any, chargeable upon the Public Revenue in respect of the Local Assay Offices at the Cities of York, Exeter, Chester, and the Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and of all Sums received on behalf of the Public Revenue at each of such Assay Offices respectively.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to South Shields empower the Dean and Chapter of Durham to make better Provision for the Incumbents of certain Parochial Districts in the Borough of South Shields: And that Mr. Ingham and Mr. Atherton do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Tenantry Committee, upon Friday next, at Twelve o'clock, on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to apply a Sum out Consolidated of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year 1855, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five; And the Bill, same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ingham presented a Bill to empower the Dean and Chapter of Durham and Chapter of Durham to make better Provision for the Incumbents of certain Parochial Districts in the Borough of South Shields: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Court of the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of May last, for a Return of the Total Sum due or paid for Salaries and Office Expenses under the Act 5 & 6 Vic. c. 168, since the passing of the Act; and also of the Total Sum paid for Compensation for Loss of Offices and Profits to Officers under the same Act, since the passing thereof:Returns of the Total Sum paid to each of the late Sworn Taxing Masters, for Salary and Compensation, collectively and together, under the same Act, since the passing thereof:—Returns of the Annual Amount of Compensation awarded to each of the said Taxing Masters under the said Act, in the event of their ceasing to hold the said Office, and of the Annual Sums to be paid to the Personal Representatives of each of them as Compensation after their Deaths, and for what Number of years after their Deaths such Payments to their Personal Representatives are to continue, and out of what Funds, and by whom, such Payments for Salary and Compensation are now made, and to be made:— And, of the Total Sum due or paid for Salaries, Office
Office Expenses and Compensations respectively, under the said Act, from the 24th day of November 1854 to the 25th day of November 1854; and a like Return from the 25th day of November 1853 to the 25th day of November 1854; and showing the diminution of the Annual Charges under the said Act within the period of Thirteen years.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 14° die Junii ;

Anno 18° Victorii Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The Bognor Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Gateshead Quays and Improvements Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to “Gateshead Quay Bill.”

A Motion being made, That the Gateshead Quay Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Baines, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for constructing and maintaining a Quay and other Works in the Borough of Gateshead, in the County of Durham, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Northern London Cemetery Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Further Proceeding on the third reading of the said Bill be adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the short Title of the Halifax Gas Bill, as first entered in the Votes, be changed to “Halifax Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.”

The Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company Bill was read the third time.

A Clause (Interpretation of word “Company”), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Halifax Gas-Light and Coke Company to transfer their Undertaking and Powers to “The Halifax Local Board of Health,” and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Petitions relating to Elective Franchise; — Church Rates; — Maynooth College Act; — Maynooth College Act, and Church Rates; — Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill; — Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill; — Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; — Education (Scotland) Bill; — Factories; — Mechanics’ Institutions; — Medical Officers (Navy); — Poor Law; — Poor Law (Ireland); — Public-houses (Scotland) Act; — Public Prosecutor; — Sale of Beer Act (1854); — Schools (Scotland) Bill, and Education (Scotland) Bill; — Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; — and, W. P. Paws, &c. (Scotland), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o’clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Eastern Papers, Eastern which were presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant June, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question, That the Preamble be postponed—put, and negatived.

Preamble.—Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the words “Holy Scriptures” to the word “And “. Ordered, That the word “ought not to be conducted at the expense of any of Her Majesty’s subjects who conscientiously object to the principles taught, or to compulsory taxation for the maintaining Religion, or to the reading of the Scriptures, in any Public School,” be inserted before the words “as heretofore in use in the Parochial” stand part of the Preamble.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, 

Yea, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

No, Mr. Aspley Pellett: 

Tellers for the Mr. Scott:

Yea, Mr. Hayter, 

No, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17: After the word “Country” to insert the words “ought to be maintained as the basis of Education and.” Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Cumming Bruce, 

Yea, Mr. Scott: 

No, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3: To leave out the word “superintendence and management of the Parochial Schools,” in order to insert the word “Education.” Question, That the words “superintendence and management of Parochial Schools” stand part of the Preamble—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4: To leave out the word “altered,” in order to insert the word “extended.” Question put, That the word “altered” stand part of the Preamble;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, 

Yea, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

No, Mr. Cumming Bruce: 

Tellers for the Mr. Scott:

Yea, Mr. Hayter, 

No, Mr. Cumming Bruce: 

Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Preamble, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, 

Yea, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

No, Mr. Cumming Bruce: 

Tellers for the Mr. Scott:

Yea, Mr. Hayter, 

No, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 

Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be postponed—put, and negatived.
in order to add the words "four persons, one of "whom shall be elected by each of the Town Coun- 
cils of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and Perth; "four persons, one of whom shall be elected by the "Commissioners of Supply of each of the Counties of "Inverness, Aberdeen, Renfrew and Ayr; "and "four persons, one of whom shall be elected by each of "the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Salt- "Andrew's, and one alternatively by the Universities "of King's College and Marischal College, Aber- "deen, the former having the first election; a mem- "ber to be elected by the Educational Institute of "Scotland; and three persons to be nominated by "Her Majesty; and the members of the Board "shall hold office for three years, and shall be "capable of re-election or appointment; and the "first election under this Act shall take place at a "meeting duly called, to take place on the Thirtieth "day of October One thousand eight hundred and "Fifty-five; and the Board shall be called 'The "Board of Education in Scotland.'"

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words "four persons, "one of whom shall be elected by each of the Town "Councils of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and "Perth; four persons, one of whom shall be elected "by the Commissioners of Supply of each of the "Counties of Ross, Aberdeen, Renfrew and Ayr," "and Perth."

Question put, That those words be inserted in "the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided. "Tellers for the ayes, Sir Archibald Campbell, 73. "Tellers for the noes, Mr. Grosvale Berkeley, 120.

Another Amendment proposed at the end of the "said proposed Amendment: To add the words "and "there shall be paid to the Chairman such salary, "not exceeding £600 per annum, as shall be fixed "by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; "and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her heirs "and successors, upon cause shown, to remove the "Chairman, and any of the last-mentioned three "members of the Board, and also from time to "time, to appoint any vacancy which may occur in "the Board by death, removal, resignation or other- "wise of the Chairman, or any of the said last- "mentioned members of the Board."

Question, That those words be added to the pro- "posed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Question, That the original words be there added "put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the "Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; "To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy "reported, That the Committee had made Progress in "the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That "the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again re- "solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- "mittee on the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill; "Resolved, That this House will, this day, again re- 
solve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on "the Farness Railway Bill; That they had examined "the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, "and verbally amended the same; and found the same, "as amended, to be true; and had gone through the "Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; "and be printed.

Mr. Brotherton reported Hogg's Estate Bill, with- "Hogg's out Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brotherton reported from the Committee on the Barrow "Harbour Bill; That they had examined the "allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, "and amended the same, by adding recitals, stating "the Power of raising £5,000 for the purposes of "Harbour given by the Act therein mentioned on the "security of the tolls, which had been raised and ex- "pected; and by inserting words, stating the object of "the Bill, the same, as amended, to be true; and "had gone through the Bill, and made Amend- "ments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to "request that their Lordships will be pleased to give "leave to the Lord Campbell to attend the Select Com- "mittee appointed by this House on the subject of "the Public Prosecutors Bill; And that the Clerk do "carry the said Message.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr- "ster, the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated Fiscaliry. "the 12th day of this instant June, for Copies of the "several Letters from the Board of Trade, of the 1st "day of April 1847, to the Commissioners of Customs, "and of the 31st day of July 1849, to Messrs. Royston, "Abbot and Gibbs, on the subject of the Oyster "Fishery in the Seas on the East Coasts of England.

Viscount Palmerston presented,—Return to an Ad- "dress to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of May last, "for Copies of or Extracts from any Despatches from Her "Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, or Her Majesty's "Consul General or Consuls in Portugal, between the years "1848 and 1853, recommending the prohibition or "discouragement of the Importation of a Compound "called Jerupiga, made with Elderberries, Brown "Sugar, Grape Juice and Brandy, and used for the "Adulteration of Port Wine:—Copies of any Corres- "pondence between Her Majesty's Lords of the Trea-

sury and the Commissioners of Customs, within the "same Period and the same Month, relative to the refusal of the latter to permit Jerupiga to be entered as Wine and mixed "with Port Wine in Bond; And, of any Minute or "Minutes, or any Correspondence or Instructions issued "by the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury and the "Commissioners of Customs, within the same Period, "authorizing the mixing of Jerupiga with Port Wine "in Bond, under the superintendence of the Officers "of Customs, in the same proportion as Brandy, viz. "Thirty-three Gallons of the Compound to One hun- "dred Gallons of pure Port Wine.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Guano. "25th day of May last, for Copy of any Consular "Despatches communicated to the Board of Trade "since the 1st day of January, respecting additional "sources of Supply of Guano.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Victoria "reading of the Victoria Government Bill; "And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now "read a second time;

Lord John Russell, by Her Majesty's Command, "acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been
be informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be not read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Miscellaneous and Improvement Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Commercial Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Kingstown-upon-Hull, Hessie and Ferry Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Abingdon Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Ashton-under-Lyne Water Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham and Loughborough Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Improvement Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Renfrew Police and Improvement Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Incorporation Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Jurisdiction of the Statutory Court Amendment Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Roman Catholic Charities; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the word "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Mines Inspection Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Hardware, &c. Manufacturers Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharched.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The National Gallery, &c. (Dublin) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Joint donors entitled to vote at elections of Governors, &c.), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (17 & 18 Vict. c. 99, s. 11, repealed, as far as regards number of outgoing Governors), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk to carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Assay Officers, (York, &c.) Abolition Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Young Offenders Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Hugter, Yess, (The Earl of Mulgrave:

Tellers for the Mr. Love, Noes, (Mr. Baxter):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Waste Lands (Australia) Acts Repeal Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Hugter, Yess, (The Earl of Mulgrave:

Tellers for the Mr. Love, Noes, (Mr. Baxter):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Hugter, Yess, (The Earl of Mulgrave:

Tellers for the Mr. Love, Noes, (Mr. Baxter):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Hugter, Yess, (The Earl of Mulgrave:

Tellers for the Mr. Love, Noes, (Mr. Baxter):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Hugter, Yess, (The Earl of Mulgrave:

Tellers for the Mr. Love, Noes, (Mr. Baxter):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself at Spirit of Wine Bill; and, 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being (Oxford) Bill proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; 

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative. 

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:— 

The Bill was accordingly read the third time. 

Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. 

The Woolner Forest Bill was, according to Order, Woolner Forest Bill read the third time. 

Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill; and Capitular Estates Bill read the third time. 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Consolidated Fund (£10,000,000) Bill was, Consolidated Fund according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Episcopal and Capitular Estates Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Act, 1850: And that Mr. Cairns, Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Macartney do prepare, and bring it in. 

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Excise Duties Excise Duties Bill, was, read, and discharged; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next. 

Mr. Cairns presented a Bill to amend the Prov. Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Act, 1850: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. 

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. 

\[ Veneris, 15° die Junii; \]

\[ Anno 18° Victoriae Regne, 1855. \]

Prayers. 

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th and 13th days of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed. 

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Dagenham Dock Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Torquay District Churches Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hedon and Hull, &c. Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shrewsbury Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “read the third time,” in order to add the words “postponed till after the Evidence taken before the Committee be printed,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “read the third time” stand part of the Question—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by removing the words “read the third time,” in order to add the words “postponed till after the Evidence taken before the Committee be printed,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “read the third time” stand part of the Question—

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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And the Question being proposed, That the words “read the third time” stand part of the Question—

Royal Assent.

A Message by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to empower the Commissioners of Sewers to expend the sum of £2000 in, &c. Hospital House Drainage in certain sums out of the Monies borrowed by them on the security of the Rates, and also to give to the said Commissioners certain other powers for the same purpose:

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, and to provide for the Transmission by Post of printed Periodical Publications:

An Act to make further Provision as to the Share Capital of the Cornwall Railway and Works, and for making Railway Bill:

An Act to extend the Limits of the Borough of Aberdeen:

An Act to incorporate the Hyde Gas Company, &c. Gas Bill:

An Act to enable the Corporation of Newport, in Monmouthshire, to purchase the Interest of the Free men in Newport Marshes, and for other purposes:

An Act to extend the Limits of the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, and to provide for the better paving, lighting, draining and otherwise improving the said Borough, and for other purposes:
An Act for amending the several Acts relating to the Liverpool Corporation Waterworks, and for authorizing Deviations and the Construction of Works, and for other purposes.

An Act to repeal the Act relating to the Leominster and Ledbury Turnpike Trust, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof.

An Act to enable the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Company to make a Deviation in the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes;

An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Lydiate Valley Railway Company, to enable them to extend the Railway from Lydiate to Bridgand, and to extend their present Line from Fosse Toll-house to Saint Bride's Minor, to abandon Parts of their existing and authorized Lines, to dissolve the Bridgand Railway Company, and to abandon their Railway, and for other purposes;


An Act for repairing the Road from the Town of Kingston-upon-Hull to the Western Boundary of the Parish of Hesle, in the East Riding of the County of York:

An Act for making a Railway from the Oxford Branch of the Great Western Railway to Abingdon:

An Act for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the County of Lancaster, to purchase and maintain Waterworks, and for other purposes;

An Act to repeal the Act relating to the Nottingham and Longborough Turnpike-road, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof.

An Act for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester to make a New Street from Manchester, across the River Irwell, into Salford, and authorizing Arrangements with the Corporation of Salford in reference thereto, and for other purposes:

An Act for establishing and maintaining an efficient System of Police for the Royal Borough of Randolf, for improving the said Borough, and for other purposes in relation thereto;

An Act for enabling Leases to be made of the Freethhold Estates of the late Matthew Hill, Esquire, and for other purposes.

The Question being again proposed, That the words "read the third time" stand part of the Question — The said proposed Amendment was, with Leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Burrow reported from the Committee on Group Q. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Wistiech Port Bill, they had inserted a recital, showing clearly, in a detailed statement, the various amounts which the Corporation have been authorized to borrow, the amounts which they have applied out of monies received by them from Port and Harbour Duties, the sums they may yet be called upon to pay, and also the expediency of repealing the Act of 1847; that, in the last line of the same page, they had struck out the words "Borough Fund," the Committee considering it inexpedient that the Borough Fund should be mortgaged, and inserting the words "market tolls," and the rates by the Act granted had made several Amendments, which were rendered necessary by the alterations before mentioned; and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; that, pursuant to the Order of the House, it had been proved to the Committee, that Notice of the intended application had been inserted once in the London Gazette, and once in each of three successive weeks in a London Morning Paper, and in a Cambridge newspaper; and that Notice of the Bill had been given to every mortgagee of the property of the Corporation.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Pease reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Wem and Ironbridge Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made a verbal Amendment therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Pease reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Keighley and Kendal Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegation referring to the arrears of interest; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Pease reported from the Committee on Group I. of Turnpike-road Bills; That Mr. Cowen, one of the selected Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Cowen be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike-road Bills; That in the case of the Gateshead and Heacham Roads Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting, in accordance with the decision of the Committee, a recital that it is expedient to cancel certain mortgages in the said recital mentioned; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relating to the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant June, be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The Roman Catholic Charities Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Validity of Provisions (House of Commons) Bill, without any Amendment; And, the
The Lords have agreed to the Lands Improvement Company Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further Provision for the good Government and Extension of the University of Cambridge, of the Colleges therein, and of the College of King Henry the Sixth at Eton; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Gross Amount realised from the Sale of Crown Lands in Scotland, for each year for Ten years prior to the 5th day of October 1854, and from the Rents or Produce thereof for the same Period:—And, of the Expense attending the Collection thereof, and how the Balances have been appropriated.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, in detail, of the Expenses included under the Sum of £ 595, 19s. 2d., respecting the Thames Marsh Drainage, paid to Mr. T. W. Rammell, C. E., and charged in the Civil Contingencies Account for 1854:—And, Copy of the Instructions under which Mr. Rammell acted.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Total Amount of Education Grants from the Privy Council to each County, County of a City, and County of a Town, in Ireland; from the Sale of Crown Lands in Scotland, from 1833 to 1855; distinguishing the Taxation Grants from the Privy Council to each County, and the Date when it first came into force: Of similar details as to each County, and the Date when it first came into force: Of similar details as to each such Revision:—And, Statement of the Progress of the Completion of the Tenement Valuation has been completed, under the Acts 9 & 10 Vic. c. 110, and the 15 & 16 Vic. c. 63:—Of the Number and Nature of such Bills, and of the Costs of drafting or settling any Bills relating to the said Acts;—Of the Names and respective Remuneration of the Draftsmen of such Bills:—And, of the Costs of drawing the Bribery Bill and Controverted Elections Bill of 1854, the Name or Names of the Draftsmen, the Fund out of which they were paid, and the Sum received by each.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, returns all Fees or Emoluments allotted or paid for drafting or settling any Bills relating to the late Criminal Law Commission (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 210, of Session 1855):—And, Copy of the Instructions under which Mr. Rammell acted.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Oyster Fishery, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Port Wine and Wine Adulteration (Jerseys), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolis Roads, which was presented upon the 17th day of Roads.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Oyster Oyster Fishery, which was presented upon the 14th day of Fishery, this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relaitve to Port Wine and Wine Adulteration (Jerseys), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Guano, Guano, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return of the Statute of 1652 for the making of Necessaries for the Navy.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Tobacco Bill, with Amendments;—Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Church Rates;—Patent Medicines;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maughold College Act;—Public-houses and Beer-shops;—Rev. Vat Ferry-guian Donum;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—License of Public-houses, &c.;—Court of Session (Scotland) Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill;—Harbours of Refuge (Eastern Coast of Ireland);—In-toxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Metropolis Buildings Bill;—Parliamentary Amendment Bill, and Limiting Liability Bill;—Peers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill;—Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—and, War.
with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition of MESSRS. Gregory, Gregory, Skirrow and Rowcliffe, of No. 1, Bedford-row, in the County of Middlesex, Solicitors, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with deep and inexpressible regret the disorder which has commenced in one of the principal mercantile stations of this Country, and is of opinion that the manner in which merit and efficiency have been sacrificed, in public appointments, to party and family influences, and to a blind adherence to routine, has given rise to great misfortunes, and threatens to bring discredit upon the national character, and to involve the Country in grave disasters.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "recommends to the earliest attention of Her Majesty's Ministers the necessity of a careful revision of our various Official Establishments, with a view to simplify and facilitate the transaction of public business, and, by instituting judicious tests of merit, as well as by removing obstructions to its fair promotion and legitimate rewards, to secure to the service of the State the largest available proportion of the energy and intelligence for which the people of this Country are distinguished," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon; and the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning.

Sabbati, 10° die Junii, 1855:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Layard, Yea, Viscount Goderich;

240. Tellers for the Viscount Melbourne, Noes, Sir George Forster; 29.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Consolidated Committee on the Consolidated Fund (£ 10,000,000) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant June;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Monday the 25th day of this instant June," in order to add the words "this day three months," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Monday the 25th day of this instant June" stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;—And the said Motion and Original Question were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordnance Board Bill;

Tellers for the Viscount Goderich, Mr. Layard;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill. (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2 and No. 3, agreed to.

Clause, No. 4 (Power to detain foreign ships for claim under Bill of Lading or Charter). To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Reading of the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The Select Committee on the Office of Speaker of the House was nominated of Mr. Walpole, Lord John Russell, Speaker, Mr. Darnett, Sir George Grey, Colonel William Pott,

Mr. Bright, Mr. Edgcumbe, Sir William Heathcoat, Mr. Attorney General, Sir Frederic Theiger, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Fitz-Hugh, Mr. Baines, Mr. Fresh
tfield and Sir Robert Ferguson; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Saint Cross to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased Hospital.

to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the recent Resignation of the Reverend Lord Gifford of the Mastership of Saint Cross Hospital, as entered in the Act Book of the

Diocese of Winchester.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Christ Church render valid certain Marriages in Christ Church, in the Chapelry of Todmorden and Parish of Rochdale in the Counties of Lancaster and York: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Episcopal a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Episcopal, and Capitular copal and Capitular Estates Bill, was read, and disc

charged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 18° die Junii;

Anno 18° Victoriae. Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they (Forty-fourth had examined the Petitions presented upon the 14th and 15th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Cape Town Railway and Dock Bill was read the Cape Town third time; and Amendments were made to the Railway and Dock Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire Railway (No. 2) Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glasgow, Kirkintilloch and Baldernoch Roads Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Hoffe's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundalk and West Farleigh Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bromwich Improvement Bill, as amended with Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Wexford Port Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the said Motion and Clause were set aside or distribution of such Five shillings by the Church Trustees: And the said Clause was resumed.

And a Motion being made, and the Question was proposed, that the said Church Trustees be brought for interment in the Cemetery, the interment fee for all classes shall be Five shillings higher than that proposed by the Tariff of the Company, as set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, and such Five shillings shall be paid by the Company to the Church Trustees of the said Parish of Saint Pancras: Provided that the House do omit the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Danby Seymour accordingly presented the said Account.

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A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.
port thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Army Army before Sebastopol have Power to report their Obser-
vations thereupon to the House.

Mr. Roebuck reported from the said Select Com-
mittee; They had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereupon to the House; with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from South Shields one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Parochial Districts Bill, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the South Shields Parochial Districts Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Se-
lect Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions relating to Dissenters' Marriages;— Public Marriage Law Amendment Bill;— Numbers;— Petitions.

Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;— Court of Sev- rile Forty-
sion (Scotland) Bill;— Education (Scotland) Bill;— 8th Report.

Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—

Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill;— Poor Law;— Postal Communication (Waterford, &c.);—

Public Health Bill;— Public-houses (Scotland);— Act;— Sale of Beer Act (1854);— Savings Banks (Ireland);— Secretary of State for Scotland;— Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill;— Statute Law Commission;— and, War with Austria,— were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Vessels and the Clerk of the House,— Return to an Order, dated 17th day of April last, for a Return of the Number of Vessels and Tonnage entered Inwards and cleared Outwards at each of the Twelve principal Ports of the United Kingdom; also, the Official and Declared Value of Exports, and Official Value of Imports, for each of the said Ports, during the year 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 399, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of May last, for Returns of the Number of Bushels of Malt charged with Duty in England, between the 5th day of April 1853 and the 5th day of April 1854;— Also, of the Number of Bushels of Malt charged with Duty, between the 5th day of April 1854 and the 31st day of March 1855;— And, of Amount of extra Duty of 10s. 4d. per Quarter charged on Stock of Malt on hand in England the 8th day of May 1854.

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this in-Carriages, in- stand June, for a Return of the Number of Carriages in England, Wales and Scotland, in the year 1854, distinguishing the Numbers in each Kingdom, and classifying them as nearly as possible in the following manner:—

CLASS 1. Carriages kept for private use.

1. Private Carriages with four wheels and two or more horses.
2. Private Carriages with four wheels and one horse.
3. Private Carriages with two wheels and two horses.
4. Private Carriages with two wheels and one horse.

CLASS 2. Carriages for hire other than Omnibuses and Cabs.

1. Class Coaches, &c. with four wheels and two or more horses.
2. Carriages with four wheels and one horse.
3. Carriages with two wheels and two horses.
4. Carriages with two wheels and one horse.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Administration-adjudged Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House views with deep and increasing concern the state of the Nation, and is of opinion, that the manner in which merit and efficiency have been sacrificed, in public appointments, to party and family influences, and to a blind adherence to routine, has given rise to great misfortunes, and threatens to bring discredit upon the national character, and to involve the Country in grave disasters; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "recommends to the earliest attention of Her Majesty's Ministers the necessity of a careful revision of our various Official Establishments, with a view to simplify and facilitate the transaction of public business, and, by instituting judicious tests of merit, as well as by removing obstructions to its fair promotion and legitimate rewards, to secure to the service of the State the largest available proportion of the energy and intelligence for which the people of this Country are distinguished," instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words " Friday next," and in order to add the words " this day four weeks," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words " Friday next " stand part of the Question :It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Free Schools Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Consolidated Fund (£ 10,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Spirit of Wine Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Partnership Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Limited Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Abounding Debtor's (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Rating of Mines Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill of the Law of England and Wales with reference to the Assessment of Mines (other than Coal Mines) to the Relief of the Poor: And that Mr. Kendall, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Michael Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

The Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Lading Act, as amended in the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Spirits (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act of the eighteenth year of Her Majesty for charging the Maintenance of certain Poor Persons in Unions in England and Wales.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Provisions of the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act, 1852: And that Sir Benjamin Hall and Mr. Cowper do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Rit be added to the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

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Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, a Copy of Correspondence between Bishop Giffard and the Lord President of the Council, on the subject of the Lord Advocate's Education (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the better Care and Reformation of Offenders : And that Mr. Cowper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will graciously be pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between Bishop Giffard and the Lord President of the Council, on the subject of the Lord Advocate's Education (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer Ramsgate Harbour to the Trinity House, and to provide for the future Maintenance and Improvement thereof, and for the future Abolition of the Passing Toll.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Fitz Roy accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer Ramsgate Harbour to the Trinity House, and to provide for the future Maintenance and Improvement thereof, and for the future Abolition of the Passing Toll:—And be moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Fitz Roy, Mr. Bowerie and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Baines presented a Bill to continue an Act of the eighteenth year of Her present Majesty, for charging the Maintenance of certain Poor Persons in Unions in England and Wales upon the Common Fund: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cowper presented a Bill to amend the Act Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill, for the better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented a Bill to amend the Huddersfield Provisions of the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act, 1852: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Cowper presented a Bill to render valid certain Christ Church Marriages in Christ Church, in the Chapelry of Todmorden and Parish of Rochdale, in the Counties of Lancashire and York: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave Committees, to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lands Improvement Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The England and Ireland Improved Communications Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Ition Bill. that shall be lawful for the aforesaid Companies from time to time to make and enter into and carry into effect the agreements and arrangements with Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or with the Lords of the Admiralty, in reference to the conveyance in their steam-boats of Her Majesty's Mails or Post Letter Bages between Holyhead and Kingstown or Howth: Provided always, That until an agreement or arrangement for the purposes hereinafter in this Clause mentioned shall have been so made and entered into, none of the Powers by this Act granted shall be in exercise by the said Companies; and that, unless such an agreement or arrangement shall have been made and entered into on or before the First day of May One thousand eight hundred and Sixty, it shall not be lawful for the said Companies, in pursuance of this Act, to exercise any of the Powers granted hereby, and such Powers shall thereafter cease and have no effect);—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by inserting after the words " Bags " the words " or of Passengers and Luggage."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by leaving out the word " May," and inserting the word " July" instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the word "May" stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 31, by inserting, after the words "Fifty-seven," the words "Provided, however, That such public and passenger communication shall be kept, improved and in operation, to the satisfaction of the said Committee of Privy Council for Trade (to be signified by an Act or Order thereof) to be published in the London and Dublin Gazettes), on or before the First day of July One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-eight; otherwise the Powers by this Act granted shall thereafter cease and have no effect.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for improving the Postal and Passenger Communication between England and Ireland, and for authorizing Arrangements between certain Companies in England and Ireland in relation thereto, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Hedon and Hull, &c. Road Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Shrewsbury Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ipstones Mineral Branch Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Witsch Port Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The East India Revenues.

Ordered, That the Account relative to East India Revenues, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Vessels and Tonnage, &c., which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Assay Offices (York, &c.), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Reports of the Inspectors of Factories to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the half-year ending 30th April 1855.

Mr. Cooper also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Poor Law 24th day of April last, for Copies of Communications to the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, relative to the Parish of Strath, since the 1st day of April 1855.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of May last, for Copies of so much of the Plans of the Architect of the New Palace at Westminster as will show the manner in which he purposes to extend the Buildings from the Clock Tower Westwards, along Bridge-street and around New Palace-yard, together with a Statement of the purposes for which such Buildings are proposed; and, a Report thereon from the Board of Works.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Church Rates Abolition Bill; Marriage Law Amendment Bill; Meynell College Act; Licenses (Public-houses, &c.); Wine and Spirit Licenses; British sixth Report, &c.--Freight Bills; Friendly Societies Bill; Intoxicating Liquors; Landlord and Tenant (Ireland): Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill; Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill; Postal Communication (Waterford), &c.; Public Health Bill; Public-houses (Scotland) Act; Secretary of State for Scotland:—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:

And a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir John Shelley: 65.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 117.]

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hayter: 129.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Pococke: 46.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No 1 and No 2, agreed to.

Clause, No 3 (Persons entitled to improve under the Act): Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34: At the end of the Clause to add the words "made during his existing tenancy." Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out a recital as to an undertaking given by the South Eastern Railway Company, which in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital proposing to limit the liability to the nominal amount of each share, and by striking out words mentioning the extension of the Patent to Scotland and Ireland; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Vernon reported from the Committee on the Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital proposing to limit the liability to the nominal amount of each share, and by striking out words mentioning the extension of the Patent to Scotland and Ireland; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out a recital as to an undertaking given by the South Eastern Railway Company, which was admitted in the Petition of that Company referred to the Committee, but the recital of which, in the Preamble of the Bill, appeared to the Committee unnecessary; and by inserting a statement of the amount which the Company were authorized to borrow, and that they have not borrowed any part of that sum; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, for the purpose of being laid before Parliament; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. FitzRoy proposed a fresh hand was assigned by Mr. Bellenden Key, that the Chief Commissioner, the List itself has been prepared, and although Mr. Bellenden Key has reported it to be "a very laborious, useful, and valuable paper," and to have shown their industry and familiarity with the Statute Book—that it is the opinion of this House, that it would greatly conduce to the improvement of the Statute Law of this Country, if the preparation of "a declaratory Bill, of which the said special and detailed Report shall be the groundwork," were no longer to be delayed, and that such Bill ought to be forthwith prepared, for the purpose of being laid before Parliament; The House divided.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put to decide whether the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give leave to Sir Robert Alexander Ferguson, the Chief Commissioner, to attend this House, to relieve the Estate of Cromarty from certain Sums of Money expended in Improvements thereon; to which the Lords assented, with leave of the House, declared that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Administration of Oaths Abroad Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The County Palatine of Lancaster Trials Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Mercurii, 20th die Junii:
Anno 19 Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Duncon reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th day of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group H. of Turnpike-roads Bills; That in the case of the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the words "these and" and the word "other" from the Is. 15 and 16, the Committee having decided not to adopt in the entirety certain therein-recited recommendations made by Commissioners in the said Preamble mentioned; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Operation of the day being read, for resuming the further Proceeding on the third reading of the Torquay District Churches Bill—The House resumed the said further Proceeding:—And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in I. 10, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "or any other Act now in force."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas were: [Lord Seymour, 33.]

Tellers for the [Viscount Elrington, 49.]

Noes, [Mr. Blackburn.] So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in 1. 10, by inserting, after the word "appropriating," the words "or using."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gateshead and Hexham Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dunaulk Harbour and Port Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Cromarty Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed, upon Friday next, on the Audensfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed, upon Friday next, on the Remsgate Harbour Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Liverpool Docks Bill, and Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill, as amended, be considered on Thursday, amended Prints having been deposited on Tuesday:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Petitions relating to Church Rates Abolition Bill; Public Licenses (Public-houses, &c.); Rating of Mines Bill;—Bills of Exchange, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill; Education (Scotland) Bill;—Factories;—Free Schools Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Public Health Bill;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Secretary of State for Scotland; and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Sir Joshua Walmesley have leave to be absent for a month, on account of ill health.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Gold and Silver Watch Cases:

The Clerk of the House, according to Order, resolved itself Marriage Law into a Committee on the Marriage Law Amendment Bill. (In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N° 1 (Repeal of statutory prohibition of marriage with a deceased wife's sister or niece).

Amendment
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Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9: To leave out the words "is hereby," and insert the words "shall, " from and after the passing of this Act, be.

Question put, That the words "is hereby" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hepworth]

Yeas, [Mr. Collier] ] 130.

Tellers for the [Sir Frederic Thesiger]


Clause agreed to.

Clause N° 2 (Such marriages before the passing of this Act not to be void or voidable).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, ls. 10 and 11: To leave out the words "which has been or shall be " celebrated at any time or place whatever."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Phillimore]

Yeas, [Mr. Collier] ] 100.

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Keating]


Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Keating]

Yeas, [Mr. Collier] ] 129.

Tellers for the [Mr. George Butt]


To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 16th day of July next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day week, resolve itself into the said Committee:"

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left:

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Keating]


Tellers for the [Mr. Vance]


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dulvings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Carlisle Canonries Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Truck Act reading of the Truck Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Juries and reading of the Juries and Juries (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Juries and reading of the Juries and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mortmain Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supply Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take the Juries (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow; and be printed.

The Administration of Oaths Abroad Bill was, Administratively, ordered, to read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of extending to Scotland the Act to amend the Laws for the Prevention of Frauds and Abuses by Persons employed in the Woollen, Worsted, Linen, Cotton, Flax, Mohair and Silk Hosiery Manufactures, and for the further securing the Property of the Manufacturers and the Wages of the Workmen engaged therein;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Scotland the Act to amend the Laws for the Prevention of Frauds and Abuses by Persons employed in the Woollen, Worsted, Linen, Cotton, Flax, Mohair and Silk Hosiery Manufactures, and for the further securing the Property of the Manufacturers and the Wages of the Workmen engaged therein.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Scotland the Act to amend the Laws for the Prevention of Frauds and Abuses by Persons employed in the Woollen, Worsted, Linen, Cotton, Flax, Mohair and Silk Hosiery Manufactures, and for the further securing the Property of the Manufacturers and the Wages of the Workmen engaged therein. And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; And that Mr. FitzRoy, the Lord Advocate and Viscount Duncaen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dublin Carriage Acts: And that Mr. Hearns and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 120, to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping, might be read; and the same being read:

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act.

Mr. Barrow reported from the Committee on Group Q. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Bradford Corporation Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made several verbal alterations therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therunto; that in compliance with the Order of the House of the 7th May last, it had been proved before them, that the several requirements of 10 & 11 Vic. c. 54, have been complied with in respect of this Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Duncaen presented a Bill to extend to Scotland the Act to amend the Laws for the Prevention of Frauds and Abuses by Persons employed in the Woollen, Worsted, Linen, Cotton, Flax, Mohair and Silk Hosiery Manufactures, and for the further securing the Property of the Manufacturers and the Wages of the Workmen engaged therein; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented a Bill Dublin to amend the Dublin Carriage Acts: And the same Carriage Acts was read the first time; and ordered to be read a Bill.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave Committees.

Ordered, That the Huddersfield Burial-ground Huddersfield Act Amendment Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Ramsgate Harbour Bill be Ramsgate printed.

The West and West Farleigh Roads Bill was West and West Farleigh Roads Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The West Bromwich Improvement Bill was read West Brom- west the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Keighley the Keighley and Kendal Road Bill, as amended and Kendal in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken Dublin, &c. before the Committee on the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill be laid before this House.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill; Public Church Rates;—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Petitions.

Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Rating of Mines Bill; Vide Forty- Wine and Spirit Licenses;—Assay Offices (York, seventh Re- Abolition Bill;—British Spirits;—Vide Forty- port. thirteenth Re- parit. thirteenth Re-

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Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dublin Carriage Acts: And that Mr. Hearns and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken Dublin, &c. before the Committee on the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill be laid before this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Dublin Carriage Acts: And that Mr. Hearns and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy, the Lord Advocate and Viscount Duncaen do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Metropolis into a Committee on the Metropolis Local Manage- ment Bill.

("In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 124, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 125, postponed.

Clauses, N° 126 to N° 157, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 158 (Power to Metropolis Board of Works to make bye-laws). To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr.
Mr. Barrow reported from the Committee on Group Q. of Private Bills; That in the case of the New River Company, and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by specifically naming certain Companies therein referred to, in consequence of the East London Waterworks Company having come into the arrangements sanctioned by the Bill, and which were otherwise only permissive to the Company; and by making several clerical alterations therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Kneller Hall. Sir George Grey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,Copy of Minute of the 12th day of May 1855, respecting Kneller Hall, by the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council on Education. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Horan presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant June, for a Return to the National Estates Court (Ireland). In the case of the Names of all Officers or Clerks appointed within the last Six months to any Office in the Incumbered Estates Court (Ireland), and of the Salaries of such Officers and Clerks, and of the respective Duties of their Appointments; and of the Authority by virtue of which such Appointments were made. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Visitors admitted to the National Gallery for each year, from 1846 to 1854 inclusive;—Of the Number of Students for each of the above years;—Of the Number of Catalogues printed, Number sold, Cost of Paper and Printing, and Sum realised by their Sale in each year;—Of the Number of Visitors admitted to the Royal Academy in each year, from 1846 to 1854 inclusive, and of the Sum realised by such Admissions;—Of the Number of Catalogues printed, Number sold, Cost of Paper and Printing, and Sum realised by their Sale in each year;—Of the Rules and Days of Arrival to the National Gallery and the Royal Academy. Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

New Palace (Westminster), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

Gold and Silver Watch Cases, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

Highland Roads and Bridges. The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table, by the Clerk of the House,—Forty-first Report of the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges in Scotland.

Income Tax. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts paid to Persons who receive Poudrage by way of Remuneration for their Services under the Income Tax in England, where such Poudrage amounts to £ 200 in the year and upwards, showing the Amount of Poudrage paid to each Person for the year ended the 5th day of April 1854, and the Rate and Amount which shall have been paid to them for the year ended the 4th day of April 1855, as soon as such latter Amount shall be ascertained. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Monies received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England from the Episcopal and Capitular Revenues of the Diocese of Durham, from the year 1836 to the end of 1854; including all Sums paid over to the said Commissioners from the Revenues of the See on account of the Mutiny Fund, since its first Establishment.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for the years ending the 30th day of March 1844-55, of the several Classes of Deductions, Abatements and Allowances made to the Bishops and Clergy of the Established Church in Ireland, out of their Ecclesiastical Incomes and Profits, in estimating the Amount for which they would be respectively chargeable to Income Tax.
"lands, or cut out bog ground, by converting the
same into arable or pasture land.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided,
Tellers for the [Mr. Serjeant Shee, Yeas,
Mr. French : Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
93.]

Another Amendment proposed : After l. 5, to insert the
words " the main draining or thorough "
"draining of land, or the improvement of it by
"irrigation."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided,
Tellers for the [Mr. Serjeant Shee, Yeas,
Mr. French : Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
100.]

Another Amendment proposed : After l. 5, to insert the
words " the durable improvement of land by
"clearing away rocks and stones."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided,
Tellers for the [Mr. Serjeant Shee, Yeas,
Mr. French : Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
112.]

Another Amendment proposed : After l. 9, to in-
sert the words " the planting of any timber trees
"within the meaning of the Acts now in force in
"Ireland relative to timber trees."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 13:
After the words " in respect " to insert the words " to parties holding under leased or agreements in
"writing during their continuance, save in accord-
"ance with the provisions thereof, or by mutual
"consent."

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amend-
ment: After the words " in writing " to insert the
words " existing at the time of the passing of this
"Act."

Question, That those words be inserted in the
proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to,

Question put, That the words, so amended, be
there inserted;
The Committee divided,
Tellers for the [Mr. George,
Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald : 
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Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
100.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 15:
After the words " like improvements " to insert the words " or in any case where a special agreement,
"in writing, with respect to the same, or the costs
"thereof, or the property therein, shall have been
"made by the landlord and tenant respectively,
"otherwise than in accordance with such special
"agreement."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 18: Af-
fter the word " tenancy " to insert the words " nor in
"consideration whereof any reduction or abatement
"of rent shall have been made or allowed,"

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 18:
After the word " easies " to insert the words " where
"lands are held under or by virtue of a lease where
"less than the full annual value of the land is re-
"served, nor in any case.

Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided,
Tellers for the [Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald,
Colonel Dante : Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Noes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
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Motion made, and Question put, That the Chair-
man do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Dante,
Mr. Molins : Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter,
Mr. Grenville Berkeley : 
154.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 35 : To
leave out from the word " slates " to the word " un-
"less " in l. 42, in order to insert the word " nor."

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after
Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Veneris, 22° die Junii, 1855.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy
reported, That the Committee had made Progress in
the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That
the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday
next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third
Burial- reading of the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this
day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mune,
mittee on the Lunatic Attelv. Asylums (Ireland) (Advances)
mittee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances)
Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bankruptcy
mittee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bankruptcy
Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-
posed, That this House do now adjourn;—And the
said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve
itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Public
reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this
day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Grand Jury Grand Jury
reading of the Grand Jury Assessments (Ireland) Assessments (Ireland)
Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ornate
reading of the Ordinance Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Acconenting consideration the Acconenting Debtors (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Railways Railways
reading of the Railways (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this
day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Merchant
into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping Act.

Amendment. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move Merchant
the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Merchant
Shipping Act facilitate Amendment.
facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1884.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1884.—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:

And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Fowler, and Sir George Greg do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant June, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair” (for Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill);

And the Question again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Preamble postponed.)

Clause No. 1 (in actions commenced under this Act, if the Defendant do not obtain leave of the Court or a Judge to appear, the Plaintiff may sign Judgment).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “This House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Vol. 110.

Chairs:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 52, by leaving out the words “Provided that,” and inserting the words “Provided also, That if the non-attendance of Magistrates at any Petty Sessions shall have prevented a bond false application from being entertained, or an order made thereon before the expiration of any License, it shall be lawful in such case for the proper Officer of Excise, at his discretion, to continue such License for the year next ensuing, upon the certificate of the District Inspector of Police, or, if in Dublin, upon a like certificate of a Commissioner of Police, but,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words provided that stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley.] 43.

Tellers for the [Mr. Vincent Scully, Noes, Mr. Bland.] 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justice of Peace Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The County Palatine of Lancaster Trials Bill was, county according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Administration adjourned Debate on the Main Question as amended, the Reform

Ordered, That the Bill, as proposed upon the 18th day of this instant June, relative to Administrative Reform; viz. That this House recommends to the earliest attention of Her Majesty's Ministers the necessity of a careful revision of our various Official Establishments, with a view to simplify and facilitate the transaction of public business, and, by instituting judicious tests of merit, as well as by removing obstructions to its fair promotion and legitimate rewards, to secure to the service of the State the largest available proportion of the energy and intelligence for which the people of this Country are distinguished;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House recommends, being put;

Ordered, That this House recommends to the earliest attention of Her Majesty's Ministers the necessity of a careful revision of our various Official Establishments, with a view to simplify and facilitate the transaction of public business, and, by instituting judicious tests of merit, as well as by removing obstructions to its fair promotion and legitimate rewards, to secure to the service of the State the largest available proportion of the energy and intelligence for which the people of this Country are distinguished.

The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Bill, which, upon the 26th day
day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Testamentary Jurisdiction Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Henry Newsham Pedder, Esquire, with Emma Pedder his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That Pedder's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Stock in Trade.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And that Mr. Headlam, Mr. Braddy, and Mr. Cranford do prepare, and bring it in.

Hallebury College.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve the East India Company from the obligation to maintain the College at Haileybury: And that Mr. Vernon Smith and Mr. Danby Seymour do prepare, and bring it in.

Indemnity.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and to extend the Time limited for those purposes respectively: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the Exemption of Inhabitants from Liability to be rated, as such, in respect of Stock in Trade or other Property to the Relief of the Poor: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Communication from the Board of Trade to the Right honourable Henry Labouchere, respecting the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks Bill.

Mr. Bowesley accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Vernon Smith presented a Bill to relieve the East India Company from the obligation to maintain the College at Haileybury: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bowesley presented a Bill to facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Excise Duties Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Excise Duties Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the East of Fife Railway Bill:
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:
Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been inform’d of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do make therein as they shall think fit.
Then the Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fareham Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Southampton Paving Trust (Southampton) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Ramsgate Harbour Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order, That the Report on the Wem and Bromsgarth Road Bill do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next, at One o’clock.

Mr. Borrow reported from the Committee on Group Q. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Airdrie Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made some verbal alterations therein; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Tuesday the 16th day of July next, on the Marriage Law Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 25th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of a Minute of the Wardens of the Goldsmiths’ Company, submitted to the consideration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with a Memorial from the Manufacturers of Silver Spoons and Forks in London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; The Amount of Salaries or other Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be now ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are occupied in other Duties, or are in Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Collection of Income Tax in the City of London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; Of a Minute of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated the 14th day of April 1851; And a Return of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Collection of Income Tax in the City of London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855;—Or so much of a Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes, dated the 11th day of December 1851, as relates to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at Exeter, Newcastle, Chester and York, and his Observations thereon;—Extracts of a Report made by Mr. Conrad, the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths’ Company of London, the 6th day of November 1849, calling attention to the Mismangement of the Country Halls:—Of a Minute of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated the 17th day of December 1853;—Or so much of a Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes, dated the 11th day of December 1851, as relates to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at Exeter, Newcastle, Chester and York;—And, Account showing the Number of Ounces of Gold and Silver Plate respectively assayed at each of the said Offices for each of the last five Years, and the Amount of Duty received thereon and accounted for to the Revenue.

Ordered, That in the case of the South Shields Parochial Districts Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Notice be given to the Dean and Chapter of Durham and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; and also that Notice of the purport of the said Bill be published once in the London Gazette and a Local Newspaper; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order shall have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Connaught Mining Company Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by substituting Thirty thousand pounds as the Capital of the Company, instead of Twenty thousand pounds; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Correspondence between the Admiralty, the Board of Trade and the Colonial Office, respecting Colonial Lights.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Collection of Income Tax in the City of London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; The Amount of Salaries or other Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be now ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are occupied in other Duties, or are in Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of a Minute of the Wardens of the Goldsmiths’ Company, submitted to the consideration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with a Memorial from the Manufacturers of Silver Spoons and Forks in London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; The Amount of Salaries or other Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be now ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are occupied in other Duties, or are in Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Collection of Income Tax in the City of London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; Of a Minute of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated the 14th day of April 1851;—Or so much of a Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes, dated the 11th day of December 1851, as relates to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at Exeter, Newcastle, Chester and York, and his Observations thereon;—Extracts of a Report made by Mr. Conrad, the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths’ Company of London, the 6th day of November 1849, calling attention to the Mismangement of the Country Halls:—Of a Minute of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated the 17th day of December 1853;—Or so much of a Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes, dated the 11th day of December 1851, as relates to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at Exeter, Newcastle, Chester and York;—And, Account showing the Number of Ounces of Gold and Silver Plate respectively assayed at each of the said Offices for each of the last five Years, and the Amount of Duty received thereon and accounted for to the Revenue.
Public Income and Expenditure of Ireland, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1855, and showing the whole of the Ways and Means provided within the same Period, together with the application thereof:—Of the Amount of Duties of Excise in each Revenue District of Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855;—Of the Amount of Duties of Customs of the Revenue Districts of Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855;—Of the Amount of Stamp Duties collected in Dublin, and in each Stamp District of Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855;—Of the Amount of Postage collected in each County of Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855;—Statement showing the Quantities of the following Articles retained for Home Consumption in Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855, viz., Wine, Spirits, Foreign and Home made, Tobacco, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Flax Seed, Cotton Yarn, Cotton Wool, Woollen and Woisted Yarn, Silk Raw and Ploughed, Iron Unwrought, Timber, Deals and Coals;—And, Statement showing the Quantities of the following Articles exported from Ireland, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1855, distinguishing the Exports to Great Britain from those to its Colonies, viz., Oxen, Sheep, Swine, Houses, Bacon and Hams, Beef and Pork, Butter, Wheat and Wheat Flour, Oats, Oatmeal, Irish Spirits, Linen Manufactures, Linen Yarn and Cotton Manufactures (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 300, of Session 1854).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Inspection Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir William Molyneux reported from the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Education (Scotland) Bill.
Mr. Cowper presented, Return to an Address to the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill, with out any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Chertby, Witney, &c. Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Lyme Regis Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Newtown and Os westry Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; and, War with Russia, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax Continuance Bill, with out any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Chertby, Witney, &c. Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Lyme Regis Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Newtown and Osw estry Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; and, War with Russia, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Dublin, &c. Roads Bill.

The following Papers were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report by the Commissioners for the British Fisheries of their Proceedings, in the year ended 5th January 1855, being Fishing, 1854.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land Tax (India), which was presented upon the 26th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Highland Roads and Bridges, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks Bill, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Kneller Hall, No. 336, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant June, be printed.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill;—Public Petitions.

Church Rates Abolition Bill;—Dissenters' Marriages Bill;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Metropolitan Roads Bill;—Report on the 21st day Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Licenses (Public-houses), &c.;—Wine and Spirit Licenses;—Bill- loring Soldiers (Scotland);—British Spirits;—Brizton Prison;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Limited Liability Bill;—Partnership Amendment Bill;—Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill;—Public Health Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Secretary of State for Scotland;—Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; and, War with Russia, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Board of Education established). Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;
Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment: To leave out "Forty pounds," in order to insert "Fifty pounds."

Question, That "Fifty pounds" stand part of the proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Amendment agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the following words: "Provided always, That where any Parochial Schoolmaster within the counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Moray may be allowed to retire as above, he shall continue to retain unimpaired his rights in connexion with, and his interest in, the bequest of the late James Dick, and shall, notwithstanding his retirement, be entitled to receive annually during his life such allowance as may be granted to him by the Trustees of the said bequest."

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 12, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 13 (Minister and heritors of parish to form School Committee of Parish School).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 36: After the words "shall" to insert the words "prior to the election, subject the candidate or candidates to examination; and the Inspector of the district shall attend, due notice being given to him of the time and place of meeting by the minister of the parish, and shall assist in such examination, and in advising as to the selection of the candidate best qualified, in cases where there is competition; and the result of the examination being reported to the Board, and any instructions from the Board being communicated to the minister and heritors of the parish, the election shall then be final and conclusive: Provided always, That it shall be in the power of the minister and heritors, or the majority, to elect the schoolmaster only for a time to be by them limited."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 14 (Parochial Schoolmaster not to be inducted until examined by Inspector).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 23° die Junii, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy moved, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Limited Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Partnership Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills of Lading (No. 2) (No. 3) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 4 (Power to detain Foreign Ships for claim under Bill of Lading on Charter).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.
The Committee divided. 
Tellers for the \(\text{Mr. Cairns,}\) 
\(\text{Yea,} \quad \text{66.}\) 
\(\text{Tellers for the \(\text{Mr. Heyter,}\)\)} 
\(\text{No,} \quad \text{66.}\) 
\(\text{CLAUSES, \(\text{N}^\circ \, 6 \, \text{to} \, \text{N}^\circ \, 10, \) disagreed to.}\) 
\(\text{Preamble amended, and agreed to.}\) 
\(\text{Bill, as amended, to be reported.}\)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.}\)

The Union Charges Act Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill: 
\(\text{Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}\)

The Christ Church (Todmorden) Marriages Validity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Woolen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill: 
\(\text{And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;}\)
\(\text{A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.}\)
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, (Court of Chancery) Bill: 
\(\text{Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time: 
\(\text{And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be further ad-}\)
\(\text{jourmed till Friday the 8th day of July next;}\)
\(\text{An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words " Friday the}\)
\(\text{" 8th day of July next," in order to add the words}\)
\(\text{" Monday next," instead thereof.}\)
\(\text{And the Question being put, That the words}\)
\(\text{" Friday the 8th day of July next" stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.}\)
\(\text{And the Question being put, That the words}\)
\(\text{" Monday next" be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.}\)
\(\text{Then the main Question, so amended, being put;}\)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education reading of the Education Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the second Free Schools reading of the Free Schools Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.}\)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill: 
\(\text{Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}\)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Administration of Oaths Abroad Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Ecclesiastical Courts Bill, into further consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ecclesiastical Courts Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for the third Reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The House, according to Order, took into consideration the Abscinding Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Abscinding Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.}\)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee: 
\(\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.}\)

The Railways (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time: 
\(\text{A Clause (Notice to Tenant may be served by Railway Companies upon Parties, as directed by}\)
\(\text{Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1843), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.}\)

Another Clause (Railway Companies may exercise Powers of entry conferred by Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1843, etc.) was also annexed to the same, and agreed to.
Harbour and Dundalk International Company Bill.

Colonial Life Cornarty Stock in Money Bill.

Army Prize Bill.

Indemnity Money Bill.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and to extend the Time limited for those purposes respectively: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to continue the Exemption of Inhabitants from liability to be rated, as such, in respect of Stock in Trade or other Property to the Relief of the Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 23° die Junii;

Anno 19° Victoriae Regnas, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills: That in the case of the Cromarty Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cromarty Life Assurance Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the International Life Assurance Society Bill, the same was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, that the Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Fitzrov, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

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The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the South Shields Parochial District Churches Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Hammond's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Bland Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st and 22d days of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for a Return of existing Annual Salaries, Compensation and Allowance to the Clerk to each Poor Law Union in England and Wales.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return of the Number of Wives of Militarymen, and of the Number of their Children, in each Union in England and Wales, in receipt of Out-door Relief, with the Amount of that Relief, in the Week ending the 24th day of March 1855.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a List of all Memorials and Applications made to the Lords of the Treasury and to the Board of Inland Revenue, as to Compositions of Mileage Duties on Stage Carriages during this year, 1855; showing the Date of Applications, the Name and Address of Applicant, in respect of what Vehicles, and the Answers of the Treasury or Commissioners.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Stage Carriage Duties be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of March last, for Returns with respect to each Metropolitan Workhouse: 1. Whether Patients under Infections Diseases are or are not kept in a separate Ward from other Patients; 2. Of the present Number of Inmates in each; 3. Of the Number of Inmates under Medical Treatment during the year 1854 in each; 4. Of the Number of Medical Men employed in each; 5. Of the Number of paid Nurses employed in each;—And, of the Proportion between Men and Medical Officers in the Army now in the East, in parallel Columns.

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for Returns from each Union in Ireland, showing the Extent of Land under Crops or Garden Cultivation, the Number of Persons employed on the Farm, distinguishing the Number under Fifteen years of age, and the Number above Fifteen years of age, and the whole Number of Persons in the Workhouse; Rent by the English Acres; the Expenses incurred, distinguishing, 1st. the Value of the Stock on hand at the commencement of the year; 2d. the Amount of Rent and Rates paid; 3d. the Amount expended for Seeds; 4th. for Implements; 5th. for Live Stock purchased; and 6th. Total—Also, showing the Money Value of Produce, distinguishing, 1st. the Price of Articles of Food consumed in the Workhouse; 2d. the Amount received from the Sale of Surplus Crop; 3d. from Live or Dead Stock; 4th. the Value of Stock in hand at the end of the year; and 5th. Total; and showing the Profit or Loss for the years ending the 29th day of September 1853 and the 29th day of September 1854 respectively:—And from each Union in Ireland, of the Expenses incurred in Manufactures and Trade; showing the Value of Stock in hand at the commencement of the year, the Amount expended, 1st. in Tools; 2d. in Raw Material; 3d. in other necessary Articles; and 4th. Total expended; and the Produce, distinguishing those under Fifteen years of age, and those above Fifteen years of age, with Total employed, for the years ending respectively the 29th day of September 1853 and the 29th day of September 1854 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 904, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Education Education (Scotland) Bill, which was presented upon the 22d (Scotland) Bill, day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Houses Houses (Public Service), which was presented upon the 22d Service.) day of this instant June, be printed.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill;—Public Ecclesiastical Titles Assumption;—Maynooth Col. Petitions. lege Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;— Vide Forty- Mines Bill;—Wine and Spirit Licenses;—Billing soldiers (Scotland);—Bills of Ladling Bill;—Court Addresses the Education (Scotland) Bill;—Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;— Physicians (Navy);—Pier and Harbours Scotland) Bill;—Public Health Bill;—Public (in Report.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing, in opposite Columns, the Charge for the Board of Ordnance, and for its subordinate Establishments, as at present constituted, contrasted with the Charge under the proposed Bill; stating, in each case, the Amount of Military Pay or Allowances, as well as the Salary of the Officers employed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Board of to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in opposite Columns, the Charge for the Board of Ordnance, and for its subordinate Establishments, as at present constituted, contrasted with the Charge under the proposed Bill; stating, in each case, the Amount of Military Pay or Allowances, as well as the Salary of the Officers employed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Roman Catho- to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any recent Applications to the Secretary of State from Roman Catholic Bishops or Priests, on the subject of the Religious Instruction of Roman Catholic Prisoners in Pentonville and Brixton Prisons, and of the Answers thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any recent Applications to the Secretary of State from Roman Catholic Bishops or Priests, on the subject of the Religious Instruction of Roman Catholic Prisoners in Pentonville and Brixton Prisons, and of the Answers thereto.
The Duchy of Lancaster Lands Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Livesey's Blackburn Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Bouverie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Highland Society to the Board of Trade on the Agricultural Statistics of Small Holdings in Scotland for 1854 (in conclusion of the Inquiry for that year) — also, Tables of the Agricultural Statistics of Orkney for 1854, received from the Highland Society, subsequent to the presentation of their General Report.

Copy of Report of an Inspecting Officer of the Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade upon a Collision between two Passenger Trains which occurred on the 21st May 1855 at the Dudley Station of the South Staffordshire Railway.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Victoria Government Bill.

(Victoria Government Bill.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

Clause, N° 3 (Provisions of former Acts respecting the Allowance and Disallowance of Bills preserved).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Hayter, Yeas, The Earl of Malgrave: ) 110.

Tellers for the (Mr. Adderley, Noes, Mr. Lowe: ) 38.

Clause, N° 4 (Power to repeal and alter the Provisions of the reserved Bill).

Amendment proposed : To leave out from the word " Colony," in p. 3, l. 20, to the end of the Clause.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Hayter, Yeas, The Earl of Malgrave: ) 65.

Tellers for the (Mr. Miall, Noes, Mr. Lowe: ) 40.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 5 and N° 6, agreed to.

Schedule 1 : Paragraph of Preamble postponed.

Paragraphs 1 to 46, agreed to.

Paragraph 47 : Civil List.

Amendment proposed, in l. 3 : To leave out the words "One hundred and twelve thousand seven "hundred and fifty pounds," and insert the words "Sixty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty "pounds.

Question put, That the words "One hundred "and twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty "pounds" stand part of the paragraph ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Hayter, Yeas, The Earl of Malgrave: ) 71.

Tellers for the (Mr. Miall, Noes, Mr. Hadfield: ) 29.

Question, That paragraph 47 stand part of Schedule 1.—put, and agreed to.

Paragraphs 48 to 53, agreed to.

Paragraph 54 : Money for purposes of religion.

Amendment proposed, in l. 1: After the word "Victoria," to insert the words "the Legislative s s 4 " Houses
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Union Charges Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Orderd, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Christ Church (Todmorden) Offenders Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Administration of Oaths Abroad Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (No. 2) Bill, upon the 2d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Monday next," in order to add the words "this day three months," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Monday next" stand part of the Question;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

\textit{Martis, 29° die Junii, 1853:}

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

\textit{Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.}

\textit{Education Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Education Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.}

\textit{Free Schools Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Free Schools Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.}

\textit{Ordinance Board Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordinance Board Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.}

\textit{Excise Duties Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Excise Duties Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.}

\textit{Indemnity Bill.}

The Indemnity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve o'clock.

\textit{Stock in Trade Bill.}

The Stock in Trade Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve o'clock.

\textit{Cambridge University Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cambridge University Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.}

\textit{Court of Session (Scotland) Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.} 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.}

\textit{Criminal Justice Bill.}

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. 
\textit{Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.}

\textit{Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.} 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.}

\textit{Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Jurors and Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.} 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.}

\textit{Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill; 
\textit{Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.}

\textit{Grand Jury Assessments (Ireland) Bill.}

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grand Jury Assessments (Ireland) Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.} 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.}

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.}

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill. 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bills be withdrawn.}

\textit{Clause, No. 1, agreed to.}

\textit{Clause, No. 2 (Defendant showing a defence upon the merits to have leave to appear). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17: To leave out " Twelve," and insert " Sixteen." Question put, That "Twelve" stand part of the Clause;}

\textit{The Committee divided.}

\textit{Tellers for the Yeas: [Mr. Kenting: [Mr. Atherton: ] 57.}
\textit{Tellers for the Noes: [Mr. Vance; [Mr. Isaac Butt: ] 34.}

\textit{Clause agreed to.}

\textit{Clauses, No. 3 to No. 8, agreed to.}

\textit{Clause (Every Protest of a Notary Public of a Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note shall be received in all proceedings under this Act as evidence of the facts therein set forth, in like manner as the Protest of Foreign Bills of Exchange is now received as evidence of such facts)—brought up, and read 1°. Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.}

\textit{Clauses added.}

\textit{Schedule agreed to.}

\textit{Preamble agreed to.}

\textit{Bill, as amended, to be reported.}

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.}

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justice of Peace Qualification Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.}

The Haileybury College Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a College Bill Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next. 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.}

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Bills of Lading consideration the Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill, as (No. 2) Bill, amended in the Committee; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.}

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply Committee of Supply; 
\textit{Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 
\textit{Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.}

The Order of the day being read, for the third Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.}

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Abounding consideration the Abounding Debtors (Ireland) Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
\textit{Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.}
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Procedure) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill, was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Infants' Marriage Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Office of one of the two Clerks of the Bills in the Bill Chamber of the Court of Session in Scotland, and to make Provision for the due Performance of the Duties thereof; and that the Lord Advocate and Viscount Duncan do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, - An Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, for the years 1853-54 and 1854-55.

Mr. Peel also presented,—Return to an Address from the Lords to the Electric Telegraph Company Bill by the Electric Telegraph Company Bill, taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Barrow Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Electric Telegraph Company Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Farnes Railway Bill be now read the third time; Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Keighley and Kendal Road Bill was read the third time; Ordered, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. S) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause thereof, &c.) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Aberdare Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Canal Navigations Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Carriages, Carriages, &c., which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Agricultural Statistics (Scotland), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army in the East, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by East India Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated (Torture—)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill.

Clauses, N° 158 and N° 159, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 160, agreed to.

Clause, N° 161, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 162 to N° 168, agreed to.

Clause, N° 169 to N° 186, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 19, agreed to.

Postponed Clauses, N° 21 and N° 22, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 23, disagreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 24, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 25, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 26 (Elected Members of Metropolitan Board to nominate three persons to Secretary of State for the purpose of his selecting one of them as Chairman).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed: In p. 8, l. 44, to leave out the words “and shall also decide upon the amount of salary to be paid to such Chairman, such salary not to be less than £ 1,000, and not to exceed £ 2,000 per annum.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o’clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com—Indemnity mittee on the Indemnity Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com—Stock in Trade mittee on the Stock in Trade Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Message.
A Message by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—and being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

Consolidated Fund (C.10,000,000)

Lives Abate Out-door Relief

Education of Poor Children

Insurance on Lives Abatement of Income Tax in respect of Insurance on Lives

Royal Assent

Ecclesiastical Courts Bill

Stamp Duties Repeal on Matriculation and Degrees (Oxford) Bill

Grants of Lands Bill

Public Libraries and Museums (Ireland) Bill

Spirits of Wine Bill

Waterford and Limerick Railway Bill

Saint Helen's Improvement Bill

Cromford and High Peak Railway Bill

Limerick and Castleconnell Railway Bill

Newcastle-under-Lyme Gas Bill

Limerick and Foyles Railway Bill

Maryport and Carlisle Railway Bill

Newport Gas Bill

Wes ton-super-Mare Gas Bill

Alford and Boston Road Bill

Wigan and Presto n Roads, North Yarow Bill

Lands Improvement Company's Act, 1853

An Act to renew the Term and continue the Powers of an Act passed in the first year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth, initiated, An Act to continue the Term and alter and enlarge the Powers of an Act of the forty-third year of his late Majesty's reign for repairing the Road leading from the Turnpike-road in Witley to the Road on Severford Heath, and the Road leading from the Road from Woodstock to Birmingham, through Charlbury, to the Road from Chipping Norton to Burford, all in the County of Oxford:

An Act for repairing, widening and maintaining several Roads in the Counties of Dorset and Devon, leading to and from the Borough of Lyme Regis, from the Turnpike-road on Raymond's Hill to the Turnpike-road at the Three Ashes, in the Parish of Creekene, in the County of Somerset:

An Act for making a Railway from Oswestry, in the County of Shropshire, to Whitchpool and Newtown, in the County of Montgomery:

An Act for making a Railway from the Town of Dunswell, in the County of Louth, to the Town of Lincoln:

An Act for the better Supply of the City of Gloucester, and the Neighbourhood thereof, with Water, and for other purposes:

An Act for enabling the London and Blackwall Railway Company to widen certain Portions of their Railways, and for amending some of the Provisions of the Acts relating to such Railways:

An Act for enabling the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make a Branch Railway to Lincoln, and for other purposes:

An Act for continuing the Term of the Nottingham and Newhaven Turnpike-road and Districts Act, and for other purposes:

An Act for extending the Powers of the Warrington Water Company, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money:

An Act to amend the East Kent Railway Act:

An Act to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the Regent's Canal, to purchase the Hertford Union Canal, and for other purposes:

An Act for the Improvement of the Town of Newton in Mackerness and Neighbourhood, in the County of Lancaster:

An Act to authorize Improvements in the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne:

An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the South Wales Railway Company, and to authorize the Construction of new Works, and Alterations of existing Works, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Trustees under the Settlement executed on the Marriage of Philip Richard Hoffe, to effect a Sale to Sir Richard Plumptre Glyn, Baronet, of certain Hereditaments situate at Twyford, in the Parish of Compton Abbas, and County of Dorset, and for other purposes, of which the short Title is "Hoffe's Estate Act, 1855."

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Fees (Clerks Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of May last, for a of Assize &c,) Bill.
Return of all Fees payable to the Clerks of Assize and Clerks of the Peace for the several Counties and Towns in England and Wales in every case of Prosecution at the Assizes and Sessions for Felony or Misdemeanor, specifying in each particular Fee, the Amount of it, by whom paid in the first instance, and whether paid by Order on the County Treasurer:—Where Clerks of the Peace are paid by Salary in lieu of such Fees, a similar Return of the Fees charged in the Returns of Prosecution Expenses to the Treasury.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant June, for Copy of the recent Resolution of the Reverend Lord Guilford of the Mastership of Saint Cross Hospital, as entered in the Act Book of the Diocese of Winchester.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Petitions relating to the Ballot:—Church Rates Abolition Bill;—Lord's Day;—Magdalen College Act;—Public-houses and Beer-shops;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Rating of Mines Bill;—Bleaching, &c., Works Bill;—Criminal Justice Bill;—Education Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;— Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland);—and, Sale of Beer Act (1854), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in opposite Columns, the Charge for the War Department, War Office, Board of General Officers and Ordnance, and for its subordinate Establishments, under the System which existed before the Order in Council, dated the 6th day of June 1855, contrasted with the Charge under the System constituted by that Order; stating in each case the Amount of Military Pay or Allowances, as well as the Salaries of the Officers employed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild, who, since his Election for the said City, has entered into a Contract for the Public Service; Vol. 110.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “the Contract entered into by Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild with Her Majesty's Government, on the 20th day of April last, for a Loan of Sixteen millions for the Public Service, be referred to a Select Committee; and that they be directed to report their Opinion whether Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild has vacated his Seat by his entering into the said Contract,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty, by one of the Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Charitable Trusts, to amend the Charitable Trusts Act, 1853; to which the said RTS Bill, the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Carnegie's Restitution Bill; to remove Sir James Carnegie, of Southesk, Kinnaird, and Fritarrow, Baronet, from the effect of the Abolition Bill; Education Bill; Education (Scotland) Bill; Criminal Justice Bill; Income Tax Bill; Stage Carriages Bill.
relating to the Assessment of Duties on Stage Carriages in England, Scotland, and Wales should be immediately modified;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercurii, 27° die Junii, 1855.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed on Adulteration of Food, Drinks, and Drugs.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Employment of Females and Young Persons under Eighteen in Bleaching, Finishing, and Dyeing Works: And that Mr. Isaac Butt, Lord John Manners, Viscount Goderich and Mr. Crook do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland: And that Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Horison do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate Inquiries of Commissioners of Endowed Schools in Ireland: And that Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Horison do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue Appointments under the Act for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.) be resumed; and the Members of this House who are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council; and all the Gentlemen of the Long Robe.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the New River Company and New River Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That in the case of the Dublin, &c. Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill, Standing Orders, Nos. 174, 208, and 209, be suspended; and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit, and proceed and report forthwith.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th day of June, 1855, and agreed to.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the International Life Assurance Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with Amendments thereto, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Bradford Corporation Water Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Liverpool Improvement Bill:

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Fitzroy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool to acquire Lands, and for other purposes;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Incorporation of Valuation of Lands and Heritages Act), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Connaught Mining Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Airdrie Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill, as amended in Committee, and proceed and report forthwith.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That in the case of the Dublin, &c. Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill, the 209th Clause be postponed; and the Petitions be referred to the Select Committee on Public Petitions for further Consideration.

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendment be taken into consideration To-morrow.
of this instant June; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Petitions relating to Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Public-houses and Beer-shops.—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Rating of Mines Bill;—Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Formation, &c. of Parishes Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Partnership Amendment Bill, and Limited Liability Bill;—Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—and, Public Health Bill,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaac Butt presented a Bill to regulate the Employment of Females and Young Persons under Eighteen in Bleaching, Finishing and Dyeing Works: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Price have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of ill health.

Workhouse Farm and Manufacture Accounts (Ireland), No. 345. The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of May last, was proposed to add the words "all grants or endowments of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, College of Maynooth, with a view to the withdrawal of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, due regard being had to vested rights or interests; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "considering" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "all grants or endowments for ecclesiastical purposes, whether charged on the Consolidated Fund or annually voted by Parliament," and to withdraw the said Amendment and Motion were seconded, and the Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Grand Juries Bill; Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Army Prize Money Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill; Reading of the Act resuming the saidadjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. A Clause (In Scotland, Justices of Peace to have the same Power with Sheriffs,) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Christ Church reading of the Christ Church (Todmorden) Marriages Validity Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Christ Church reading of the Christ Church (Todmorden) Marriages Validity Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Carlisle Canonries Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Union Charges Act Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Infants' Marriage Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to the Assaying of Gold and Silver Wares might be read; and the same being read; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the Exchange of any Lands vested in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, under the Acts 14 & 15 Vict. c. 42, and 16 Vict. c. 18, for any Lands of the Crown required to be taken for the purpose of providing additional Offices for the Public Service in or near Downing-street, and of making provision out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or out of the Land Revenues of the Crown, for the payment of the difference in value (if any, as the case may be) of the Lands of the Crown and of the Lands now vested in the Commissioners of Works, in trust for the Consolidated Fund; 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit; and recommends the same to the consideration of the House. 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Francis Scully be added to the Select Committee on Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.) 
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the New Army School Regulations recently published at Madras.

Viscount Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Carnegie's Restitution Bill; That they had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. 
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented a Bill to give further Powers to the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Endowed Schools in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to continue Appointment of the Act for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing the Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts; 
Bill 202.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day three months; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 28° die Junii; 
Anno 19º Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave Committees.

To sit this day, during the坐着 of the House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords Ayr Harbour to the Ayr Harbour Bill be taken into consideration Bill. To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exeter and Exmouth Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Water Bill. 

The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment to Clause 112 was made to carry out the intention of the House of Commons, and render the Clause consistent with the Provisions of the Bill, for giving security on the rates for the Ammities), were agreed to. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Electric into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Electric Telegraph Company Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with Amendments thereto, agreed to. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill was read the third time; 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The Westminster Improvements Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Westminster Land Company Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill was read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Airdrig Rural District Police (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to repeal the Act of the ninth Victoria, chapter thirty-two, to reconstitute and extend the Police District therein mentioned, under the name of the "Airdrig Rural Police District," and to erect and maintain a Hall, Court-house and Public Offices, for the Airdrig District of Lanarkshire.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been quainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bradford Corporation Water Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Connaught Mining Company Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Dublin, &c. Roads (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon " this day three months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Hans Hamilton 111.

Mr. Grogan 12.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Cogan;

Mr. Mavor.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Vol. 116.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

A Clause (Principal sum secured by Mortgage on Dublin by Ashbourn to Slane and Drogheda Trust Road to be paid off), was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time. It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. FitzRoy, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Liverpool Docks Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act;—Public Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Rating of Petitions. Mines Bill;—Anatomy Act;—Bleaching, &c.;—Vide Forty-third Report. Works Bill;—Charitable Trusts Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Limited Liability Bill;—Partnership Amendment Bill;—Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland);—Public Health Bill;—Sale of Beer Act;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commission on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolis Local Management Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed Clause, No. 26 (Elected members of Metropolitan Board to nominate three persons to Secretary of State for the purpose of his selecting one of them as Chairman).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 9, l. 13: To leave out the words "and shall also decide upon the amount of salary to be paid to such Chairman, such salary not to be less than £1,500 and not to exceed £2,000 per annum."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, No. 27, disagreed to.

Postponed Clause, No. 28, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clauses, Nos. 29 and 129, agreed to.

Clause added.

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Clauses (Act not to authorize the making any thoroughfare without the consent of the proprietor of the estate) — brought up, and read 1st, 2nd.

Amendment proposed, in l. 3: After the word "without" to insert the word "either."

Question proposed, That the word "either" be there inserted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment of Both.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

Clauses added.

Clause (Accounts of other parochial Boards to be audited by the auditors elected under this Act, 1 & 2 Will. 4, c. 60.)

Question, That the Clause be added to the Bill — put, and negatived.

Clauses added.

Clause (Vestries in parishes in Schedules (A.) and (B.) to consist of not less than eighteen or more than one hundred and twenty persons, qualified and elected as after provided. — 1 & 2 Will. 4, c. 60, s. 23.) — brought up, and read 1st, 2nd.

Amendment proposed, in l. 10: After the word "twenty" to leave out all the words to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause — put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to, and added.

Clause (Parishes with more than 2,000 rated householders to be divided into wards) — brought up, and read 1st, 2nd.

Amendment proposed, in l. 6: To leave out the words "the whole number of wards in any parish shall not exceed eight." Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause — put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Westminster New Bridge, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Battersea Park and Chelsea Bridge, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address from the 26th day of May last, for Returns of the Total Amount of Judges' Fees received in the County Courts, for the Period since their Establishment to the end of the last year to which the Accounts are made up;—Of the Total Amount received by the Judges of such Fees for their own use, from the Establishment of the Courts in 1847 to the 30th day of September 1848:—Of the Total Amount of the Salaries and Allowances for travelling paid to such Judges, from the 30th day of September 1848 to the end of such last year:—Of the Total Amount of Clerks' Fees for the same Period, the Total Amount of Salaries paid thereon, and the Total Amount received by the Clerks for their own use:—Of the Total Amount of High Bailiffs' Fees received in such Period, and how expended:—Of the Total Amount received by the Treasurers of County Courts on account of the General Fund, and the Payments made thereon, during such Period, as given in the Balance Sheets rendered to the Treasury—Of the Total Amount of the Allowance to Treasurers of County Courts during such Period for travelling and other Expenses, and out of what Fund paid:—Of the Total Amount of the Allowance to such Treasurers during such Period for Clerk hire and Rent of Office, and out of what Fund paid:—And, of the Names of all Districts in which Court-Houses have been built, and the Expense of each such Court-house.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Roman Catholic Bishops of England, on the subject of the Religious Instruction of Roman Catholic Prisoners in Pentonville and Brixton Prisons, and of the Answers thereto.

Return to another Order, dated the 18th day of this instant June, for a Return of the Names of all Persons removed or dismissed from their Offices in any Government Convict Prison in Ireland, since the 7th day of August 1854, by reason of Abolition of Office, or Incapacity from Old Age or illness; such Return to set forth the Nature of Office, Amount of Salary, and Retiring Allowance or Gratuity.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Sotheron have leave of absence Levee of for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction, absence.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Kingstown Copies of Instructions from the Board of Works to Mr. Rendel in 1853, to report on the Packet Pier in course of execution in Kingstown Harbour, and of Mr. Rendel's Report thereon, with the accompanying Plan; and of any other subsequent Reports or Correspondence relating to the Improvement of Kingstown Harbour, with the accompanying Plans.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Lunatic an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by Asylums. the Clerk of the House,—Abstracts of Accounts of Monies received and paid on account of the several County and Borough Asylums in England and Wales, during the year ending on the 31st December 1854.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Railways. Return of the Number and Description of Persons employed on each of the Railways in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively, on the 30th day of June 1855, which may at that Date be open for Traffic; also the Length of Line, with the Number of Stations open for Public Traffic on the same day:—And, similar Return for each Line and Branch Line of the said Railway which has been opened but which may not be open for Traffic on the 30th day of June 1855; distinguishing the Length of each such Line or Branch Line on which the Works may be in Progress, and the Length on which they may not be in Progress at that Date, and specifying the Act or Acts authorizing such Railways (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 495, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Post-office Copy of all Memorials and Applications addressed to the Postmaster General by the Town Commissioners or People of the Borough of Ennis and its Vicinity, within Six Months last past, in relation to the Establishment of a Day Mail to Ennis, and of the Answers of the Post-office Authorities, and of all Correspondence that ensued thereon; of any Estimate or Accounts of the Expense to be caused thereby, and of any Proposals made to the Post-office Authorities in relation thereto.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Army Commissions. Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return of the Names of all Gentlemen who have been appointed to Commissions in the Army by Purchase, from the 1st day of January 1853 to the present Date. When such Commissions have been sold on account of the Government, to state both the Regiment and the Amount paid in each instance, and the Total Amount realised:—And, of the Names of the Regiment and the Amount paid in each instance, and the Total Amount realised.
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of all Gentlemen appointed to Commissions in the Army during the same Period without Purchase; specifying those promoted from the inferior Ranks of the Army.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of April last, for a Return showing, in Columns, the Number of Volunteers actually serving in each Regiment of Militia, embodied or under training in the United Kingdom on the 1st day of March 1855; the Number of Volunteers actually serving in each such Regiment on the 15th day of April 1855; the Number of Volunteers enrolled previous to the 12th day of May 1854, who left such Regiment after publication of a Circular from the War Office, dated the 27th day of March 1855; the Number of Volunteers so enrolled who took the Bounty of £1, offered in the same Circular, to complete their Term of Service, and the Amount of such Bounty paid in each Regiment; and the Total Number of all Ranks (distinguishing the same) effective in each such Regiment of Militia on the 15th day of April 1855.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of May last, for Returns of the Names of all Persons appointed Physicians, Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Acting Assistant Surgeons, Dressers, or other Medical Officers to the Army or Navy, or to the Hospitals at Scutari, Smyrna, or elsewhere, for Sick or Disabled Soldiers or Sailors, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the present time, stating the Nature of the Degrees, Diplomas, or Licenses held by them as Qualifications, and the Colleges from which they have been obtained;—And, of any Communications made from the Army Medical Department to Public Medical Bodies within the United Kingdom, or other Individuals, inviting Candidates for Medical Appointments in the Army, Civil Hospitals in the East, or in the Turkish Contingent.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of May last, for a Return of the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates present with their respective Regiments of Militia in England on the 30th day of April last; specifying the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates absent on that day from their respective Regiments with leave.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bowrie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Second Report of the Department of Science and Art.

Mr. Bowrie also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22d day of this instant June, for Copy of the Correspondence between the Admiralty, the Board of Trade, and the Colonial Office, respecting Colonial Lights.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; and the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Lord Seveaux, Yes, [Mr. Vince:] 75.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave:] 97.

Clause, N° 5 (A Notice of intended improvements to be served on landlord).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 15. At the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided always, "That no such Notice shall be valid, nor shall such "tenant be entitled to any compensation under this "Act for improvements made in pursuance thereof, "in any case wherein such tenant shall owe an Vol. 110.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 6 (Landlord or owner may undertake to execute the improvements).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 26: To leave out the word "three," and insert the word "twelve." Question, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

 Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 7, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 8 (Tenant having executed improvements to make a declaration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 18: After the word "made" to insert the words "when signed by "the landlord of such tenant, who, shall, if he "approve and consent to such works or improvements, "to the execution thereof, and amount "charged for their execution, signify his approbation "and consent by affixing his signature to such de-"claration.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 9 (Declaration to be conclusive evidence that the Act has been complied with).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 1: To leave out from the word "Notice" to the word "requiring" in l. 14, inclusive, and insert the words "and every "tenant who has executed any improvements as "foresaid shall, if he intend to register them, serve "on his landlord, or his known agent, a Notice to "that effect, and a detailed specification of the work "and cost of such improvements, at least three "months before he registers them, and requiring the "landlord to give his certificate that such improve-

ments have been suitable to the farm, and have "been properly executed, and at a fair price, and in a "manner satisfactory; and, should the landlord give "such a certificate, signed under his hand, then the "tenant may register such declaration as aforesaid, "on obtaining the signature of a justice of the "peace; but, should the landlord refuse to give "such a certificate, it shall be lawful for the.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 10 (Recovery of compensation in case of eviction).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 43: After the word "otherwise" to insert the words "except for "non-payment of rent."

Question put, That those words be there inserted; And the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, Yes, [The Earl of Mulgrave:] 112.
Tellers for the Mr. Deasy, Noes, [Mr. Isaac Butt:] 49.

Another Amendment proposed: After the words "non-payment of rent" to insert the words "re-"served by any subsisting lease.

Question put, That those words be there inserted; And the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Serjeant O'Brien, Yes, [Mr. Vincent Scully:] 52.
Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave:] 124.

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Another Amendment proposed: After the words "non-payment of rent" to insert the words "where the tenant has a power of alienation." Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Vincent Scully, Yeas.] 44. Tellers for the [Mr. Hooper, Noes.] 142. Another Amendment proposed: After the word "rent" to insert the words " being not less than " two years' rent of such holding." Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Sergeant O'Brien :] 44. Tellers for the [Mr. Hooper, Noes.] 142. Another Amendment proposed: After the word "covenant, or upon the surrender by the tenant." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted; Afterwards proposed to amend the Amendment, by leaving out the words " upon the surrender by the " tenant," and inserting the words " other breach of " condition." Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived. Original Amendment withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed: After the word "rent" to insert the words " or other breach of " condition." Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. George, Yeas.] 123. Tellers for the [Mr. Hooper, Noes.] 117. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again: Motion, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9. l. 14: After the words " tenant shall " to insert the words " not " later than one month after the determination of " his possession." Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, to leave out " one," and insert " three: " Question put, That " one " stand part of the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Groagan, Yeas.] 52. Tellers for the [Mr. Hooper, Noes.] 181. Question, That the word " three " be there inserted—put, and agreed to. Amendment, as amended, agreed to. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair: Motion, by leave, withdrawn. An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words " Provided that in case " any tenant shall be evicted for non-payment of " rent, and shall be sued for any rent in respect of " the lands from which he has been so evicted, he " shall be allowed liberty to set off against such claim for " rent the amount of the compensation to which he " would have been entitled under this Act had his " tenancy determined by effluxion of time." Question put, That those words be there added; The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Hooper, Yeas.] 127. Tellers for the [Mr. George, Noes.] 90. Clause, as amended, agreed to. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Vereonis, 29° die Junii, 1855: Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the House may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Waste Lands into consideration the Waste Lands (Australia) Acts Repeal Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day. The Order of the day being read, for the second Excise Duties Reading of the Excise Duties Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time: A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn: And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time: The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. The Order of the day being read, for the second Limited Liability Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day. The Order of the day being read, for the second Partnership Reading of the Partnership Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day. The Order of the day being read, for the Court Indemnity mittee on the Indemnity Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn: And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee Stock in Trade Bill; Report the Progress, and ask leave to sit again. The Order of the day being read, for the second Duchy of Lancaster Lands Bill; And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time; Sir George Grey, by Her Majesty's Command, ac- quainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.

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Army Prize Money Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Army Prize Money Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Coal Mines Inspection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coal Mines Inspection Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Buildings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Wooden, &c. Manufacturers (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wooden, &c. Manufacturers (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Despatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Justice Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Halgbury College Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Haileybury College Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Grand Juries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill.

The Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Gold and Silver Wares (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Gold and Silver Wares (No. 2); Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Downing-street Public Offices Extension [Exchange of Lands, &c.] Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Downing-street Public Offices Extension [Exchange of Lands, &c.] (In the Committee.) Resolved, That Provision be made by Law for authorizing the Exchange of any Lands vested in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, under the Acts 14 and 15 Vic. c. 42, and 16 Vic. c. 18, for any Lands of the Crown required to be taken for the purpose of providing additional Offices for the Public Service in or near Downing-street, and for the Payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or out of the Land Revenues of the Crown, of the difference in value (if any, as the case may be,) of the Lands of the Crown and of the Lands now vested in the

Vol. 110. Commissioners of Works, in trust for the Consolidated Fund. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwelling Houses for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Wednesday the 18th day of July next," and inserting the words "this day three months" instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: It was resolved in the Affirmative. Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Maynooth adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee, for the purpose of considering the Acts for the Endowment of the College of Maynooth, with a view to the withdrawal of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, due regard being had to vested rights or interests; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 17th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Cork and Youghal Railway Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Railway Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Gomeral and Dewsbury Road Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Basingstoke, Stockbridge and Lobcomb Corner Road Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Peterborough and Wellesley Borough Road Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Rhymney Railway Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Weights and Measures Bill.

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The Lords have agreed to the Lightpill and Birdlip Road Bill, without any Amendment ; And also,

the Lords have agreed to the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Bill, with an Amendment ; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Burial of Poor Persons by Guardians and Overseers of the Poor ; And that Mr. Barnes and Mr. Grenville Berkeley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make Arrangements concerning certain Loans advanced by way of Relief to the Islands of Antigua, Nevis and Montserrat ; And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 29° die Junii ;

Anno 19° Victoriae Regnum. 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make Arrangements concerning certain Loans advanced by way of Relief to the Islands of Antigua, Nevis and Montserrat. Bill 205. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Hammond's of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Estate Bills ; That in the case of Hammond's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one Livesey's of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That Blackburn Estate Bill, in the case of Livesey's Blackburn Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Donellan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions ; That they had examined the Petitions, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Business proceeded to take into consideration Aberdare the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aberdare Valley Railway Bill ; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Birmingham the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bir. Canal Navi- gations Bill.

The said Amendments, being read a second time, (and it appearing that the Amendment to Clause 42, omitting the words "and maintaining," was for the purpose of more clearly carrying out the objects and intentions of the Bill as passed by this House), were agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take up the Bills ; and the said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment to Clause 70 was to render the Clause consistent with the Pre- amble of the Bill), were agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the second South Shields Bill, was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, from the year 1830, of the Names and Salaries of each of the Civil Servants in the Government of Ceylon, together with the Period of Service and Retiring Pension of each; with the Names and Salaries of those at present on the Retired List.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, this House day, adjourn till Monday next.

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The Order made upon the 21st day of this instant June, That there shall be laid before this House, a Return of all Sums received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England from the Episcopal and Capitular Revenues of the Diocese of Durham, from the year 1836 to the end of 1854; including all Sums paid over to the said Commissioners from the Revenues of the See on account of the Malby Fund, since its first establishment, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Colonial Bishops, together with the Period of Service and Retiring Pension of each; with the Names and Salaries of those at present on the Retired List.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Civil Service Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, from the year 1830, of the Names and Salaries of each of the Civil Servants in the Government of Ceylon, together with the Period of Service and Retiring Pension of each; with the Names and Salaries of those at present on the Retired List.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The Order made upon the 21st day of this instant June, That there shall be laid before this House, a Return of all Sums received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England from the Episcopal and Capitular Revenues of the Diocese of Durham, from the year 1836 to the end of 1854; including all Sums paid over to the said Commissioners from the Revenues of the See on account of the Malby Fund, since its first establishment, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Colonial Bishops, together with the Period of Service and Retiring Pension of each; with the Names and Salaries of those at present on the Retired List.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial Colonial Bishops.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Commissions.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Number of Volunteers actually serving in the Militia on the 1st of March last, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Number of Volunteers, &c. of Militia present with their Regiments on 30th April last, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial Colonial Lights, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant June, be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Colonial to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, from the year 1830, of the Names and Salaries of each of the Civil Servants in the Government of Ceylon, together with the Period of Service and Retiring Pension of each; with the Names and Salaries of those at present on the Retired List.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also, the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorizing the granting of Mining Leases of Estates, subject to the uses of the Will of Robert Bell Livesey, Esquire, deceased, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also, The Lords communicate to this House, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken upon the second reading of the Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Henry Newsham Pedder, Esquire, with Emma Pedder his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes, as desired by this House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence communicated from the Lords this day, relating to Pedder’s Divorce Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Livesey’s Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Victoria Government Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 23, by adding after the word “Legislature” the words “Provided always, That any Bill for repealing or altering the aforesaid conditions shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty’s pleasure thereon, unless the Governor thinks fit to withhold Her Majesty’s Assent thereto.” And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The other Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 28, by inserting after the word “Victoria” the words “the Legislative Houses shall have Power to grant, if they shall see fit, any sum not exceeding.” And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The New South Wales Government Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Waste Lands (Australia) Acts Repeal Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Partnership Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Limited Liability Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;
and of the Lands now vested in the Commissioners of Works in trust for the Consolidated Fund. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Dowmin-street Public Offices Extension Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein, pursuant to the said Resolution.

Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Christ Church (Todmorden) Marriages Valid Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Endowed Schools (Ireland) Bill.

The Endowed Schools (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Corryhold, &c. Commissions Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Palatine of Lancaster Trials Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Roman Catholic Charities Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Roman Catholic Charities Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Education (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Excise Duties Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Duchy of Lancaster, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bills of Lading (No. 2) (No. 5) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justice of Peace Qualification Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Select Committee on the Arctic Expedition was nominated of Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Wilson, Lord Expedition. Stanley, Admiral Walscot, Mr. Edward Ellice, Sir Thomas Herbert, Mr. Ker Seymour, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gordon, Sir Thomas Acland, Captain Scobell, Mr. Isaac Butt, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Talbot and Sir Robert Peel; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on the London Writ was London Writ. nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Weipole, Mr. Dieroadi, Lord Hotham, Mr. George Butt, Mr. Thomas Duncombe, Lord Seymour, Mr. Napier and Mr. Freshfield; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Sale of Beer, Act was nominated of Mr. Henry Berkeley, Mr. &c. Act.
The Lords have agreed to the "Bridgeport and Broadway" Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the "Boulogne" Railway Bill, without any Amendment; And also,

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**The Cromarty Estate Bill.**
The Cromarty Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed, and ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

**The Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill.**
The Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed to Sir Benjamin Hall, Mr. Coaper, Viscount Goderich, Mr. Luskington, Mr. Otway, Mr. Repton, Mr. De Vere, Mr. Edmund Denison, Mr. Hothorpe, Mr. Wood, and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.
Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed, and report upon Wednesday next.

**South Shields Parochial Districts Bill.**
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the South Shields Parochial Districts Bill:
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

**Standing Orders.**
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, instead of Five.

**Hedersfield Improvement Act, 1854.** (Correction of Oversight.)
Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith in the case of the Petition for the H螽ersfield Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill.

**Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.)**
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Huntingdon to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Huddersfield Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

**A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Herculme, for leave to bring in a Bill to correct an Oversight in the Hereford Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill.**
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

**A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Hereford, for leave to bring in a Bill to correct an Oversight in the Hereford Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill.**
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

**A Message by Mr. Palman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:**
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to enable the British Diplomatic and Consular Agents Abroad to administer Oaths and to make decisions as to the duties of their Office.
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Administrations of Oaths Abroad Bill.

**Infants' Marriages Bill.**
An Act to enable Infants, with the Approbation of the Master of Courts of Chancery, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage:

An Act to amend an Act of last Session, to provide for the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture and the Fine Arts, for the Care of a Public Library, and the Erection of a National Museum in Dublin:
An Act to enable the Great Northern Railway Company further to increase their Capital, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company:
An Act for incorporating the "Colonial Life Colonial Life Assurance Company;" for enabling the said Company to sue and be sued; to take and hold Property, and for other purposes relating to the said Company:
An Act to enable the Cork and Youghal Railway Company to make a Branch Railway to Queenstown, and an Extension of the said Railway, of their Line, and for other purposes:
An Act to alter certain Portions of the Metropolitan Railway, and to amend the Provisions of the Railway Bill:
An Act to amend and extend the Provisions of the General Act relating to the General and Dewsbury Turnpike-roads, and to create a further Turn thereon:
An Act to repeal certain Acts relating to the Basingstoke, Stockbridge, and Luton Cornway Turnpike-roads, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:
An Act to enable the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railways and other purposes for: An Act to repeal the Acts relating to the Road from Lightpill to Birdlip, and make other Provisions in lieu thereof:
An Act to repeal the Acts relating to the Peterborough and Wellingborough Turnpike-road, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:
An Act to repeal the Act for making and maintaining a Turnpike-road from Colessen, through Stroud, over Rodborough and Minchinhampton Communs to the Town of Minchinhampton, with some Branches therefrom, all in the County of Gloucester, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:
An Act to repeal the Act for making and maintaining certain Roads from the Town of Stroud, and several other Places therein-mentioned, all in the County of Gloucester, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:
An Act to enable the Ryhymne Railway Company to extend their Railway to the Teifi Vale Railway; to construct Branch Railways, and for other purposes:
An Act for continuing the Term, and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the First District of the Bridport Turnpike-roads, in the County of Dorset:
An Act for continuing the Term, and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Bridport and Brompton Turnpike-roads:
An Act for incorporating the Buckingham and Central India Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith:
An Act for extending the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Completion of a Railway from Bognor to Chichester:
An Act for incorporating the Stewar, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith:
An Act for extending the Time for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Completion of a Railway from Chichester to Bognor:
An Act to enable the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Company to make a Branch from their Railway to the Middleton and Guisborough Railway, and also a Branch to Whitby, and other Works; and to alter and amend the Act relating to the said Company, and for other purposes:
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International Loan Fund Life Assurance Society Bill.

An Act to change the Name of “The National Life Assurance Society” to the Name of "The International Life Assurance Society" and to enable the said Society to sue and be sued in the Name of the Chairman or Secretary, or any one Director of the said Society; and to give additional Powers to the said Society:

Glasgow Water Bill.

An Act to authorize and empower the Magistrates and Council of the City of Glasgow to supply with Water the said City and Suburbs thereof, and Districts adjoining, by purchase and acquire the Glasgow Waterworks and the Gorbals Gravitation Waterworks; and to introduce an additional Supply of Water from Loch Katrine, and for other purposes:

Ayr Harbour Bill.

An Act for maintaining and improving the Harbour of Ayr, and for the better Regulation and Management thereof:

Aberdare Valley Railway Bill.

An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Birmingham Canal Navigations to make and maintain additional Canals and Works, and for other purposes:

Exeter and Reading Railway Bill.

An Act to consolidate the Capital Stock of the Electric Telegraph Company, and of the International Telegraph Company, and to grant further Powers to the Company:

Carnegie's Restitution Bill.


Union of contiguous Benefices Bill Bill 210.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill, was read, and discharged, Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of May last, for a Return of all Warehouses or Vaults at any of the Outports or Factories of the British East India Kingdom which have been approved by the Board of Customs for the deposit of Wines and Spirits, or either of those Articles, without payment of Duty, under the Provisions of the Customs Laws; specifying the Names of the Parties whose Premises have been so approved, the Situation of the Buildings, and distinguishing whether Warehouses, Vaults or otherwise; also the Date of Approval, and the Amount of Bond entered into on such Bond thereof.

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of May last, for a Return of all Warehouses in London and the Outports of the United Kingdom which have been approved by the Board of Customs for the deposit of Tea, without payment of Duty, under the Provisions of the Customs Laws; specifying the Names of the Parties whose Premises have been so approved, the Situation of the Buildings, and the Date of Approval.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of June last, for Returns of the Number of Toll-gates and Toll-houses in the Metropolitan Turnpike-roads, within the limits of the Metropolitan Turnpike-roads Commission, North of the Thames, existing under its authority on the 25th day of March 1832, 1842 and 1853, respectively; together with the Total Incomes and Expenditure for the years ending the 25th day of March 1832, 1842 and 1853.—Of the Amount of Unliquidated Debt on the 25th day of March of the said years, and of the year 1855 specifying in the latter instance the District to which it applies:—Of the Names of the present Commissioners, and the Number of Boards of Commissioners held in each of the said years, with the Number of Commissioners attending each;

And, of the Exemptions from full payment of Tolls by Omnibus Proprietors, and the terms thereof, and whether authorized by the Commissioners or lessens:

Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of June Court of last, for Returns of the Number of Causes in the High Court of Chancery, whether commenced by Bill or Claim, in which Evidence was taken, between the 1st day of November last and the 1st day of November 1854.—Of the Number of such Causes in which the Evidence was taken orally:—Of the Number of such Causes in which the Evidence was taken by Affidavit:—And, of the Number of such Causes in which any Witness or Party was examined therein, under the Act 13 & 14 Vict. c. 86, s. 39, before the Court where such Causes were heard; with the Names of the Judges before whom such Examinations took place (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 234, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of June Assay Offices last, for Copies of a Minute of the Wardens of the Goldsmiths' Company, submitted to the Consideration of the Committee of the Chancellor of Exchequer, with a Memorial from the Manufacturers of Silver Spoons and Forks in London, dated the 6th day of November 1849, calling attention to the mismanagement of the Country Halls:—Of a Minute of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated the 14th day of April 1851:—Of so much of a Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes, dated the 11th day of December 1851, as relates to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at Exeter, Newcastle, Chester and York, and his Observations thereon:—Extracts of a Report made by Mr. Gerrard, the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company of London, and Mr. Johnson, one of the Wardens of the said Company, on the same subject:—Copies of a Letter addressed to the Board of Inland Revenue by the Goldsmiths' Company, dated the 9th day of December 1853:—Of the Board's Minute thereon; together with a Report from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, addressed to the Board of Treasury, dated the 15th day of February 1854, suggesting the Appointment of one of the last Five years, and the Amount of Duty received thereon and accounted for to the Revenue.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Ecclesiastical Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of February last, for a Tabular Return showing the Name of each Person holding any Ecclesiastical and Civil Situation, Judicial and otherwise, in the Isle of Man (excepting the Customs and Post-office Departments), on the 5th day of January 1853; the Name of each Office; the Annual Amount of Salary for each Situation; the Annual Average Amount of other Emoluments for each Situation; and, where not kept, the estimated Annual Amount; and the Amount derived by Government from each Office, and by what Act or Authority each Appointment is made.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of February last, for Returns showing the Number of Causes tried and decided during the year 1852, specified in the Bill of Uses for the Island of Man, and the highest Amount in British Money they are empowered to decide on:—Showing the Number of Causes tried and decided by the Jurisdiction at the Seat of the Districts respectively of the Isle of Man, during the years.
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Ordered, that the Return relative to Army School Regulations (Madras), which was presented upon the 29th day of June last, be printed.

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Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Bleaching, &c. Bills;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors:—Limited Liability Bill;—Medical Officers (Navy):—Necessities Bill Vol. 110.

Removal Amendment Bill:—Partnership Amendment Bill:—Police:—Public Health Bill:—Public houses (Scotland) Act:—Sale of Beer Act (1854):—and, Woollen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Viscount Palmerston acquainted the House, That Lord Raglan, he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House, signed by Her Majesty:—And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as followeth:

VICTORIA R.

Her Majesty, taking into consideration the great and brilliant services performed by the late Fitz Roy James Henry Lord Raglan, Field Marshal in Her Majesty's Army, and Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's Forces at the seat of War in the East, in the course of the hostilities which have taken place in the Crimea, and being desirous, in recognition of these and his other distinguished merits, to confer some signal mark of Her favour upon his widow, Emily Harriet Lady Raglan, upon his son and successor to the Title, Richard Henry Lord Raglan, and the next surviving heir male of the body of the said Richard Henry Lord Raglan, recommends to Her faithful Commons the adoption of such measures as may be necessary for the accomplishment of that purpose.

V. R.

Resolved, that this House will, To-morrow, at Six o'clock, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration Her Majesty's said most gracious Message.

Mr. John Ball presented.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of April last, for an Alphabetical Return of the West Coast of Africa.

Copies or Extracts of any Acts of Parliament, Orders in Council, Charters of Justice, or Government and Local Ordinances, defining the existing Civil and Judicial Constitutions of the British Settlements on the West Coast of Africa.

Ordered, that the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 14 (Parochial schoolmaster not to be induced until examined by inspector).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 6: After the word "when" to leave out to the word "and," in line 14, in order to insert these words, "a meeting of " the minister and heritors shall have been called " for the purpose of examining and electing a pa- " rochial schoolmaster, notice of such meeting shall " be given fourteen days previously to the inspector " of the district, who shall attend and take part in " the examination; and if the inspector be satisfied " with the general qualifications of the person " chosen by said meeting to be the schoolmaster in " the vacant parish, the induction may then take " place; but if the inspector should not be satisfied " with the qualifications of the person chosen, he " shall report the examination and his objections to " the Board, who may, after hearing the minister " and heritors, dispose of the case as they think fit." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 8: After the word "appoint" to insert the words "in " such manner or on such branches of literature as, " with a due regard to the circumstances of the " parish, may be prescribed."
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Eliott Lockhart,] 98.

Yea, [Mr. Scott :] 98.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter,] 94.


An Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 16: After the word "minutes" to insert the words "in regard to his sufficiency for the office in respect of it shall be in the power of the parish school on assessment, and ratepayers may be left out, stand part of the Clause ; leave out the words " and it shall be in the power of " or inefficiency." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 22, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 23 (Description of buildings, &c. to be provided for public schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 33: To leave out the word " One-fourth," in order to insert the word" than One-eighth.

Question proposed, That the word " One-fourth" stand part of the Clause ; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the following words : " Provided that " where the Board shall acquire school-rooms from " the Free Church, or otherwise, any grants which " shall have been made by the Privy Council for " the partial erection of schools or purchase of sites " shall be deducted from the price given."

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 24, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 25 (Salary of public schoolmaster, &c. to be provided).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 5: To leave out " Fifty," and insert " Thirty-five."

Question put, That " Fifty" stand part of the Clause ; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 26 (Assessments upon heritors how to be levied ; Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words : " Provided always, that it shall " not be lawful, after the passing of this Act, for " any schoolmaster to hold the office of inspector " of the poor, excepting such parochial schoolmas- " ter holding such office at that date as the Board " may allow to retain the same." Question proposed, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 27 (Religious instruction to be given in parochial and public schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 28: Before the word " every," at the beginning of the Clause, to insert the words " the religious instruction to be " given in all parochial and public schools under " this Act shall be in accordance with that herefo- " fore in use in the parochial schools of Scotland, " but." Question put, That those words be there in- serted;
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Martin, 3° die Julii, 1855:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Education the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (No. 2) Bill, upon the 24th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education reading of the Education Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Free Schools reading of the Free Schools Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable Trusts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the order be read again on the Charitable Trusts Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. FitzRoy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Dublin Carriage Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Endowed Schools (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Copyhold, &c. Commissioners Continuance Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Copyhold, &c. Commissioners Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

County Palatine of Lancaster Trials Bill. The County Palatine of Lancaster Trials Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill. The Piers and Harbours (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Weekly account to be kept of rates, &c.), was thrice read, and added to the Bill. Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dissenters' Marriages Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Libraries and Museums Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Libraries and Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ascending Debtors (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ascending Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Partnership Amendment Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Limited Liability Bill, Liability Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bill of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bill of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Duchy of Lancaster Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords Bill, to the Weights and Measures Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Brotherton; Mr. Duncan: 27.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Cole; Mr. Viscount Aberd. 19.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, accordingly adjourned till this day.
Mr. Wrightson reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That the Petition for the Hereford Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) be corrected, and the Standing Orders be dispensed with; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order shall have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Lock Improvement Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Clerk to print the Bill.

Livesey's Blackburn Estate Bill.

Colonel Clifford presented a Bill to correct an Oversight in “The Hereford Improvement Act, 1854.” And that the Bill do proceed with their Bill, and proceed with and execute such works, the Metropolitan Board of Works may execute the same, and may issue their precept to the Chamberlain of the City of London, requiring him to pay such sums to their treasurer, or into any bank named in such precept, as are hereinafter mentioned.

Ordered, That the Chamberlain of the City of London, requiring him to pay such sums to their treasurer, or into any bank named in such precept, be added.

The Committee divided.

Resolved, That the House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

In the Committee.

Preamble postponed.

Resolution proposed, That the word “Ten” stand part of the Clause.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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In the Committee.

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 4 to No. 10, agreed to.

Clause, No. 11 to No. 13, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 14 (Rule for determining the number of passengers to be carried).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 5: To leave out the word “Ten,” and insert the word “Twenty.”

Question proposed, That the word “Ten” stand part of the Clause.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn-Act Amendment

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 9: To leave out “Two,” and insert “One.”

Question put, That “Two” stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [The Earl of Malgrave, Yeas, Mr. Grenville Berkeley, 82.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Baring, Noes, Viscount Ebrington, 1.]

Schedule A. Part Two: Amendment proposed: to add “Poplar.”

Question put, That “Poplar” be there added; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Clay, Yeas, Lord Robert Grosvenor, 28.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Grenville Berkeley, Noes, 59.]

Schedule A. amended, and agreed to.

Other Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

In the Committee.

Preamble postponed.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Ordered, That the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for excepting Gold Wedding Rings from the operation of the Act of the last Session relating to the Standard of Gold and Silver Wares, and from the Exemptions contained in other Acts relating to Gold Wares: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Petitions relating to Firelocks (Army):—Inland Revenue (Excise Department);—Medical Profession Bill;—and, Woollen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt made in England, Scotland and Ireland, and the Totals there of, in the years ending the 4th day of July 1853 and 1854, and 1st July 1855.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration Her Majesty's most gracious Message of yesterday relative to Lord Raglan.

(To the Committee.)

Queen's Message read.

1. Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the annual sum of One thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the said Annuity to commence from the second day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to be settled in the most beneficial manner upon Emily Harriet, Widow of the late Fitzroy Henry Lord Raglan.

2. Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the annual sum of Two thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the said Annuity to commence from the second day of July One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to be settled in the most beneficial manner upon Richard Henry Fitzroy Lord Raglan, and the next surviving heir male of the body of the said Richard Henry Fitzroy Lord Raglan.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal London Militia Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for vesting in the Commissioners of the Metropolis Turnpike-roads North of the Thames, the Lands in Islington devised by the Will of Edward Harvist to the Brewers' Company, upon Trust, for the Repair of the Highway from Tyburn to Edgeworth, and for discharging the Company from the Trusts of that Will, and for enabling the Commissioners to grant Building Leases of those Lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Harvist's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Public Health Committee, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, on the Public Health Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Notice being taken, That Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Mercurii, 4° die Iulii;
Anno 19° Victoriam Regis. 1855.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave Committees to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Hammond's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Hereford Improvement Act, Hereford Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2d and 3d days of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Naval Pay, Naval Payments, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Peel presented a Bill to amend the Law concerning the Qualification of Officers of the Militia; Qualification and the same was read the first time; and ordered to Bill be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed. Bill 217.

The House was moved, That the several Acts stage Carrelating to the Duties payable on Stage Carriages in Great Britain, and the Stamp Acts, might be read; and the same being read; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

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The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Gold Wedding Rings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Burial of Poor Persons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Stamp Duties on Tacks and Transfers), was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the further Proceeding on the second reading of the said Clause be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Stock in Trade Bill was, according to Order, Stock in Trade Bill read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Mines Inspection Bill.

Clause, N° 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 8 (Special rules to be made for each colliery, with the approval of Secretary of State).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 32: After the words " in case of any difference arising thereupon, the " mine or colliery."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Clause, N° 6, agreed to.

Clause, N° 7 (Powers and duties of Inspectors).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 32: After the words " Principal Secretaries," to leave out the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words " and " in case of any difference arising thereupon, the " same shall be determined in the manner herein-" before provided, with respect to proposed altera-

tions or additions to the special rules; and a copy " of such determination shall, if the Secretary of " State so direct, be hung up or affixed on some " conspicuous part of the principal office or place of " business of the coal mine or colliery.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 8 (Owner to produce Map or Plan of mine to Inspector). Amendment
Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause:—
To add the words "nor to require the production of"
"Plans of such parts of coal mines or collieries as"
"shall before the passing of this Act have become"
"inaccessible without making new openings, and of"
"which no Plans exist."
Question, That those words be there added—
present, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 9 (Notice of accidents in mines to
be given to Secretary of State).
Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 21: After "life"
to insert the words "or bodily injury which shall"
"have been of such a nature as to prevent the person"
"so injured from returning to his work during the"
"following working day."
Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Crook,]
Yeas, [Mr. Dilwyn : ] 16.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hogier,]

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 10 to No. 12, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 13, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 14, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 15, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 16 and No. 17, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 18 and No. 19, agreed to.

Clause (Special rules to be made for each colliery,
with the approval of Secretary of State)—brought
up, and read 1st. 2nd.
Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause:
"To leave out the words "or" to the Secretary of"
"State."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to
be left out, stand part of the Clause.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the
Clause:—
To add the words "Provided also, that prior"
"to any application being made to such Secretary"
"of State for his approval of such rules or amend-
"ments thereof, a legible copy of the same shall be"
"hung up or affixed on some conspicuous part of"
"the principal office or place of business at the"
"coal mine or colliery for at least seven clear"
"days."

Question put, That those words be there added;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Dilwyn,]
Yeas, [Mr. Crook, Captain Scobell : ] 33.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hogier,]

CLAUSE, (One of Her Majesty's Principal Secre-
taries of State, on the report and recommendation of
an Inspector, may empower such Inspector to direct
one or more actions to be brought, in the name
and on behalf of any person who shall be reported by
such Inspector to have received bodily injury in or
from any mine or colliery, or the works or ma-
chinery belonging thereto, or in the name and on
behalf of the representatives of any person who shall
have been killed therein or thereby, for the recovery
of damages for or on behalf of such persons) —
brought up, and read 1st.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second
time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Crook,]
Yeas, [Mr. Thomas Duncombe : ] 3.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hogier,]
Preamble agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Duchy of Lancaster Lands Bill.

The Duchy of Lancaster Lands Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Procedures) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Procedures) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Appeals) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Appeals) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Treasurers of Counties in Ireland to receive Payment of Expenses in certain cases:

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented a Treasurers Bill to enable Treasurers of Counties in Ireland to receive Payment of Expenses in certain cases:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill;

That they had considered the matters to them referred; and had agreed to report the Standing Orders, as revised by them, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Grogan and Mr. Sampson be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to include in their Inquiries the Postal Arrangements between Dublin, Cork and Tralee.

Sir Denham Norris presented a Bill to relieve Grand Juries from Fiscal Duties, and to place the Administration of Local Affairs in Ireland in elected Councils:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Sir William Heathcote reported from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Standing Orders;

That they had considered the matters to them referred; and had agreed to report the Standing Orders, as revised by them, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Ricardo be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Grogan and Mr. Sampson Ricardo be added to the Committee.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Act Amendment Bill;

That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament relating to the Sale of Spirits by unlicensed Persons and Illicit Distillation in Ireland; and also to repeal so much of an Act of the third and fourth years of his late Majesty, as requires Persons applying for Licenses for the Sale of Beer, Cider or Spirits by Retail in Ireland, to enter into a Bond with Sureties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Couper presented a Bill to authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Documents published by the Government of India, under the Title "Selections from the Records of Government," in a Tabular Form, as annexed.

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And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Capital) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by the Lords.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Weymouth Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Wem and Bronwyth Road Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sheffield, Derby, and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Hereford Improvement Act, 1854 (Correction of Oversight) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, that they have Power to appoint the Committee on the Bill for any day not earlier than Tuesday next; and that such Committee do consist of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and two other Members not locally or otherwise interested.

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Clause, No. 13, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 14 and No. 15, agreed to.

Clause, No. 16 (Appeal against order of abatement when structural works are required of a cost above £151.) Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 27: To leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."

Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 30: After the word "works" to insert the words "Provided always, that the costs of executing such work shall not, without the written consent of the owner, exceed one year's rack-rent of such house or building."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of April last, for Returns of all Sweets or Made Wines imported from Scotland and Ireland into England, under the Provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 72, stating the Port or Place imported from, and the Port or Place imported into, from the 6th day of January 1854 to the 5th day of January 1855, both Dates inclusive; stating the Denomination, Sort or Kind of all such Sweets or Made Wines, or Sweetened Compound Spirits, so imported, and the Amount per Gallon of Duty charged and paid upon all the above-mentioned Articles so imported:—Of all Seizures that have been made by the Excise and Customs of any such Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, so imported, and the reason of such Seizures:—Of all Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, seized inland, being brought from Scotland into England, contrary to the Provisions of the said Act, from the 6th day of January 1854 to the 5th day of January 1855, both Dates inclusive; stating how all such Seizures of the above-mentioned Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, within the Periods of the Dates specified, have been dealt with, if any, and what Amount of Penalty has been enforced against the Parties from whom any such Seizures have been made:—And, of the Quantity, stating the Denomination, Sort or Kind, of all such Sweets or Made Wines, and Sweetened Compound Spirits, remaining in Bond on the 5th day of January 1854, and where bonded.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Kilmainham Hospital, which was presented upon the 20th day of March last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery, which was presented upon the 21st day of July last, be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th of April last, for Returns of the Total Valuation, on the 31st day of December 1853, of Vol. 110.

Houses liable to the Payment of Ministers' Money in each of the Cities and Towns respectively of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Drogheda, Killarney, Clonmel and Kinsale; distinguishing the Total Valuation of Houses at or under £10 from that of Houses above that Sum:—Of the Annual Sums which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland are, under the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 11, bound to pay to the Incumbents of each of those Cities and Towns respectively in lieu of Ministers' Money:—Of the Sums actually raised and levied off the said Towns respectively under the Provisions of the said Act, and to be paid over by the Paymaster of Civil Services, when received by him, to the said Commissioners:—Of the Money actually recovered under the said Act from each of the said Cities and Towns respectively, and of the Sums actually paid by the said Commissioners to the several Incumbents in said Cities and Towns respectively:—And, of the Moiety invested by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in the Purchase of Government Stock, from the 1st day of August last; distinguishing the Investments made from the Perpetuity Funds, and those from the General Funds, Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Liverpool's one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Liverpool's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Tower-hill, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of all correspondence with the Authorities of the Tower of London, the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, the Inhabitants of the Tower District, and the Corporation of the City of London, respecting paving Tower-hill, Postern-row and George-street, and the removal of the Bars placed therein by the Tower Authorities, which deprive the Public of the use of those thoroughfares.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. John Ball presented,—Return to several Ad- Auckland dresses to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of March Islands, last, and the 1st day of May last, for Copies or Ex- tracts of Correspondence relating to Mr. Enderby, the late Lieutenant Governor of the Auckland Islands. (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 122, of Session 1853):—And, for Copy of Correspondence relating to Mr. Enderby, the late Lieutenant Governor of the Auckland Islands, subsequently to the 14th day of March last, in continuation of the Correspondence on the same subject then ordered:—And, that the same be added to the Correspondence so ordered on the 14th day of March last.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of May last, for Copy of all Despatches and Correspondence connected with the Removal of Mr. J. Stuart Brownrigg from the Office of Postmaster General of the Island of Mauritius, on the 9th day of June 1853.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.
out in aid of the Civil Service, either by Regiments, Detachments or Troops, since they were respecti-

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tenants’ Improvements

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 12: After the word “otherwise” to insert the words “except for

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 4: After “time” to insert the words “within twenty years.”

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter], [Mr. Grenville Berkeley], [Mr. George];

Noes, [Mr. George];

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after

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Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the further Proceeding on the third reading of the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the further Proceeding on the third reading of the said Bill be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Endowed Schools (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burial of Poor Persons Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Woollen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee, instead thereof."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:

Resolved, That the said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the West Indies Relief Loans Arrangement Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cinque Ports take into consideration the Amendments made by Bill the Lords to the Cinque Ports Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Weights and Measures Bill, consideration the Amendments made by the Lords; and Measures Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Union of Contiguous Benefices Bill was, Union of according to Order, read a second time; and committed according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill Ecclesiastical was, according to Order, read a second time; and Jurisdiction committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Commons Inclosure (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Militia Officers Qualification Bill was, according to Qualification Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Stage Carriage Duties, &c.

(The Committee.)

1. Resolved, That on and after the 1st day of October 1855, there shall be charged and payable the following reduced Duties on Stage Carriages in Great Britain (that is to say): For and in respect of every mile which any Stage Carriage shall be licensed for the purpose of carrying Passengers, a Duty of 7s. 6d. per mile; and for the purpose of carrying Goods, a Duty of 4s. per mile.
labeled to travel, One penny, and for and in respect of every supplementary License for any such Stage Carriage, the Duty of One shilling, in lieu of the Duties now payable in the like cases.

2. Resolved, That it is expedient that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue should be empowered, under such regulations as the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury may from time to time make or sanction in that behalf, to stamp paper which any person may send to the said first named Commissioners for the purpose of being stamped for covers or envelopes of letters, with Stamps provided for denoting the several rates of Postage, on payment of the amount of the Stamps required to be impressed on such paper, and in cases where such amount shall not exceed £. 10, upon payment in addition thereto of such fee as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury may direct or authorize to be taken in such cases.

3. Resolved, That the Stamp Duty of One shilling now payable under the several Acts, 2 Will. 4, c. 53, and 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 29, on orders made for the payment of prize money or bounty money, or money upon grants, shall cease, and in lieu thereof, all such orders for sums of whatever amount respectively shall be subject and liable to the like Stamp Duties as Island Bills, Drafts or Orders for the payment of money of the same amount, and of the like tenor or effect, are now by Law subject and liable to.

4. Resolved, That no exemption from Stamp Duty contained in or granted by any Act relating to Friendly Societies, nor any other exemption from Stamp Duty than such as is contained in Section 8 of the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 92, for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, shall be deemed to extend to any form of assurance, or any conveyance, mortgage, transfer, agreement, bond or other instrument made to or on behalf of any Benefit Building Society by any member of such Society to whom any sum or sums exceeding in the whole the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds shall be advanced by such Society, except such deeds or instruments as may be made on behalf of a member of such Society admitted before the 5th day of July 1855, in pursuance of engagements made between such member and the said Society before that date.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Libraries and Museums Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “Bill” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “as amended, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Henry Keating, Mr. Headlam, 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pance, Mr. Grogan, 14.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords Militia to the Militia (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration (No. 2) Bill, this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, Continuance, and to make further Provisions concerning Turnpike-roads in England: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on the Public Libraries and Museums Bill be withdrawn from its present sitting, and that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayter, Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 39.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question being put;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Grogan, Mr. Vance: 5.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Grogan, Mr. Vance, Mr. Greenville Berkeley: 43.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, to include in their inquiries the Postal Arrangements between Limerick and Ennis, and Dublin and Ennis.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, Continuance, and to make further Provisions concerning Turnpike-roads in England: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayter, Mr. Greenville Berkeley: 39.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Grogan, Mr. Vance: 5.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Grogan, Mr. Vance, Mr. Greenville Berkeley: 43.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, to include in their inquiries the Postal Arrangements between Limerick and Ennis, and Dublin and Ennis.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, Continuance, and to make further Provisions concerning Turnpike-roads in England: And that Mr. Horsman and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion being made, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on the Arctic Expedition, to examine into the claims of Captains Collinson and Kellett, with a view to ascertain whether any and what reward may be due to them for the Services rendered on the occasion of that Expedition;

Viscount Palmerston, by Her Majesty’s Command, appointed the House, That her Majesty, having been
Adulteration of Food, &c.

The Select Committee on Adulteration of Food, &c., was nominated of Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Charles Villiers, Lord Clay Hamilton, Viscount Goderich, Mr. Knight, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Peacocke, Viscount Ebrington, Mr. Alderman Chibbt, Mr. Kincaird, Mr. Ousey, Mr. Swift, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Wise and Mr. Moffatt; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Mr. Harman presented a Bill to continue an Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her present Majesty, for amending the Law relating to Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, and to make further Provisions concerning Turnpike-roads in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to settle Ammunitions on Emily Harriet Lady Raglan, and Richard Henry Fitzroy Lord Raglan and the next surviving heir male of his body, in consideration of the eminent Services of the late Field Marshal Lord Raglan: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made under an Act of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty, to facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts, and to extend the Provisions of the said Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth.

Orderd, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on the Question proposed upon a Motion in the House of Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on the Question proposed upon a Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (The Stamp Duties on Tacks and Transfers may be denoted by impressed or adhesive Stamps—Adhesive Stamps to be adapted for certain particulars) — And the said Clause was brought up, and twice read, with a blank; and committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Monck reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Viscount Monck accordingly reported to the House, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 4th of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Brotherton reported the Cromarty Estate Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, that the Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Alterations, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report be now read received.

Viscount Monck accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was read the third time, and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ Writ, for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Cheltenham, in the room of the Honourable George Fitzhardinge Berkeley, deceased.
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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Evesham, in the room of Charles Lennox Grenville Berkeley, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Bovenham, in the County of Buckingham.

Income Tax (Elective Franchise) Bill, No. 230. Major Reed presented a Bill for conferring the Elective Franchise upon Persons (not being Aliens) who are assessed to the Income Tax, but are not upon a Register of Electors for any part of Great Britain and Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day three months; and to be printed.

Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence between the Board of Health and the Board of Guardians of the Rochdale Union, relative to the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

New Churches.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of Charges and Expenses paid by Her Majesty's Commissioners in and about the execution of the several Acts of Parliament for building and promoting the building of additional Churches in populous Parishes, from the 25th March 1854 to the 25th March 1855.

Metropolitan Workhouses &c., No. 305. Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Metropolitan Workhouses, &c., which was presented upon the 25th day of June last, be printed.

Finance, No. 306. Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Finance, which were presented upon the 3d day of this instant July, be printed.

Sweets or Made Wines, No. 307. Ordered, That the Return relative to Sweets or Made Wines, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ministers' Money (Ireland), No. 366. Ordered, That the Return relative to Ministers' Money (Ireland), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Auckland Islands, No. 369. Ordered, That the Return relative to the Auckland Islands, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Yeomanry Corps, No. 370. Ordered, That the Return relative to the Yeomanry Corps, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Widows' Pensions, No. 371. Ordered, That the Return relative to Officers' Widows' Pensions, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Public Petitions. Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill;—Church Rates;—Marriage Law Amendment Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Indian Territories;—Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Friendly Societies Bill;—Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Medical Profession Bill;—Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland);—Public Health Bill;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Slaughtering of Animals;—War with Russia; and, Woolen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Business of Ports. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Business of the Ports named, agreeably to the Form specified, for the year ending 5th January 1855:—

Lord John Russell presented, by Her Majesty's Colonial Land Command,—Copy of Fifteenth General Report of and Emigration Commissioners, 1855. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply, mitie of Supply; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question,
Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, "that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Home Department and certain Magistrates of Oldham, on the subject of a Prosecution before the said Magistrates of a Manufacturer, for having on his Premises unfastened Machinery, from which neglect the Death of an Individual resulted," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Folkestone Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords communicate, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed in the present Session of Parliament to consider whether it would not be desirable that the Powers now vested in the Companies for the Improvement of Land should be made a subject of general regulation, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, as desired by this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill was, according Bills of Lading to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Courts of Admiralty to adjudicate as to Claims when owners of ships reside out of United Kingdom), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Endowed Schools (Ireland) Bill was, ac- cording to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Burial of Poor take into consideration the Burial of Poor Persons Act, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The West Indies Relief Loans Arrangement Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Gold Wedd- ing into a Committee on the Gold Wedding Rings Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance into a Committee on the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Commons' Enclosure into a Committee on the Commons' Enclosure (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Commoners' Election into a Committee on the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Stage Carriage Duties, &c., several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That on and after the 1st day of October 1855, there shall be charged and payable the following reduced Duties on Stage Carriages in Great Britain (that is to say): For and in respect of every mile which any Stage Carriage shall be licensed to travel, One penny, and for and in respect of every supplementary License for any such Stage Carriage, the Duty of One shilling, in lieu of the Duties now payable in the like cases.

2. That...
2. That it is expedient that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue should be empowered, under such regulations as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may from time to time make or sanction in that behalf, to stamp paper which any person may send to the said first named Commissioners for the purpose of being stamped for covers or envelopes of letters, with Stamps provided for denoting the several rates of Postage, on payment of the amount of the Stamps required to be impressed on such paper, and in cases where such amount shall not exceed £ 10, upon payment in addition thereto of such fee as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct or authorize to be taken in such cases.

3. That the Stamp Duty of One shilling now payable under the several Acts, 2 Will. 4, c. 53, and 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 29, on orders made for the payment of prize money or bounty money, or money upon grants, shall cease, and in lieu thereof, all such orders for sums of whatever amount respectively shall be subject and liable to the like Stamp Duties as Inland Revenue Bills or Orders for the payment of money of the same amount, and of the like tenor or effect, are now by Law subject and liable to.

4. That no exemption from Stamp Duty contained in or granted by any Act relating to Friendly Societies, nor any other exemption from Stamp Duty than such as is contained in section 8 of the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 52, for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, shall be deemed to extend to any form of assurance, or any conveyance, mortgage, transfer, agreement, bond, or other instrument made to or on behalf of any Benefit Building Society by any member of such Society to whom any sum or sums exceeding in the whole the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds shall be advanced by such Society, except such deeds or instruments as may be made on behalf of a member of such Society admitted before the 5th day of July 1855, in pursuance of engagements made between such member and the said Society before that date.

The three first of the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The last of the said Resolutions, being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Byerley]

Yeas, 63. [The Earl of Malahide:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Murrrough:]

Noes, 39.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. Fitzroy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson, do prepare, and bring them in.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill):

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Coal Mines Inspection Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking into consideration the Coal Mines Inspection Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the second reading of the Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Walpole reported from the Select Committee, that they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Postal Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.) have leave to sit (Waterford, this day till Five o'clock, during the sitting of the House.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table:—

The Thames Marsh by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June last, for a Return, in detail, of the Expenses included under the Sum of £549, 19s. 2d., respecting the Thames Marsh Drainage, paid to Mr. T. W. Bramwell, e. e., and charged in the Civil Contingencies Account for 1854.—And, Copy of the Instructions under which Mr. Bramwell acted.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for Copy of any Correspondence between the House and the Board of Guardians of the Rochdale Union relative to the Nuisances Amendment Bill.

Mr. Cooper, on behalf of Her Majesty’s Com-Convict Prisoners in Ireland, presented—Copy of First Annual Report of the Directors of Convict Prisons in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1854; with Appendices.

Copy of Thirty-third Report of the Inspectors of Prisons General on the General State of the Prisons of Ireland, 1854; with Appendices.

Mr. Cooper also presented—Return to an Address Proprietors to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of March last, of the Number of Proprietors of Lands standing on the Valuation Rolls of the several Counties of Scotland, distinguishing each County, in the years 1775, 1800, 1825 and 1854 respectively, classifying them according to the amount of the Valuation of the whole Lands belonging to each Proprietor in the County, as in the following form, viz.—

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Education take into consideration the Education [Scotland] Bill, as amended by the Committee of the House.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the Bill be re-committed;

The House divided:

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Tellers for the [Mr. Elliott Lockhart,]
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And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

tellers for the [Mr. Hayter,] 118.
tellers for the [Mr. Blackburn,] 64.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Commissioners may receive and maintain in houses of refuge, &c., young persons sent under the Acts relating to Vagrants and Juvenile Offenders), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Schoolmaster not to hold other offices of profit), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Schoolmaster to retain rights to the Widows’ Fund), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by leaving out from the word “Scotland” to the word “And,” in l. 20.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by inserting, after the word “Education,” the words “for Presbyterians.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by inserting, after the word “persons,” the words “being Protestants.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

tellers for the [Mr. W. G. Blackb.] 44.
tellers for the [Mr. Johnstone,] 112.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by inserting, after the word “Perth,” and inserting the word “Aberdeen,” instead of

And the Question being put, That the word “Perth” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 10, by inserting, after the word “persons,” the words “and at all meetings of the said School Committee, the heritor, if present, shall be Chairman, and shall be entitled to both a deliberative and, in cases of equality of votes, a casting vote.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 27, by adding, at the end of the Clause, the words “Provided always, that the production of a diploma granted by the Educational Institute of Scotland shall be conclusive evidence that the holder thereof is qualified to teach the various branches of literature therein specified, and he shall not be required to submit to any further examination by the Inspector in respect thereof.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 29, by leaving out the words “Provided always, that every such schoolmaster shall, prior to his election, produce to the electors a certificate, signed by a minister of the religious denomination to which he belongs, attesting his religious and moral character.”

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 7, by inserting, after the word “parish,” the words “liable in payment of schoolmaster’s salary.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 43, by adding, at the end of the Clause, the words “Provided always, that where such meeting shall resolve that a parish school shall be maintained by assessment as aforesaid, such resolution shall in no way affect the rights or status of any schoolmaster previously appointed thereto.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 16, by inserting, after the word “inspector,” the words “intimate the same to the clerk of the heritors of said parish, in order that they may, if they see fit, establish an additional parochial school; if they or individuals of their number do not, within one month of said intimation being received by their clerk, intimate their intention so to do, then the Board shall.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 12, by leaving out the words “every School Committee under this Act shall appoint certain stated hours for ordinary religious instruction.”

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 14, by leaving out the words “by the master.”

And the Question being put, That those words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

tellers for the [Mr. H. H. Dunc.] 106.
tellers for the [Mr. A. Huddie,] 11.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, had been brought from the Lords, by one of the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Hedon and Hull, Hedon and &c., Roads Bill, without any Amendment:—And, also, 3 a. The
Sligo Gas Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Sligo Gas Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
West Bromwich Improvement Bill. The Lords have agreed to the West Bromwich Improvement Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
Belton and Nightingales' Road Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Belton and Nightingales' Road Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
Bray's Estate Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Bray's Estate Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
Saint John's College (Oxford) Estate Bill. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the President and Scholars of Saint John's College, in the University of Oxford, to grant Building Leases of their Lands in the Parishes of Saint Giles, Saint Thomas and Woolnower, Oxford, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
Bradbury's Estate Bill. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for authorising Mining and other Leases, and Sales and Exchanges, to be made of the Lands devised by the Will of George Bray, deceased, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
Assizes and Sessions Bill. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for the more frequent holding of Assizes and Sessions of the Peace; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
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Partnership Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, refer" solve itself into the said Committee" instead thereof,
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
Preamble postponed.
CLause, No. 1, agreed to.
CLause, No. 2 (Lenders to persons or partnerships not to be deemed partners). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8: After the word "hereafter" to insert the words "in manner "authorized under this Act."
Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9 and 10: To leave out the words "not being a banker."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that the monies "borrowed shall not exceed the amount of capital "employed in the trade or business."

Question proposed, That those words be there added; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; 
Martis, 10 die Julii, 1855:
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn-Limited Liability Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lady Raglan and Lord Raglan's Amunities Bill Lady Raglan was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Committee of the whole House, for Amendments Bill. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn-Fisheries Bill (British Islands and France) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Coal Mines into consideration the Coal Mines Inspection Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "life," the words "or serious personal injury."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Casley: 58.
Tellers for the Mr. Hoyer: 74.
The Earl of Mulgrave:
So it passed in the Negative.

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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Metropolis Local Management Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolis Local Management Bill, as amended in the Committee:—The Bill was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Gold Wedding Rings Bill. The Gold Wedding Rings Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Commons Inlosure (No. 2) Bill. The Commons Inclusion (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Militia Officers' Qualification Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill; A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill. The Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Excise Duties Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Excise Duties Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Cambridge University Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Cambridge University Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant July.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commons on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committe on the Despatch of Business, Court of Chancery Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill was, Treasurers according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. A Clause (Her Majesty may direct Act to apply Notes Bill to Courts of Record in England and Wales), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 16, by leaving out the word "Twelve," and inserting the word "Sixteen," in stead thereof. And the Question being proposed, That the word "Twelve" stand part of the Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the further Proceeding on the third reading of the said Bill be adjourned; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Isaac Burt, 24. Mr. Vance: 43. Tellers for the Mr. Haiger, The Earl of Malvern: So it passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the word "Twelve" stand part of the Bill—it was resolved in the Affirmative. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Bankruptcy reading of the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Burial of Poor Persons Bill was, according to Burial of Poor Persons Bill, read the third time. Resolved, 3 A 2.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for carrying into effect the Engagements between Her Majesty and certain Chiefs of the Sherbro Country, near Sierra Leone, in Africa, for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade: And that Mr. John Ball and Lord John Russell do prepare, and bring in a Bill—

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Mr. John Ball presented a Bill for carrying into effect the Engagements between Her Majesty and certain Chiefs of the Sherbro Country, near Sierra Leone, in Africa, for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Martis, 10° die Julii;**

Anno 19° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

**Prayers.**

**Ordered,** That all Committees have leave Committees to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Folkestone the Amendments made by the Lords to the Folkestone Improvement Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

**(In the Committee )**

CLAUSE, No 16 (Appeal against order of abatement when structural works are required of a cost above £ 1 3s.) Amendment again proposed, in p. 9, l. 30: After the words "works" to insert the word provided that the cost of executing such work shall not, without the consent of the owner, exceed one year's rack-rent of such house or building." Question proposed, That those words be inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 33: To leave out from the word "works" to the word "order," in l. 35.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. An Amendment made. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No 17 to No 20, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No 21, disagreed to.

Clause, No 22 (Surveyor of highways to cleanse ditches, &c.) Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 37: To leave out from the word "highway" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words "and for purpose of an outfall," stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived. An Amendment made.

Clause disagreed to.

Clause, No 28 (Open ditches, &c., to be covered or improved), Amendments made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 23: After the word "using" to insert the words "except for the purposes of mines, mines, print works, bleaching or manufacturing."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 41: To leave out from the word "authority" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 24 (Penalty for causing water to be corrupted by gas washings. (Gasworks Clauses Acts, 1842). Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 8: After the word "fouled" to insert the words "or any person or company who shall cause or suffer to be brought or flow any poisonous washing or discharge into any spring, or any poisoned washing or discharge into any lands not being the property of such person or company."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 25 (Penalty to be sued for in Superior Courts within six months. (Gasworks Clauses Acts). Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12: To leave out from the word "aforesaid" to the word "but," in l. 10.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 27, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 28 (Nuisances arising in the case of trades, businesses, processes or manufactures). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 12: After the word "effluvia" to insert the words "injurious to health."

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 14: To leave out the words "a nuisance or."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be interpreted to extend to the smell of metals."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be there added;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order for reading the third time, this day, the Coal Mines Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the London—London Writs have Power to report their Opinion thereon. (First Report.) No. 377.

Mr. Walpole reported from the said Select Committee: That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the Resolution of the Committee is as followeth:

That Baron de Rothschild having applied to be heard by Counsel, the Committee are of opinion that it is expedient to accede to Baron de Rothschild's application.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Privileges, that part of the Message from the Lords of yesterday, wherein their Lordships request that this House will give leave to the Right honourable Sir William and Meredyth Somerville, Baronet, a Member of this House, to attend their Lordships, to be sworn, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Committee for Privileges, to whom the Petition of Viscount Boyne, claiming a right to vote at the Election of Representative Peers for Ireland, stands referred.

And Sir William Somerville, being present in his place, declared that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved, That Sir William Somerville have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them, that this House hath given leave to Sir William Somerville to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved, That Sir William Somerville have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Assay Office Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated (York, &c.) the 9th day of this instant July, for Copy (in continuation of a Return laid upon the Table of the House) of the Report of the Inspector General of Stamps and Taxes relating to the Assaying and Marking of Gold and Silver Plate at York, Chester, Exeter and Newcastle-on-Tyne; the same as applicable to Birmingham and Sheffield.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Thames Marsh Drainage, which was presented upon the 9th of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Criminals, Criminals, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Prisoners, Prisoners, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Hereford Hereford (Improvement) Act, 1854 (Correction of Improvement Oversight) Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; (of Oversight) that Notices had been published in a Newspaper published in the County of Hereford, pursuant to the Order of the House; and that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Mr. FitzRoy reported Livesey's Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Sir William Maberly reported from the said Select Committee: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the Minutes of the Evidence, be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. De la Pole have leave of absence for a week, on account of ill health.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Committee on the Machinery of the United States of America.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Committee on Ballast Department on the subject of Ballast Heavens (in continuation of Return moved for in Address of the 29th day of June 1855).

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Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates, present upon that day:—And, of the Number of each Rank absent with or without leave from their respective Regiments upon the same day.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council.

Call of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House be called over upon Tuesday next; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Rosebach, 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord Seymour, Mr. Hutchins: 183.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Trinity College (Dublin):

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish certain Payments charged on the Consolidated Fund in favour of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and of certain Professors in the said College, and to repeal the Stamp Duties payable on Matriculations and Degrees in the said College: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Navigation Works (Ireland):

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend certain Acts relating to the Court of Judicature of Prince of Wales Island, Singapore and Malacca: And that Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Seymour and Mr. Wigram do prepare, and bring it in.

Court of Judicature (Prince of Wales Island, etc.):

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Application of certain Sums granted by Parliament for Drainage and other Works of Public Utility in Ireland, towards the Completion of certain Navigations undertaken in connexion with Drainages, and to amend the Acts for promoting the Drainage of Lands and Improvements in connexion therewith, in Ireland: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Justice of Peace Qualification Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Justices of Peace Qualification Bill:—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, accordingly adjourned till this day.

Mercurii, 11° die Julii:

Anno 19° Victorie Regine, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Standing Orders Revision.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders Revision:—Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next, at the time of Private Business.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Criminal Law, &c. Bills, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Applications from John Greenmove, of Manchester, and Chaplin and Horne, of London, to the Board of Inland Revenue, requesting to be allowed to compound for Stage Carriage Duties: And, of Letter from the Board of Inland Revenue to Messrs. Chaplin and Horne.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented the said Papers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—The Report of the Commissioners acting under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the 56th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Security and Improvement of the Harbour of New Shoreham, in the County of Sussex.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Schools (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day fortnight; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “upon this day” and, at the end of the Question, adding the word “To-morrow,” instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words “upon this day fortnight” stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Spooner]: Sir William Clay.
Tellers for the Noes [Mr. Johnstone]: Mr. Bentinck.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Bentinck]: Sir William Clay.
Tellers for the Noes [Mr. John Shelley]: Mr. Spooner.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Grand Juries Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn-Acts of Parliament on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bleaching, &c. Works Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Grand Juris- Cariillie on the Grand Juris- mies Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Lords have agreed to the Court of Exchequer Act Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Stock in Trade Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Stocks (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Copyhold, &c. Commissions Continuance Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Stock in Trade Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Cape Town Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Stock in Trade Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow, Kirkintilloch and Balderness Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Stock in Trade Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Stock in Trade Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Bentinck]: Sir William Clay.
Tellers for the Noes [Mr. John Shelley]: Mr. Spooner.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Carlisle Canonries Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bleaching, &c. Works Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Grand Juris- Cariillie on the Grand Juris- mies Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Coal Mines Inspection Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Excise Duties Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Newspaper Stamps at One penny, issued to Newspapers in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, from the 31st day of December 1854 to the 1st day of July 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 83, of the present Session).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty, for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Ness at Inverness; and that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act for enabling Grand Juries in Ireland to borrow Money from private Sources, on the Security of Presentments, and for transferring to Counties certain Works constructed wholly or in part with Public Money; and that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Horsman do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Walpole presented Pedder's Divorce Bill, without Amendment. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. FitzRoy presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Papers relative to the Discovery of Gold in Australia (in continuation of Papers presented December 1854). 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty, for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Ness at Inverness; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to authorize the Application of certain Sums granted by Parliament for Drainage and other Works of Public Utility in Ireland, towards the Completion of certain Navigations undertaken in connexion with DRAINAGES, and to amend the Acts for promoting the Drainage of Lands and Improvements in connexion therewith in Ireland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration Bolton and the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bolton Nightingales Road Bill.

The said Amendment being read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Further Proceeding on consideration of the said Amendment be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Stockton and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration West Somerset Railway Bill, and the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Wolverhampton and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wolverhampton New Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith on Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Petitions relating to the Book of Common Prayer; 
Church Rates; — Dissenters' Marriages Bill; — Petitions, Marriage Law Amendment Bill; — Licenses (Public Houses, &c.); — Assay Offices (York, &c.); Abolition of Distressed Families Acts; — School Bills; — Roads; — Public Health Bill; — Wages; — and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 28 (Nuisances arising in the case of trades, businesses, processes or manufactures). Amendment again proposed, in p. 14, l. 40: At the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall be interpreted to extend to the smelting of metals." Question put, Those words be there added; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dilwyn], Yeas, [Mr. Hussey Vivian : ] 25.
Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the words "Provided always, That the Provisions hereinafter contained shall not extend or be applicable to any place without the limits of any city or town." Amendment proposed: To add, at the end of the proposed Amendment, the words "or populous district."

Question put, Those words be added to the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided.


Question, That the Amendment, so amended, be added to the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.


Clause, N° 29, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 30 (Local authority to order costs of prosecutions to be paid out of the rates). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 30: At the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided such local authority shall obtain judgment, award, or order or determination thereupon."

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 31 and N° 32, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 33 and N° 34, agreed to.

Clause, N° 35, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 36 to N° 41, agreed to.

Clause, N° 42: (Appeal to Quarter Sessions.) Public Health Act, s. 133.) An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 32: After the word "by" to insert the words "a jury."

Question, That the words "a jury" be there inserted—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 43 and N° 44, agreed to.

Clause, N° 45, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 46, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 47, agreed to.

Clause, N° 48: (Secretary of State or Police Commissioners may proceed in such cases as well as local authority under this Act.) Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 15: After the word "State" to add the words "if, however, any proceedings should be so taken by any of the authorities above named, and the issue raised thereon be not tried, or if it be shown to the satisfaction of the court or tribunal before which such proceedings are taken that there was no just reason for commencing such proceedings, then it shall be lawful for such court or tribunal to award to the party or parties so proceeded against, the costs to which he or they may have been exposed in consequence thereof." Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Clauses, N° 49 and N° 50, agreed to.

Clauses added.

Clause (In case of an indictment or information by a private prosecutor for a nuisance, costs to abide the event) brought up, and read 1st.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Clause (Regulations respecting supply of water) brought up, and read 1st.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitzroy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill. (In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N° 1 (Short Title of Act). To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Tea Warehouses, which was presented upon the 2d day of houses, this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mileage Duty, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant July, be printed.

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The Accidents on Railways Bill was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Inverness one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Inverness Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report from an Official Committee...
Livings.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of June last, for Returns of the Number of Livings the Patronage of which belongs to each See in England or Wales, with the Aggregate Value of the Livings thereof respectively:—Of the Number and Aggregate Value of such Livings belonging to each See as are locally sitting in another Diocese:—And, of the Number or Aggregate Value of the Livings in each Diocese the Patronage of which belongs to another See.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of April last, for a Return of the Number of Prosecutions instituted under the various Acts of Parliament relating to the Municipal, Police or Sanitary Government of any City, Town, Village or District, having reference to the Smoke Nuisance, stating the Number of Writs issued, the Convictions obtained, the Penalties adjudged, and those paid; also the Costs of the Proceedings; the Number of Officers specially appointed for the purpose of enforcing the Law, with the Remuneration paid, and for what time appointed.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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—Also, of the Letters addressed to the Board of Ordnance by Fox, Henderson and Company, dated respectively the 23rd and 24th days of April and 5th day of May, and of the Report to the Board of Ordnance of Mr. John Anderson, Inspector of Machinery, dated the 11th day of May, on the subject of the Building for Lancaster Shells.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months;"

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Mr. Bowerie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (No person shall be compelled to pay an assessment for any public school who during the year of the school's establishment under 11th section of second recited Act, heritors shall fix salary not less than £ 20, nor more than £ 34), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mode of proceeding where parties refuse to perform duties under Act), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No person shall be compelled to pay an assessment for any public school who during the year has paid at least an equal sum to a school or schools established under third recited Act, Committee of Privy Council may contribute addition to schoolmasters' salary), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (In parishes where schools established under third recited Act, Committee of Privy Council may contribute addition to schoolmasters' salary), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

The Noes to the Left:

Mr. Hayter, 110.

Mr. Blackburn:

Mr. Bowerie:

Mr. Thomson, 27.

Mr. Crosfield:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, 110.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Ferguson, 102.

Tellers for the [Mr. Blackburn:]

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 2, 3, 4, by leaving out the word "Perth;" and inserting the word "Aberdeen," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Perth" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 23 and 24, by leaving out the words "in regard to his sufficiency for the office in respect of literature."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Elliott Lockhart,]
Yea,
[Mr. Scott :]

80.

Tellers for the (Mr. Hytner,]
Noes,
[The Earl of Malgrave :]

117.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put,

That the Bill do pass;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hytner,]
Yea,
[The Earl of Malgrave :]

130.

Tellers for the [Mr. Scott,]
Noes,
[Mr. Blackburn :]

115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill.

(CLAUSE, N° 15 (Power to stay execution).

(In the Committee.)

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Tenants’ Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "medical attendance."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "colliery," the words "and such Inspector is hereby empowered to sue for and recover all such penalties as are by this Act imposed."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "colliery," the words "and at the pit bank."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Cayley,]
Yea,
[Mr. Maguire :]

48.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hytner,]
Noes,
[The Earl of Malgrave :]

85.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "life," the words " or bodily injury requiring medical attendance."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "recovered," the words "in the County Court of the district or."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Veneris, 13° die Iulii ;
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PRAYERS.

St John's Estate Bill.

M. R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills: That in the case of St John's College (Oxford) Estate Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Bolton and Nightingales' Road Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Bolton and Nightingales' Road Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Livesey's Blackburn Estate Bill.

Mr. Fitz Roy reported Livesey's Blackburn Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Hammond's Estate Bill.

Mr. Fitz Roy reported Hammond's Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Wisbech Port Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wisbech Port Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gun-barrel Proof-houses (Birmingham and London) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Bolton and Nightingales' Road Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on consideration of the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bolton and Nightingales' Read Bill.—The House resumed the said Further Proceeding:—And the said Amendment, being read a second time, was, with Amendments, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Livesey's Estate Bill.

Livesey's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Harriet's Estate Bill be read a Harriet's Estate Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Church Rates adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Church Rates Abolition (No. 2) Bill):

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 24th day of this instant July.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th days of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, as to Prosecutions, &c., from each Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace in every County, part of a County, City and Borough, having separate Sessions of the Peace, in England and Wales, of the following Particulars, from the 25th day of December 1853 to the 25th day of December 1854:

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Spirit Duties, the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated 8th July; and by such Return to set forth the Quantities, with

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with the Amount of Duties paid by each Party, and the Date of every such Payment.—And, similar Return for the corresponding Periods in the years 1853 and 1854.

Resolved, That the Return relative to Benefices, &c., which was presented upon the 22d day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law Union Clerks, which was presented upon the 25th day of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to the Militia, which was presented upon the 25th day of June last, be printed.

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Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 24: To leave out the word "crop," and insert the word "seed."

Question, That the word "crop" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 27: To leave out the words "two years," and insert the word "year."

Question put, That the words "two years" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]
Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave : ] 70.

Tellers for the [Mr. Corry, ]
Noes, [Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald : ] 33.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 31: After the words "set off" to insert the words "and part of the Clause;"

Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Colonel Dunne, ]
Yea, [Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald : ] 25.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 4: At the end of the Clause, to add the following words:

"Provided always, that no such tenant shall be entitled so to recover, unless at or before the time of giving up possession, or within one week after wards, he shall have served the landlord with a notice containing the particulars of his claim for such remuneration, unless it shall be established to the satisfaction of the Court before which such claim shall be heard that the landlord has waived the necessity of such notice."

Question proposed, That those words be there added. Proposed to amend the proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "week," and insert the word "month."

Question, That the word "month" stand part of the said proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Question, That "month" be there inserted—put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the Amendment, as amended, be there added; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Jeanne Butt, ]
Yea, [Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald : ] 59.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]
Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave : ] 86.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the words "Provided always, that a proper valuation of the several matters as aforesaid shall be made by two arbitrators, or their umpire, one to be appointed by the tenant, and the other by the landlord, within one month after the tenant has given up possession; and the tenant shall be entitled to recover from his landlord the sum awarded by said arbitrators, and no more, in respect of the several matters aforesaid."

Question put, That those words be there added; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Lord Noses, ]
Yea, [Mr. Corry : ] 47.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]
Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave : ] 86.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 17 (if landlord, after the time when the tenant could commence improvements, and before the registration of the declaration, shall proceed to execute such improvements, may proceed by civil bill process against such landlord for compensation.)

Vol. 110. Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6: To leave out the word "could," and insert the word "has."

Question, That the word "could" stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Question put, That the word "has" be there inserted; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]
Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave : ] 129.

Tellers for the [Mr. Coogan, ]
Noes, [Mr. Emoune : ] 36.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6: To leave out the words "commence and execute."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived. An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 23: To leave out the words "three years," and insert the words "one year."

Question put, That the words "three years" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyter, ]
Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave : ] 110.

Tellers for the [Colonel Dunne, ]

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the words "Provided always, that no such claim for compensation shall arise where the tenant has been evicted for non-payment of rent or other breach of condition."

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of the Lords, their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Winchester and West Wadhurst and West Farleigh Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Wadhurst and West Wadhurst and Welwyn Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the West Farleigh Roads Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Haileybury College (Australia) Acts Repeal Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Government Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Keighley and Ken- dell Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Wadhurst and Welwyn Railway Bill.

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The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Cemetery Bill, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have agreed to the Gateshead and Hebburn Roads Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have agreed to the Shrewsbury Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have agreed to the East of Fife Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for regulating the Powers of creating Charges on Land under Private Acts for Drainage and other Improvements; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Arthur Wyndham, Esquire, with Ann Magdalene Louisa Wyndham his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of William Ewing the younger with Helen Mary Ewing his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Right honourable William Nevill, Earl of Abergavenny, to grant Leases of Entailed Estates for enabling the Right honourable William Nevill, Earl of Abergavenny, to grant Leases of Entailed Estates ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also.

Ewing’s Divorce Bill.

The Earl of Abergavenny’s Estate Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Limited Liability Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Stage Carriage Duties, &c. Bill; and the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Subsidy, 14° die Julii, 1855:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon the said three months;” And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordnance Board Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill was, according Sale of Spirits Act, ordered to read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Woollen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulating Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Woollen, &c. Manufactures (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve o’clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscous Duncaen reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

Clause, N° 3 (Encroachments not to be made so as to reduce the width of highways which cease to be Turnpike-roads).

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause: To add the words “Provided that nothing herein contained shall affect any road or highway in any parish in England, the width of which road has been settled by an award made pursuant to any Act of Parliament for inclosing waste lands in such parish;” put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 4 to N° 7, agreed to.

Clause (That gates affixed up across any highway or public road, or other obstructions which shall be dangerous or a nuisance to the public; shall, upon proof thereof before two Justices of the Peace acting for the division in which such road is situated, be removed within a reasonable time to be fixed by such Justices, after notice to the occupier of the lands through which such highway or public road passes of the decision of such two Justices) — brought up, and read 1st.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Mortmain into consideration the Mortmain Bill, as amended Bill, in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Slave Trade (Shorebro) Bill was, according to Slave Trade Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Shorebro) Bill, Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assay Offices (York, &c.) Abolition (York, &c.) Abolition Bill!

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Merchant Reading of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Shipping Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill) — brought up, and read 1st.

Question, That the Bill be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Lunatic Asylum the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 29th day of June last, was proposed to be Bill made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill) — brought up, and read 1st.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Dissenters’ Marriages Bill was, according to Dissenters’ Order, read the third time. 3 c +

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Further Proceeding on the third reading of the said Bill be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Schools (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; 

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3d day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Jurisdiction) Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 23d day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Procedure) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Receivers) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Sales of Estates) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Stamp Duties) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant July.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to consider the Amendments made by the Lords to the Honiton Road Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant July.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Procedure in Appeals from the Colonies and Dependencies to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits in the Court of Exchequer; 

Sir George Grey, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: 

And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Vernon Smith presented a Bill to amend certain Acts relating to the Court of Judicature of Prince of Wales Island, Singapore and Malacca.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. McMahon presented a Bill to amend the Provisions in Appeals in the Colonies and Dependencies to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day three months; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill for the Crown Suits Payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits in the Court of Exchequer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 16° die Julii: 

Anno 19° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Jenkins' one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Estate Bills, That in the case of Jenkins' Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Earl of Abergavenny's Estate Bill, That in the case of Marshall's Charity Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Morton College one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Marshall's Charity Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Standing Orders, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th day of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Honiton the Amendments made by the Lords to the Honiton Road Bill. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords;
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An Act for making a Railway from the Port of Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway, in the Township of Drumbarrow, or near to the Coast Light-house in Silloth Bay, in the Parish of Howel Coltron, in the County of Cumberland, and to a Dock and Jetty at Silloth Bay, and for making Arrangements with the Port Carlisle Dock and Railway Company, and for other purposes:

An Act to authorize the Sunderland Dock Company to make further Works, and to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the said Company, and for other purposes:

An Act for relating the Share Capital of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Stockport, Didsley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to construct a Junction Line to the Cromford and High Peak Railway, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Company to make a Deviation in their Line, and for other purposes:

An Act for the Improvement of the Town of Lough, Lank Improvement Bill, Lock Improvement Bill, to the County of Stafford, for purchasing the market and for other purposes:

An Act to provide for the Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown in Her Majesty's Australian Colonies, and for other purposes:

An Act to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria, as amended, of the Legislature of Victoria, to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty:

An Act to acquire the Common Fund from Liability to be rated as such in respect of Stock in Trade or other Property to the Relief of the Poor:

An Act to enable the Weymouth Waterworks Company to increase and extend their Supply of Water Bill, and to construct New Works, and for other purposes:

An Act for changing the Corporate Name of the Grand Surrey Canal Company of Proprietors of the Grand Surrey Canal (No. 2) Bill, for consolidating their Acts, for authorizing them to make a New Entrance from the Thames additional Docks and other Works, and to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes:

An Act for granting further Powers to the Torquay, Torquay, Tor and Saint Mary Church Gas Company:

An Act to repeal the Acts passed for repairing the Road from Hedon through Preston and Billiton to Hull, and other Roads in the County of York, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:

An Act for incorporating the Gas-Light Company of Stigo and the Grand Surrey Canal Company, for Stigio Gas Bill, and for other purposes:

An Act to amend the Provisions of the “West Bromwich Improvement Act, 1854,” with relation to the Prevention of Smoke:

An Act to vary the Mode of carrying the Steamer, Wokingham and Woking Railway across certain Roads, and for other purposes:

An Act for incorporating the Cape Town Railway and Dock Company, and for other purposes connected therewith:

An Act to amalgamate the Glasgow and Iichelle Bridge, and Possil and Balmore Turnpike-road, Trusts, and to make Branch Roads, and for other purposes:

An Act for making and maintaining a Turnpike-road from Charlestown of Aboyne by Ballater, with a Branch at Crathie, in the County of Aberdeenshire, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Hallifex Gas-Light and Coke Company to transfer their Undertaking and Powers to the Hallifex Local Board of Health, and for other purposes:

An Act to amend an Act of the first year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter 106, to enable Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenant for the City of London to purchase certain Lands

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Bray's Estate Bill was read a second time; and Bray's Estate Bill was committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Harris's Estate Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

The Order made upon the 19th day of this instant July, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to direct, that there be laid before this House, a Return as to Prosecutions, &c., from each Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace in every County, part of a County, City and Borough, having separate Sessions of the Peace, in England and Wales, of the following Particulars, from the 25th day of December 1853 to the 25th day of December 1854:

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was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. Saunders Davies have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of a domestic affliction.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill;—Prelate's,—Church Rates;—Mayoress College Act;—Protestants;—Petition for Duty;—Accidents on Railways Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Medical Profession Bill;—and, Smoke Nuisance, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to County Court. Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of March last, for Returns from every County Court throughout England and Wales, established under the Act 9 & 10 Vic. c. 95, of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive, above £ 20 and
and not exceeding £ 50.—Of the Total Number of Days that each Court has sat, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1854, both days inclusive, and the Average Number of Hours comprised in such of the Sittings held before a Deputy Judge:—Of the Total Amount of Monies for which the Plaints were entered in each Court during the last-mentioned period:—Of the Total Amount of Monies, exclusive of Costs, for which Judgment has been obtained in each Court during the same period, and also the Amount of such Costs:—Of the Total Amount of Minutes paid into each Court during the same period, in satisfaction of Debts sued for, without proceeding to Judgment:—Of the Gross Total Amount of Fees received in each Court during such period, distinguishing the Amount of Fees for each Officer, and on account of the General Fund:—Of the Gross Total Amount of Monies received in each Court to the Credit of the Suitors, and the Amount paid out to Suitors:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried in each Court during the same period, with the Assistance of a Jury, specifying the Number of such Causes in which a Verdict has been given in favour of the Party requiring a Jury to be summoned:—Of the Number of Execution Warrants issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period against the Goods of Defendants:—Of the Number of Judgment Summons issued by each Court during the same period:—Of the Total Number of Judgment Summons heard by each Court during the same period:—Of the Total Number of Warrants of Commitment issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period, and the Number of Persons actually taken to Prison under such Warrants:—And, of the Total Amount received by the Treasurer of each Court on account of the General Fund of such Court, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1854, inclusive; and the Payments made thereout, during such period as given in the Balance Sheets rendered to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, according to Article 48 of the Treasurer's Instructions; together with the Sums therein stated to have been received of or paid to Her Majesty's Paymaster General.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of May last, for a Return of all Election Auditors appointed under the Bribery Prevention Act (1854), showing, in a Tabular Form, for England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, their Names, Dates of Appointment, what other Places or Offices held by each at the Time of their Appointment or subsequently, whether Electors or not in the particular County, Riding, District, Town, Borough, Burgh or Burghs for which they are appointed to act.

Return to several Addresses to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of June last, and the 10th day of this instant July, for Copy of a Letter, dated the 14th day of December 1854, addressed to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House, and of the Report therein enclosed from the Supervisors of the Ballast Department on the subject of Ballast Heavers: —And, for Copy of a Letter, dated the 7th day of June 1855, addressed to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House, enclosing a further Report from the Supervisors of the Ballast Department on the subject of Ballast Heaving (in continuation of Return moved for in Address of the 29th day of June 1855).

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstracts of the Accounts of the several County Treasurers in England and Wales, for the year ending Michaelmas 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Downing-street Public Offices Extension Bill;—Vol. 116.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Order be postponed till after the Notice of Motion relative to the Negotiations at Vienna:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Gold Wedding Rings Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Commons' Closure (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Waveney Valley Railway Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Farnes Harbour Barrow Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the England and Ireland Improved Communication Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Hansard, 104, 675), additional to the duties hitherto performed in consideration of the ballastage rates, under the Local Act of the seventh year of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, for the regulation of how and ballastage in the River Thames, the Trinity House shall put the ballast supplied by them to ships on board of the same ships, and shall unload the ballast from ships requiring to unload their ballast into Trinity House lighters, except where these duties shall be performed by the crew of any such ship; and the Trinity House shall be entitled to charge for such additional duties such reasonable additional rate per ton for ballast so placed on board or unloaded, as her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time approves:—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Then a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill;

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Stage Carriage Duties, &c. Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLauses, No 1 to No 5, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

Clause, No 6, disagreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Turnpike Trusts Arrangement Bill.

The Turnpike Trusts Arrangement Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Slave Trade (Sherbro) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Slave Trade (Sherbro) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Officers' Qualification Bill.

The Militia Officers' Qualification Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Criminal Justice Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assizes and Sessions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Assizes and Sessions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolis Local Management Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

The Grand Jurys (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 29th day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill); and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—"The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.—And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Chinese Passenger Ships Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Spirits (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Schools (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Schools (Scotland) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Monday next," in order to add the words "upon this day three months," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "Monday next" stand part of the Question; the House divided.

The
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.  

Tellers for the [Mr. Stirling, 65.  
agreed to,  
Tellers for the [Mr. Hayer, 64.  
Noes,  
Mr. Grenville Berkeley:  

So it passed in the Negative.  

Then the Question being put, That the words " upon this day three months " be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.  

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.  

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.  

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Friendly Societies Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.  

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.  

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Vaccination.  

To provide for the Vaccination of the People in England and Wales: And that Mr. Broady and Mr. Montagu Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.  

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Court of Chancery in Ireland, and to discontinue the Incumbered Estates Court: And that Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Horsman do prepare, and bring it in.  

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Mere Hospital. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Decree made by the late Master of the Rolls, directing the Reverend R. Pretyman to refund the sum of £1,188, 4s. 1d., which he had appropriated to himself from the Funds of Mere Hospital:—Of the Document by which the payment of the above sum was compromised, and which he now holds, and by whom paid; also of the Names of the Counsel retained for the Relator in the Suit relating to Saint Cross Hospital.  

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Saint Cross. That there be laid before this House, a Return of Proceedings in the Court of Chancery in Ireland, and from the time of filing the Information to the present time, specifying for what incurred, to whom and by whom paid; also of the Names of the Counsel retained for the Relator, the Amount of Fees paid to each, and the Number of Days each Counsel attended in Court on the said Suit:—It passed in the Negative.  

Another Clause (Registrar General to furnish to Secretary of Synagogue marriage register books and forms), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.  
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.  
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.  
Ordered, That the Bill be carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.  

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Civil Service Commission.  

To Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.  

Ordered, That the Report from the Select Com-Office of Speaker, be taken into con sideration upon Thursday next.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.  

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.  

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and to discontinue the Incumbered Estates Court: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day three months; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Orders of the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster, July 1855.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodie presented a Bill to provide for the Vaccination of the People in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day three months; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Bill, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23d day of February last, for a Return showing the Number and Description of Articles of Clothing supplied from this Country by the Government since the 1st day of October 1854, for the Troops serving in the Crimea; by what Department contrived for; the Price of each Article; how supplied, by Public Tender, or otherwise; the Names of the Parties supplying the same, whether completed within the given time or not; if not, whether the usual Fine for non-performance or delay has been levied or not.

return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of June last, for a Return of the Number of Sick Soldiers admitted into the Hospital at Smyrna, from the period of its Establishment to the termination of the last Quarter; with the Number of Deaths in the same Hospital during the same time.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Martis, 17° die Julii;**

Anno 19° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

Committees.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gateshead and Hexham Roads Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ports mouth Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Shrewsbury Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crown Suits Bill; and, Bill, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Bill; and, Bill, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day three months.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill. Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 58, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Clause, No. 59 (Power to Board to appoint architect).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 33: After the word “architect” to leave out the words “or to follow any other occupation.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause; Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 60, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 61, agreed to.

Clause, No. 62 (Power of Metropolitan Board to pay salaries).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 7: After the word “surveyor” to insert the words “who shall be hereafter be appointed.”

Question
Vide Fifty-Bill.

Bridge Bill.

Inverness Merton college Inverness Orders. Standing Insolvency and eery (Ireland.) by the Clerk of the House, Return Public gious Worship Lords to the Places of Religious Worship Regis-

Estate Bill. Merton College

19 VICTORI/E. the General Cause Petition Cases :Of the Number guishing, so far as it may be practicable to do so,
day of August 1850 to the present time ;
ferred to each Master in each year, from the 14th 

of Chancery (Ireland) Regulation Act, 1850, re-
nary of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, of the 

presented, and read ;

Metropolis Local Management Bill; Medical Officers (Navy) ;Medical Profession Bill ; Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill ; Intoxicating Liquors ; of Meetings had before each Master, in pursuance of Summons or Notices, in the year ending the 31st day of December 1854, distinguishing those in the Long and Short Cause Lists, and also dis-
inguishing those generally denominated Receivers' Business from the General Business ; and of the 
Number of Orders made by each Master on Rece-

vership Business:—Of the Number of Cases dis-

guished as Long Causes heard by each Master, in 
the year ending the 31st day of December 1854: 
—Of the Number of Receivers, Sequestrators, 
Guardsian of Minors and Committees of Lunatics, 
at present managing Estates under the authority of 
the Court of Chancery in Ireland, the Business 
whereof is attached to the Office of each Master ; 
and the Number of Receivers' Accounts passed in 
the Office of each Master, in the year ending the 
31st day of December 1854; also, of the Number 
of Meetings before each Master on Receivers' State-
ments within said year:—Return from the Office of 
Receiver Master of the Court of Chancery (Ireland), 
showing the Number of Receivers appointed by him 
over Estates in each year, from the 10th day of Au-
gust 1851 to the date of this Return:—Return from 
the Registrar's Office of said Court of Chancery 
(Ireland), specifying the Number of Reports made 
by each Master in the year ending the 31st day of 
December 1854; distinguishing Reports on Recei-

vership Business from those on General Business :— 
And, a like Return, specifying the Number of Orders 
made by each Master in said Period.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Lon-
day Writ have Power to report the Minutes of the 
Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Walpole reported from the said Select Com-
nitee ; That they had further considered the matters 
to them referred; and directed him to make a Re-
port thereof to the House, together with the Minutes 
of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Spirits 
Return of the Number of Gallons of Foreign and (Scotland.) 
Colonial Spirits cleared for Home Consumption in 
Scotland in each Month of the last Five years ending 
on the 1st day of July 1855, and of the Number of 
Gallons of British Spirits so cleared in each Period 
of Six Weeks during the same time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Adherence of Copies of a Treaty between Ranchemb Rooy, Souba-
dar of Jhansi, and the British Government, conclu-
ded in the year 1817:—And, of all Reports and Correspondence relative to the Annexation of the Territory of Jhansi to the British Territories.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Navy Promotion.

Return of all Promotions in the Navy on Death Va-
cancies on Foreign Stations, stating the Names and 
Services in each previous Rank of every Officer so 
promoted, from the 1st day of January 1851 to the 
present time.

Mr. Horssam presented,—Return to an Order, Towns In-
dicated the 4th day of June last, for a Return showing 
the Towns in Ireland that have elected Town Com-
missioners under the Provisions of the Towns Im-
provement Act of last Session, stating the Number and Qualifications (as required by the Act) of each 
Commissioner, and stating in what instances the 
Lord Chancellor of Ireland has appointed the Chair-
man of each Commission under this Act, and in what 
instances, if any, he has appointed a Commissioner, not being Chairman; and in 
what instances he has not appointed any Com-
missioner a Justice of the Peace for the Town as 
authorized by the Act.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of his Majesty's Naval Officers, acquainting the House, That Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, and the Sultan, for the honour of Peace, had signed an Agreement at London, June 27, 1855, for a Convention between Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, and the Sultan, respecting the mutual rights of each other, and of the other Powers, which have signed the Convention, to the establishment of a constant intercourse, and a friendly intercourse, between their respective Subjects in the territories of each other, and for the suppression of such secret and clandestine commerce, as that of the opium, or of any other prohibited article, as may be agreed upon, to which Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, and the Sultan, had agreed, and were to be made by the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, and the Committee of the House of Lords, to be appointed for the purpose, which had been appointed for the purpose, and to be laid before the House, and to be laid before the Lords, and to be laid before the House, and to be reported to the House.

Ordered, That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the South Staffordshire and Worcestershire Branches Bill, with Amendments.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return to the Names of all Parishes in the United Kingdom, and the Amount of Duty paid, for the years ending the 30th day of June 1853, and 1854, and 1855.}

Ordered, That the Question be now put:—And a Debate arising thereon; and the House having continued to sit till after Ten of the clock on Wednesday morning; the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Return to the Names of all Parishes in the United Kingdom, and the Amount of Duty paid, for the years ending the 30th day of June 1853, and 1854, and 1855, be laid before this House; and the Question was put, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and ordered, That the said Motion do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Divorce Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Jane Remington Hadow, daughter, merchant, with Jane Menzies his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Edward Jones with Divorce Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Question was proposed, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also, The Lords have agreed to the Divorce Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Edward Jones with Divorce Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and ordered, That the said Motion do lie upon the Table.

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A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also, The Lords have agreed to the Divorce Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Edward Jones with Divorce Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also, The Lords have agreed to the Divorce Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Edward Jones with Divorce Bill.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give effect to a Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts, 1848 and 1849, so far as they relate to Ireland: And that Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, and Mr. Horsman do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee, for the purpose of considering the Acts for the Endowment of the College of Maynooth, with a view to the withdrawal of any Endowment out of the Consolidated Fund, due regard being had to vested rights or interests; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "considering" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "all grants or endowments for ecclesiastical purposes, whether charged on the Consolidated Fund or annually voted by Parliament, with a view to the withdrawal, due regard being had to vested rights or interests," instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "by and with the sanction and authority of the judges or justices of the peace within whose jurisdiction such seizure shall have been made.

And the Question being put, That those words may either "stand part of the Bill: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 18, by leaving out the words "may either," and inserting the word "shall" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "may either" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trinity College (Dublin) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House divided.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by leaving out the word "jurisdiction," and inserting the word "district instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "district" stand part of the Bill:—It was passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 18, by leaving out the words "may either," and inserting the word "shall" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words may either stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trinity College (Dublin) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relating to Customs, supplying Duties of Customs, might be read; and the same being read:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts.

Hobson's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and Hobson's Divorce Bill ordered to be read a second time.

Jones's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and Jones's Divorce Bill ordered to be read a second time.

Sumner's Divorce Bill was read the first time; Sumner's Divorce Bill ordered to be read a second time.

The Incumbered Estates (Ireland) Acts Continuance Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Convention with United States Bill. Bill 255.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to give effect to a Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Nuisances Removal, &c. (Ireland) Bill. Bill 256.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts, 1848 and 1849, so far as they relate to Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Barrack Accommodation.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant July, for Copy of the Report from an Official Committee on Barrack Accommodation for the Army, with the Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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**Mercurii, 18° die Julii ;**

Anno 19° Victoriae Regine, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Committees.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

East of Fife Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the East of Fife Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Great Northern London Cemetery Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Earl of Abercawney's Estate Bill.

The Earl of Abercawney's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Erving's Divorce Bill.

Erving's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for the Bill; and also that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill, if the Parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel or produce Witnesses.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before their Lordships in the case of the said Bill: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Saint John's College (Oxford) Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Marshall's Charity Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Inverness Bridge Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Standing Orders into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders Revision; and the same was again read.

Standing Order No. 8, was read, and repealed.

8. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee on every opposed Private Bill (not being a Railway, Canal or Divorce Bill), or Group of Bills, shall be composed of a Chairman and Four Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills in progress, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. William Heathcoat,

Yea, [Mr. Sotheron:

No, [Mr. Spooner,

No, [Mr. Brotherston:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Standing Order No. 15, was read, and repealed.

13. Resolved, In cases of Bills included in the Second Class, and of Bills of the First Class, in respect to which Plans are required to be deposited, such Notices shall also contain a description of all the Termini, together with the Names of the Parishes, Townships, Townlands and Extra-parochial places from, in, through, or into which the Work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, and shall state the time and place of deposit of the Plans, Sections, Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively, with the Clerks of the Peace, Sheriff Clerks, Parish Clerks, Schoolmasters, Session Clerks, Town Clerks and Clerks of Unions, as the case may be. (See Nos. 28, 34 and 35.)

Standing Order No. 55, was read, and repealed.

30. Resolved, If any alteration be intended in the water level of any canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any turnpike-road, public carriage-road or Railway, which will be crossed by the line of Railway, then the same shall be stated on the said Section, and each alteration shall be numbered; and Cross Sections, in reference to the said numbers, on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 40 feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such Canal, Road or Railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered; and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of such Road or Railway shall also be marked in figures thereon; and where any public carriage-road is crossed on the level, and the level of such road remains unaltered, a Cross Section of such road shall also be added; and all such Cross Sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the Railway. (See Fig. 4.)

Standing Order No. 90, was read, and repealed.

90. Resolved, The Committee of Selection shall refer every opposed Private Bill which shall have been referred to them, or any Group of such Bills, to a Chairman and Four Members, not locally or otherwise interested therein.

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Standing Order No. 96, was read, and repealed.

96. Resolved, The Committee of Selection shall, subject to the order in regard to the interval between the Second Reading of every Private Bill and the Sitting of the Committee thereupon, fix the time for holding the First Sitting of every Committee on a Private Bill which shall have been referred either to the said Committee, or the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills.

Standing Order No. 98, was read, and repealed.

98. Resolved, Each Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, shall, before he be entitled to attend and vote on such Committee, sign the following Declaration:

I do hereby declare, That my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no personal interest, in such Bill; and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the evidence relating thereto.

And no such Committee shall proceed to business until the said Declaration shall have been so signed by each of such Members.

Standing Order No. 99, was read, and repealed.

99. Resolved, Committees shall be allowed to proceed if Three of the Five Members shall be present, but not with a less number, unless by special leave of the House.

Standing Order No. 100, was read, and repealed.

100. Resolved, So soon after the expiration of Ten Minutes after the time appointed for the First Sitting of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill, not being a Railway or Canal Bill, as there shall be present at least Three of the Five Members appointed to serve on such Committee, provided that all the said Five Members shall have duly signed and delivered in the Declaration as hereinbefore provided, the Chairman shall proceed to take the Chair of the Committee.

Standing Order No. 101, was read, and repealed.

101. Resolved, No Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in the case of sickness, or by order of the House.

Standing Order No. 102, was read, and repealed.

102. Resolved, If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, the Member next in rotation on the List of Members who shall be present shall act as Chairman.

Standing Order No. 108, was read, and repealed.

108. Resolved, The Committee on each Group of Bills shall take the Bill or Bills first into consideration which shall have been named by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills (see No. 88); and the Committee shall, from time to time, appoint the day on which they will enter upon the consideration of each of the remaining Bills, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposes the same to enter appearances; and Two clear Days' notice, at the least, of such appointment, shall be sent by the Clerk attending the Committee to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Committee shall postpone the consideration of any Bill, the like notice shall be given of the day to which the same is postponed.

Standing Order No. 109, was read, and repealed.

109. Resolved, Every Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall report specially to the House the cause of any Adjournment over any day on which the House shall sit.

Standing Order No. 117, was read, and repealed.

117. Resolved, No Member added in respect of local representation to a Committee on any unopposed Private Bill shall have a vote on any question that may arise, but every such Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

Standing Order No. 122, was read, and repealed.

122. Resolved, Where the level of any road shall be altered in making any Railway, the ascent of any Turnpike-road, or of any Road in Ireland, so far as defined in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not be more than One foot in 20 feet, and of any other public carriage-road not more than One foot in 20 feet, unless a Report thereupon from some other Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and examining such Officer, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend steeper ascents, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded: Also, a good and sufficient fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every Bridge which shall be erected.

Standing Order No. 133, was read, and repealed.

133. Resolved, No Railway wherein carriages are propelled by steam, or by atmospheric agency, or drawn by ropes in connection with a stationary steam-engine, shall be made across any turnpike-road, any other public carriage-way on the level, unless a Report thereupon from some other Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and examining such Officer, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend steeper ascents, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded; and in every clause authorizing a level crossing, the number of lines of rails authorized to be made at such crossing shall be specified.

Paragraph 7, of Standing Order No. 139, was read, and repealed.

7. Resolved, Whether any Report from the Board of Trade in regard to the Bill, or the objects thereby proposed to be authorized, has been referred by the House to the Committee, and if so, whether any and what recommendations contained in such Report have been adopted by the Committee, and whether any and what recommendations contained in such Report have been rejected.

Standing Order No. 136, was read, and repealed.

136. Resolved, It shall be an Instruction to the Committee on every Railway Bill providing for the construction of any new Railway, or for the extension of time for the completion of any Railway, in case they shall find the Preamble thereto to be inadmissible.
proved, to insert in the Bill one or other of the provisions following, that is to say—

In every Railway Bill promoted by an existing Railway Company, being possessed of a Railway already opened for public traffic, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, a Clause to provide that after the expiration of a period to be limited by such Bill, not exceeding five years from the passing of the Act, in the case of a new line, and three years in case of the extension of time for completing any line, the payment of any dividend on the ordinary and unguaranteed capital of such Company shall be suspended until such line shall have been completed and opened for public traffic.

In every Railway Bill promoted by an existing Railway Company, not being possessed of a Railway already opened for public traffic, or by persons not already incorporated, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway is authorized, a Clause to the following effect, viz.—

Whereas, pursuant to the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, and to an Act of the ninth and twentieth years of Her present Majesty, c. 20, a sum of £100,000, being one-tenth part of the amount required to be subscribed in respect of the Railway authorized by this Act, has been deposited by the Court of Exchequer in England or with the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, or the Court of Chancery in Ireland, as the case may be, [or Exchequer Bills, Stocks or Funds to the amount of £100,000], has been deposited or transferred pursuant to the said Act, as the case may be, in respect of the application to Parliament for this Act: Be it enacted, That, notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, the said sum of £100,000, [or the said Exchequer Bills or other Funds, as the case may be] so deposited [or transferred] as aforesaid, in respect of the application for this Act, or the interest or dividends of such sum of money [Exchequer Bills, Stocks or Funds], shall not, except upon the execution and deposit of such bond as hereinafter mentioned, be paid or transferred to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons named in the warrant or order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the survivors or survivor of them, unless the said Company shall, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for completion of the Railway hereby authorized to be made, either open the said Railway for the public conveyance of passengers, or prove to the satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee that such proof has been given by, the Solicitor to the Lords Commissioners, that such bond has been executed and deposited as aforesaid. And the certificate of the said Solicitor to the said Lords Commissioners shall be sufficient evidence of the facts so certified.

In any Railway Bill to which the preceding provisions are not applicable, the Committee shall upon such other provision as they shall deem necessary for ensuring the completion of the Line of Railway.

162 A. Resolved, All Private Bills which have been ordered to be brought in shall be presented to the House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and shall be laid, by one of the Clerks of that Office, on the Table of the House for First Reading, together with a list of such Bills.

Standing Order No. 164, was read, and repealed.

164. Resolved, No Petition for additional Provisions in any Private Bill will be received by this House unless a printed copy of the proposed Clauses be annexed thereto.

Standing Order No. 168, was read, and repealed.

168. Resolved, Every Private Bill, printed on paper of a size to be determined upon by Mr. Speaker, shall be presented to the House, with a cover of parchment attached to it, upon which the Title of the Bill is to be written; and the short Title of the Bill, as first entered on the Votes, shall correspond with that at the head of the Advertisement.

Standing Order No. 174, was read, and repealed.

174. Resolved, In cases where the Second or Third Reading of a Private Bill, or the consideration of a Bill as amended by the Committee, or any proposed Clause or Amendment, is opposed, the subject shall be postponed until the day on which the House shall next sit.

Standing Order No. 179, was read, and repealed.

179. Resolved, In the case of Railway Bills, if any Report made under the authority of the Board of Trade upon any Bill, or the objections thereto, be laid before the House, such Report shall be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Standing Order No. 180, was read, and repealed.

180. Resolved, The Report upon every Private Bill shall lie upon the Table; and the Bill, if amended
is sent to the Lords, be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office with the Bill, as read a Third time; and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be Standing Orders of this House.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House be printed.

Petitions relating to Marriage Law Amendment Public Bill:—Magnaexo College Act:—Accidents on Rail. ways Bill:—Bleaching, &c. Works Bill:—Intoxo vide Pity- cating Liquors:—Medical Profession Bill:—Postal sixth Report. Communication (Rats, &c.) Public-houses (Scott- land) Act:—Tories' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:—and, War with Russia, were pre- sented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Powers vested in Companies for the Improvement of Land, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chan- chernery (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Barrack Ac- Accommodation, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Episcopal and Capitolar Estates Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ire- land) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question—

A Member was sworn.

A Member takes the Oaths.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the [Sir William Somerville, Yea.], [Mr. Hamilton;]
Tellers for the [Mr. M'Mahon, Noes.], [Colonel Greville;]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N°1 (Recovery of possession: Summary Jurisdiction Act to apply to dwellings, with or without small piece of land, held by agreement in writing).

An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5: After the word “month” to insert the words “or at the will of the parties.” Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Union of contiguous Benefices Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable Trusts Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Slave Trade Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker reported the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Compensation Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Powers under Improvements Acts Regulation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker reported the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Powers under Improvements Acts Regulation Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration.

The Crown Suits Bill was, according to Order, Crown Suits Bill read the third time; and Amendments were made Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Excise Duties Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
**Buildings Bill**

Metropolitan Buildings Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Criminal Committee, To-morrow, on the Criminal Justice Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Public-houses for the Transfer of Licenses of Public-houses in *Ire.* (Ireland.)

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A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Bill of authorizing an Advance out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, towards defraying the expense of erecting a Bridge over the River Ness at Inverness;

Sir Benjamin Hall, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the Transfer of Public-houses Licences of Public-houses in *Ire.* (Ireland.)

And the same (Ireland.) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

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**PRAYERS.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration Barrow Harbour Bill; the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barrow Harbour Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barrow and Liverpool Docks (Trust Property of Birkenhead Dock Trustees, &c.) Bill.

The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment to Clause 25 was to make clear the intention of this House with regard to the payment of the Bonds and Interest therein mentioned out of the Borough Fund, as provided by the 34th Clause of the Bill), were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ireland Improved Communication Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Farnes Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Liverpool Docks Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Inverness Bridge Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to Mr. Wilson, the Lord Advocate, Sir William Mochan, Mr. Henry Baillie, Mr. Alexander Matheson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hayter, Mr. Brotherston, and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.

Marshall's Charity Bill.

Marshall's Charity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Edinburgh Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Edinburgh Lands Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Public Petitions.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill;—Reverend C. C. Lyneart.—Maynooth College Act;—Sunday Trading (Metropolis) Bill;—Excise Duties Bill;—Accidents on Railways Bill;—Bleaching &c. Works Bill;—Education (Scotland) Bill;—Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill;—Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill;—Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill;—Dr. Edward Pithon;—Poor Law;—Public houses (Scotland) Act;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Sale of Beer Act (1854), were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Act.

East India (Selections from Records of Government.)

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for a Return of all Documents published by the Government of India, under the Title "Selections from the Records of Government," in a Tabular Form, as follows:

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Sir Benjamin Hall presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee for Scientific Inquiries of the Medical Council of the General Board of Health, in relation to the Cholera Epidemic of 1854; with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Volunteers given to the Line by each Militia Regiment in Ireland, up to the 30th day of June 1855; also of the Regiments who have given no Men to the Line; stating in each case the Effective Strength of the several Regiments, the Quota of Militiamen that ought to be furnished by each County, and the Number of Volunteers each Corps ought to have furnished.

Mr. Bowser presented,—Return to an Order, Railways, dated the 30th day of January last, That the Return ordered on the 8th day of May last, of all Sums of Money expended or then due by the several Railway Companies, Proprietors or Shareholders in the United Kingdom, in obtaining Acts of Parliament for establishing such Companies and their Undertakings, or subsequent thereto, and for Branches and Additions, or for purchasing other Railways, or amalgamating with Railways or Canal Companies, or otherwise howsoever; and all Costs, Charges and Expenses incurred and occasioned by any Actions, Suits and other Proceedings at Law or in Equity, by the said Companies, Proprietors and Shareholders, and particularly including in such Sums, Costs, Charges and Expenses, all Legal Charges and Engineering Expenses of any kind; and showing what proportion of the said Sums, Costs, Charges and Expenses has been paid and borne out of Capital, and what part has to be paid and borne out of the Profits of the said Companies respectively, be made forthwith by the Railway Companies who have not already complied with that Order.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Army the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon (Crime) the 17th day of this instant July, That the Question which was then proposed, "That this House, deeply lamenting the sufferings of our Army during the Winter Campaign in the Crimea, and coinciding with the Resolution of their Committee, that the conduct of the Administration was the first and chief cause of the Calamities which befell that Army, do hereby visit with severe reprehension every Member of that Cabinet whose Counsels led to such disastrous results," be now put:

And the Previous Question being again proposed, That that Question be now put:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Army Act Bill; and also, The Lords have agreed to the Mid Kent and Mid Kent and North Kent Railway Bill, without any Amendment; And also, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made Cromarty by this House to the Cromarty Estate Bill, without any Amendment: And also, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made Friendly by this House to the Amendments made by their Societies Bill, Lordships to the Friendly Societies Bill, without any Amendment: And also, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made London by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the London Necropolis and National Necropolis Mausoleum Bill, without any Amendment: And also, Bill, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made London by this House to the Amendment made by their Road Bill, Lordships to the Houston Road Bill, without any Amendment: And also, The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made Railway Bill, the
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5. That it is expedient to consolidate the various Acts now in force imposing Duties of Customs on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United Kingdom, so far as they relate to such Duties.

6. That it is expedient to consolidate certain Acts relating to the Customs, and otherwise to amend the Laws of the Customs.

The first and second Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The third Resolution, being read a second time; An Amendment was made thereunto, by leaving out "11 d." in that part of the Resolution relating to Copyright, "or at the option of the Importer, single," and inserting "11 d." instead thereof.

And the said Resolution, so amended, was agreed to, as follows: —

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Then the subsequent Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. FitzRoy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring them in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inverness Bridge [Advance.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to advance, by way of Loan, to the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges, the sum of £3,600, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, towards defraying the expense of erecting a Bridge over the River Ness at Inverness.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Convention with the United States Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Public-houses (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Excise Duties Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Slave Trade reading of the Slave Trade (Sherbro) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Powers of Improvements Acts Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill,

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order for taking into consideration this day, Nuisances at Twelve o'clock, the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order for reading the third time this day, at Metropolis Local Management Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Convention, at Twelve o'clock, on the Passenger Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read, and discharged.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee this day, at Twelve o'clock, on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Persons confined for Debt of Contempt of Court in the United Kingdom; stating the Length of Time of Imprisonment, distinguishing those detained for an indefinite from those confined for a fixed Period; specifying the Amount of Debt in each case, and, where practicable, the Amount of Costs; also the Age of each Prisoner, and whether transferred from other Prisons; and, where practicable, the Terms of Confinement in them, and what are the chief impediments to an early release.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of all Persons appointed to Situations as Clerks, Officers or otherwise, under the authority of the Incumbered Estates Court; together with the Date of their Appointment to the present time:—And, of the Names of all Officers, Clerks and other Persons now holding Situations in the Incumbered Estates Court; together with the Date of their Appointments, and the Amount of the Annual Salaries now payable to them respectively.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to consolidate certain Acts, and otherwise amend the Laws of the Customs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the Amendment and Consolidation of the Customs Tariff Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, Copy of Minute, dated 14th July 1855, by the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council on Education, respecting the extension of the Minute of 2 April 1853 to Urban as well as Rural Districts. Copy of Minute, dated 14 July 1855, by the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council on Education, respecting certain Modifications in the mode of Payment of Queen’s Scholars, with Explanatory Letter thereon to the Principals of Training Schools under Inspection.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peel presented, Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2d day of March last, for a Return of the Number of Yeomanry Corps in Great Britain, the Names of the Regiments or Troops, the Number of Officers, the Number of Non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging to each Regiment or Troop; together with the Number of Times they have severally been called out in aid of the Civil Service, either by Regiments, Vol. 110.

Detachments or Troops, since they were respectively embodied; together with the Date of their Embodiment.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Act have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time to the House.

Mr. Cobett reported from the Select Committee; That they had taken Evidence on the matters referred, and had agreed to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—To return to an Order, dated the 24th day of May last, for a Return of the Number of Widows of Master Gunners, Boatowners and Carpenters, for the years 1840 to 1854, in receipt of Annuities, distinguishing the Amount paid to each Class, and in each year; showing also the Aggregate of the Fifteen years.

Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of June last, for a Return of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Collection of Income Tax in the City of London, during the year ending the 5th day of April 1855; the Amount of Salaries or other Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be now ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are occupied in other Duties, or are in Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant July, for Copy of any Minutes of the Treasury by which the Retired Allowances enumerated in Return No. 320 of this Session were granted, and of the Correspondence relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Slave Trade (Sherbro), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Education, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Yeomancy Corps, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into Local Charges upon Shipping in the Ports of the United Kingdom and Islands of James Janeway, Sack and Men; together with the Appendices and Index:—Scotland, the Channel Islands, &c.

Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of June last, for Returns of all Sums received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, since the year 1852, arising from the Suspended Canonsries, Charged Deaneries and Canons' Separate Estates, Accounting Canons, and any other Source, within the Diocese of Durham; stating the Amount so received in each year, together with the Sums expended by the Commissioners within the same Period in aid of the University, in augmentation of Benefices, Vicarages or Perpetual Curacies, or in the Endowment of New Parishies and Districts situated within the said Diocese (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 446, of Session 1853);—And, of all Sums received from the Bishop of Durham on account of the Malbyy Fund, and of the Amount appropriated within the Diocese of Durham, and the Balance now available.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Assizes and Sessions Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Petitions relating to Accidents on Railways Bill; Public—Grain—Intoxicating Liquors;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Medical Profession Bill;—Metropolis Police Bill;—Local Management Bill;—and, Public-houses (Scotland) Act,—were presented, and read; and ordered forth, to lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Sale of Beer Act (1854),—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Act.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dividends of all Correspondence in 1854, between the (Public Stocks.) Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, as to the provision made for the Payment of the Dividends on the Public Stocks.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Private Bills Return showing the Total Amounts proposed to be raised by way of (1) of Capital, (2) of Loan, under the Provisions of the Private Bills introduced into the House of Commons in the years 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855, respectively.—And, of the Amounts proposed to be so raised by such of the said Bills as have become Acts in each of the said years respectively.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Arctic Expedition have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Mackinnon reported from the Select Committee; That, having examined some of the most distinguished explorers of the Arctic Regions, including those who were ordered to relieve or ascertain the fate of the lamented Sir John Franklin; having also had before them the Evidence of others well acquainted with the Polar Seas, and also the Report and Evidence of Captain Mc'Clure and others, they had considered the other matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Viscount Palmerston presented,—Return to an Order, No. 409.

Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of March last, for a Return of the Names of all the Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls and Consular Agents, at present in Her Majesty's Service, stating their Salaries (when any), the Amount of their Fees in the years 1851, 1852 and 1853, the Date of their Appointments, and the Countries or Districts to which they are appointed, distinguishing those who are foreigners.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Haversstone Copies of Memorial of Mr. Fosbrooke and Mr. Tatlock to the Charity Commissioners respecting Haversstone Hospital;—Of Application by the said Trustees of the Charity for the Advice of the Charity Commissioners.—Of Opinion given to the Trustees by the Commissioners;—And, of Letter addressed to the Solicitor of Mr. Fosbrooke, stating the decision of the Board on his Memorial, and the Reasons on which it was founded.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Report of the Supplementary Estimate of Her Majesty's Navy for the year 1855-56.

Supplementary Estimate for the Transport Service, Transport for the year 1855-56.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Slave Trade (Sherbro), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.
The Metropolis Local Management Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No person appointed, by virtue of this Act, to the office of Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, shall, during the continuance of such appointment, be capable of being elected or sitting as a Member of the House of Commons)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time. A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time.—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn. A Clause (Vestry or District Board may order a contribution towards construction of Sewers in certain cases), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Provision for joint action of Vestries and elections out of Vestries under Local Acts), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Vestries and District Boards to be the local authorities to execute the Nuisances Removal Act), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Or may place a Street in different parishes under the management of one Vestry, or part of a parish under the management of Vestry of adjoining parish), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Saving of the rights of the Commissioners of Works), was thrice read; and added to the Bill. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 7, by leaving out from the word "Three" to the word "the", in l. 26. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 26, by leaving out the word "any," and inserting the word "every," instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the word "any" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 26, by leaving out from the word "parish" to the word "shall," in l. 29. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "safesaid," the words "in the case of expenditure on works of seaverage." And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turkish Loan.

(Motion made, and Question put. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Her Majesty be authorized to guarantee the payment of the Interest on the Loan of Five millions sterling, to be contracted for by her Imperial Majesty the Sultan, in pursuance of the Convention signed at London on the 27th day of June 1855, between Her Majesty, his Majesty the Emperor of the French, and his Imperial Majesty the Sultan, and that provision be made out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, for the issue of such sums of money, from time to time, as may be required to pay any Interest which may at any time be required to fulfill the guarantee of Her Majesty in respect of such Interest, conformably to the tenor of Her Majesty's engagement as specified in the said Convention, together with the attending charges of management thereon:—The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Hatzer, Yes, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley: ]135. Tellers for the [Mr. Ricardos, Noes, [Mr. Long: ] Resolution to be reported. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill, without any Amendment:—And also, The Lords have agreed to Lady Raglan's and Lord Raglan's Annuities Bill, without any Amendment:—And also, The Lords have agreed to the Airdrick Rural District Police Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, The Lords have agreed to the Sugar Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, The Lords have agreed to the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, The Lords communicae this House, a Copy of the Evidence, Proceedings of the Judges in the Supreme Court of France Bill, Judicature at Fort William, in Bengal, on Ewing's Titles prohibited by law were allowed to be ascribed to Roman Catholic Bishops; and also why, under what circumstances, some of the witnesses were permitted to make alternations in the evidence which they had given before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the circumstances under which, in the Evidence College, taken before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Management and Government of the College of Maynooth, and reported to Parliament, Titles prohibited by law were allowed to be ascribed to Roman Catholic Bishops; and also why, and under what circumstances, some of the witnesses were permitted to make alternations in the evidence which they had given before the Commissioners, and also to inquire into the facts and circumstances connected with the alleged communication to Dr. Cullen of a portion of the evidence, and the use which he made of the information so received, and as to the person by whom the evidence was so furnished, and as to the delay which took place in laying the Report of the Commissioners before the Houses of Parliament, instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoare, Yea,
Mr. Grenville Berkeley: ] 76.
Tellers for the [Mr. Spooner, Noes,
Mr. White: ] 97.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances under which, in the Evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Management and Government of the College of Maynooth, and reported to Parliament, Titles prohibited by law were allowed to be ascribed to Roman Catholic Bishops; and also to inquire into the facts and circumstances connected with the alleged communication to Dr. Cullen of a portion of the evidence, and the use which he made of the information so received, and as to the person by whom the evidence was so furnished, and as to the delay which took place in laying the Report of the Commissioners before the Houses of Parliament," be added at the end of the Question:—

It was negatived in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances under which, in the Evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Management and Government of the College of Maynooth, and reported to Parliament, Titles prohibited by law were allowed to be ascribed to Roman Catholic Bishops; and also to inquire into the facts and circumstances connected with the alleged communication to Dr. Cullen of a portion of the evidence, and the use which he made of the information so received, and as to the person by whom the evidence was so furnished, and as to the delay which took place in laying the Report of the Commissioners before the Houses of Parliament.

Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Charitable Trusts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Edinburgh Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into Consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into Consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Ordnance Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Court of Judicature (Prince of Wales Island, Court of &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Provisions of Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 197, sections 193, 196, and 197, to apply to Bonds and Securities relating to the Inland Revenue), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to reduce certain Duties payable on Stage Carriages, and to amend the Laws relating to Stamp Duties, and to Bonds and Securities to the Inland Revenue.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Stage Carriages, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Provisions of Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 107, to apply to Stage Carriages, &c.) was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Ordnance Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Convention with the United States Bill was, Convention according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Weights and Measures Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Cairns, 56.
Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Brady, 10.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on the Office of Speaker.

Resolved, That whenever the House shall be informed by the Clerk at the Table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means do perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker in relation to all proceedings of this House, as Deputy Speaker, until the next meeting of the House, and so on from day to day, on the like information being given to the House, until the House shall otherwise order; provided that if the House shall adjourn for more than twenty-four hours, the Deputy Speaker shall continue to perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker for twenty-four hours only after such adjournment.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be a Standing Order of this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons: And that Mr. Walpole, Mr. Dierdell and Sir William Heathcote do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Inverness Bridge [Advance], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury be authorized to advance, by way of Loan, to the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges, the sum of £3,000 out of the Consolidated Fund of the 'Unfinished' Partibus and (Advance) towards defraying the expense of erecting a Bridge over the River Nairn at Inverness.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Slave Trade (Sherbro) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Places of Religious Worship Registration Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Period for which Her Majesty may grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to Joint Stock Banks in Scotland, existing before the Act of 1846: And that Mr. Horne and Mr. Dierdell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make a Loan on island of Tobago.

Arrangements concerning a certain Loan advanced by way of Relief to the Island of Tobago: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Joint Stock Companies to extend the Period for which Her Majesty may grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to Joint Stock Companies in Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Mr. Mosses’s Minute, with Colonel Wilson’s Remarks upon it, dated the 30th day of January 1855, and Captain Boxer’s Memorandum on Colonel Wilson’s Remarks, dated the 9th day of February 1855.

Mr. Walpole presented a Bill to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Mr. Horsman presented a Bill to continue certain Acts for regulating Turnpike-roads in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to extend the Period for which Her Majesty may grant Letters Patent of Incorporation to Joint Stock Banks in Scotland, existing before the Act of 1846: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make Arrangements concerning a certain Loan advanced by way of Relief to the Island of Tobago: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Torquay District Churches Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the House of Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Somerset Central Railway Bill. The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment to Clause 59 was to make the said Clause conformable to Clause 55), were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Tobago Loan Bill.
Bill 265.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill; and also, that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill, if the Parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel or produce Witnesses.

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ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

ORDERED, That the Bill be read a second time.

ORDERED, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Ledbury Prebend Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of the Treasury to make Arrangements for regulating Orders are applicable.

ORDERED, That the Committee on Saint John's College (Oxford) Bill have leave to sit and proceed forthwith on Prebend Bill.

ORDERED, That the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith on the Ledbury Prebend Bill.

The Merton College Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

ORDERED, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

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Public Petitions.

Vide Fifty-seventh Report.

Petitions relating to the Ballot.—Cambridge University Bill.—Marriage Law Amendment Bill.—Maynooth College Act.—Assessed Taxes.—Accidents on Railways Bill.—Blaeking, &c. Works Bill.—Brighton Prison—Criminal Justice Bill.—Irish Arbitration.—Civil Medical Profession Bill.—Poor Law (Ireland).—Railways.—Secretary of State for Scotland.—Smith's Collection of Antiquities.—and, Victoria Park.—were presented, and read, and ordered to be upon the Table.

Petitions relating to the Sale of Beer Act (1854).—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Act.

Poor Law, &c. Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law, &c. (Ireland), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Consuls, &c. Ordered, That the Return relative to Consulate, &c., which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Civil Bills, &c. The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of June last, for Returns of the Amount paid from the Consolidated Fund to the Assistant Barristers in Ireland, and to the Chairman of Kilmainham, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1851.—Of the Amount paid from the Consolidated Fund to the Assistant Barristers in Ireland, and to the Chairman of Kilmainham, and to the Recorders of Dublin and Cork, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1854.—Of the Amount paid in Salaries, and of the Allowances for travelling Expenses, to the two Judges of the Insolvent Court in Ireland, for the year ending the 5th day of January 1851.—Of the Amount paid to the sole Judge of the Insolvent Court, for the year ending the 5th day of January, 1854 and 1855; viz:—Stamped original Civil Bill Epitome Forms; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Forms for Redemption; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Forms in Replevin; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped original Civil Bill Process Forms, for the recovery of any Legacy or distributive share of Assets; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped (other than the above) original Civil Bill Process Forms; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped Notices of Renewal Forms; Stamped Copies of the same; Stamped Recognition Forms of Appeal.—The above Returns to specify the Amount of Stamped Paper sold upon each Form of Process or Proceeding; also the Amount upon each class of Copies and upon Recognition of Appeal; and also the Gross Amount of Stamp Duties received in each of the said years in respect of Civil Bill Proceedings.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of June last, for a Copy of all Memorials and Applications addressed to the Postmaster General by the Town Commissioners or People of the Borough of Ennis and its vicinity, within Six Months last past, in relation to the Establishment of a Day Mail to Ennis, and of the Answers of the Post-office Authorities, and of all Correspondence that ensued thereon; of any Estimate or Accounts of the Expense to be caused thereby, and of any Proposal made to the Post-office Authorities in relation thereto.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of June last, for Copies of Instructions from the Board of Works to Mr. Rendel in 1853, to report on the Packet Pier in course of Execution in Kingstown Harbour, and of Mr. Rendel's Report thereon, with the accompanying Plan; and of any other subsequent Reports or Correspondence relating to the Improvement of Kingstown Harbour, with the accompanying Plans.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this Ravenstone Hospital, &c. to the Charity Commissioners respecting Ravenstone Hospital.—Of Application by the acting Trustees of the Charity for the Advice of the Charity Commissioners.—Of Opinion given to the Trustees by the Commissioners:—And, of Letter addressed to the Solicitor of Mr. Fosbrooke, stating the Decision of the Board on his Memorial, and the Reasons on which it was founded.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of Colonial several Acts of Parliament, were also laid on the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Fiftieth Report of the Commissioners for making and maintaining the Caledonian Canal.

Resolutions of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, being the Warrants or Instruments granting any Salary or Gratuity.

Resolutions of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, being the Warrants or Instruments granting any Pension.

Copy of Act of Sederunt, extending the ensuing Winter Session of the Court of Session.

The Nuisances Removal Amendment Bill was, Nuisances according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause (Saving rights of mill-owners, &c.), was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "canal," the words "the provisions of this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to mines of different descriptions, so as to interfere with or obstruct the efficient working of the same, or to the smelting of ores and minerals, or to the manufacturing of the produce of such ores and minerals;" And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Smith Child, | 35.

Yea, [Mr. Kenward]: | 32.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, | 32.

Noes, [Mr. Greeneville Berkeley]: | 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Metropolitan into a Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill.

Bill. (In the Committee.)

Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

**Clause, No. 14 (Rule for determining the number of passengers to be carried).**

Amendment again proposed, in p. 8, l. 5: To leave out the word "Ten," and insert the word "Twenty."

Question, That the word "Ten" stand part of the Clause — put, and negatived.

**An Amendment made.**

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

**Clauses, No. 15 to No. 26, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.**

**Clause, No. 27 (Boats).**

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 22: After the word "life-boat," to insert the words "or boats in which a sufficient amount of food and water may be conveyed to the passengers of any ship, and the number and description of such life-boat or boats to be carried by each class of ship shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Admiralty, and."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 25: After the words "at sea" to insert the words "and every passenger ship carrying fifty persons and upwards shall be provided with one or more life rafts or buoyant contrivances capable of floating upwards shall be provided with one or more lifeboats," and be determined from time to time by the Board of Admiralty, and."

Question, That those words be there inserted — put, and negatived. 

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

**Clause, No. 28, agreed to.**

**Clauses, No. 30 to No. 32, amended, and agreed to.**

**Clause, No. 33 (Water tanks or casks to be approved by Emigration Officer).**

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 1: After the word "casks" to insert the words "one-third part thereof in content to be iron."

Question, That those words be there inserted — put, and negatived. 

Clause agreed to.

**Clause, No. 34, agreed to.**

**Clause, No. 35 (DIetary scales).**

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2: To leave out from the words "that is to say" to the word "Provisions." 

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause — put, and negatived. 

Amendment proposed, to insert the following words: "if the length of the voyage computed as hereinbefore mentioned shall not exceed eighty-four days for ships propelled by sails only, or fifty days for ships propelled by steam, or steam in aid of sails, then according to the dietary scale marked 'A,' but if the length of the voyage, computed as aforesaid, shall exceed eighty-four days for ships propelled by sails only, or fifty days for ships propelled by steam, or steam in aid of sails, then according to the dietary scale marked 'B.'"

**Provisions.**

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**Substitutions.**

Substitutions at the following rates may, at the option of the master of any passenger ship, be made in the above dietary scales, that is to say —

1 lb. of Preserved Meat for 1 lb. of Salt Pork or Beef.
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1 lb. of Rice for 1 lb. of Oatmeal, or of Peas.
1 lb. of Preserved Potatoes for 1 lb. of Potatoes.
1 oz. of Currants or of Coffee, roasted and ground for 1 oz. of Tea.
1 lb. of Treacle for 1 lb. of Sugar.
1 gill of Mixed Pickles for 1 gill of Vinegar.

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment: After the word "Water" to leave out the word "Three," and insert the word "Four."

Question, That the word "Three" stand part of the proposed Amendment — put, and agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Message by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of Royal Assent, the Black Rod:

**Mr. Speaker,**

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned: and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to settle Annuities on Emily Harriet Lady Lady Raglan's Royalties and Richard Henry Fitzroy Lord Roaylo, and the next surviving Heir Male of his Body, in consideration of the eminent Services of the late Fieht-Marshal Lord Raglan: — An
An Act to facilitate the Inquiries of Commissioners of Endowed Schools in Ireland.

An Act for making and maintaining the Great North Eastern London Cemetery, and for other purposes:

An Act for making Railways from the Farborough Extension of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway to the North Kent Line of the South Eastern Railway, and to the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, with branches therefrom, and for other purposes:

An Act for extending the Limits of the Harbour of Thorne, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, Harbour Bill.

An Act for vesting the Undertakings of the Birkenhead Dock Company, and of the Trustees of the Birkenhead Docks, in the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, and for other purposes:

An Act for improving the Postal and Passenger Communication between England and Ireland, and for authorizing Arrangements between certain Companies in England and Ireland in relation thereto, and for other purposes:

An Act to repeal and consolidate the several Acts relating to the Furness Railway Company ; to enable the Commissioners of the said Harbour to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes:

An Act for making Conveyances in Fee or Demesne, and forother purposes:

An Act for enabling the granting of Mining Leases of Estates subject to the Uses of the Will of Estate Bill.

An Act for the Improvement of the Borough of Liverpool Docks to construct new Works, and to raise a further Docks Bill.

An Act for the improvement and Extension of the South Coast Railway, with Branches therefrom, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Trustees of the Liverpool Liverpool Docks to construct new Works, and to raise a further Docks Bill.

An Act for enabling Leases, Sales, Repairs and Improvements to be made of the Estates of James, the late Joseph Livesey, Esquire, deceased:

An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Henry Newcome Pedder's Law and Pedder, Esquire, deceased, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable Mr. Cooper presented, Return to an Address to Capital to Barrow and Liverpool Property and Treasurers Quarter in the City of London, Demesne, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes.
Turkish Loan. — Commutation of the Permanent Civil Service, — Of any Instructions given for the guidance of such Commission: — And, Return in detail of all Expenses incurred by the Commissioners connected with said Instructions.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Earl of Abercromby’s Estate Bill.

Mr. Fitzroy reported the Earl of Abercromby’s Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Jenkins’ Estate Bill.

Mr. Fitzroy reported Jenkins’ Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Bray’s Estate Bill.

Mr. Fitzroy reported Bray’s Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordnance.

No. 414.

Mr. Mowatt presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, — Ordinance Estimates, for the year 1855–56:

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Inverness Bridge Bill.

Mr. Brocket reported from the Select Committee on the Inverness Bridge Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Twelve o’clock.

Metropolitan Communications.

No. 415.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Metropolitan Communications have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Jackson reported from the said Select Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Marylebone Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Marylebone, in the room of the Right honourable Sir Benjamin Hall, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Chief Commissioner of Works.

Annnexation of Karooly.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Despatch of the Governor General of Indie in Council, and Minutes of the Members of Council, respecting the annexation of Karooly: — And, of Despatch of the Court of Directors in reply thereto.

Torture (Madras.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Commission for the investigation of alleged cases of Torture at Madras.

Mr. Vernon Smith accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Turkish Loan.

Mr. Fitzroy reported from the Committee on the Turkish Loan, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Her Majesty be authorized to guarantee the payment of the Interest on the Loan of Five millions sterling, to be contracted for by his Imperial Majesty the Sultan, in pursuance of the Convention signed at London on the 27th day of June 1855, between Her Majesty, his Majesty the Emperor of the French, and his Imperial Majesty the Sultan, and that the same may be made out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, for the issue of such sums of money from time to time as may be required to pay any Interest which may at any time be required to fulfil the guarantee of Her Majesty in respect of such Interest, conformably to the tenor of Her Majesty’s engagement as specified in the said Convention, together with the attending charges of management thereof.

And so the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Fitzroy, Viscount Palmerston and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from sage had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Dwelling-houses for facilitating the erection of Dwelling-houses for Labouring Classes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also

The Lords request, That this House will be pleased, to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, on the Dwelling-street Public Offices Extension Bill; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, and the Appendix thereto:

And also, The Lords communicate to this House, a Copy Sumner’s Divorce Bill, reading of Sumner’s Divorce Bill: And also,

The Lords communicate to this House, the Pre-Hawo’s readings of Sumner’s Divorce Bill, in the case of Downey’s Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That a printed Copy of the Report from Downey’s Divorce Bills be communicated to the House, in the case of Hadow’s Divorce Bill (with a desire that the same may be returned).

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, being read a second time, to be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Supreme Court of Judicature of Bombay, on the case of Hadow’s Divorce Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That the said Resolution, being read a second time, to be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply Committee of Supply: — And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the delays in the Incumbered Estates Court of Incumbent Ireland have caused much hardship to the former Estates Court of Ireland, and proprietors of estates sold under that Court, and have to a serious extent disappointed the expectations entertained when it was established of its probable efficiency and usefulness," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question: — The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: —
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Office of Speaker Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cambridge University Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Trinity College (Dublin) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayes]; 76. Tellers for the [Mr. Mitchell]; 15.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Greer]; 76. Tellers for the [Mr. Henley]; 15.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Incumbered Estates (Ireland) Acts Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business, (Court of Chancery) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
the Lords to the Weights and Measures Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant July, That the Absconding Debtors (Ireland) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Slave Trade (Sherbro) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Turnpike Acts Continuance (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Committee do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Airtrie District Police Rural District Police Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave Committees, to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to enable Her Majesty Lus tary to carry into effect a Convention made between Bill. Her Majesty's Majesty the Emperor of the Bill 24186, French, and his Imperial Majesty the Sultan: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, -Annual Accounts from the Chamber of London.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Towns Improvement Act (Ireland), No. 410, was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ballast Heavers, No. 417, was twice read.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Caledonian Canal, No. 418, was twice read.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Capital Punishment (Scotland), No. 419, was twice read.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Torture (Madder), No. 420, was twice read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Incumbered Estates (Ireland) Acts Continuance Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take the Bill into consideration, and the Amendment made by the Tellers for the (Mr. Archibald Hastie; Noes, 

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair.

Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Heygar.

Yes; The Earl of Malmusey:

Tellers for the [Mr. William Brown,

Noes, [Mr. Archibald Hastie :

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tenants' Improvements Act (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Tenants' Improvements Compensation (Ireland) Bill, was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take the Bill into consideration, and the Amendment made by the Tellers for the (Mr. Halter; Noes, 

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Medical Profession Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Sir George Grey reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Youthful Offenders (No. 2) Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, as followeth:

Because it is desirable that the punishment which a Young Offender should undergo on conviction of an offence punishable by Law should be awarded by the sentence of the Court or Magistrate before or by whom such Young Offender is convicted, and should not be contingent on the offer of the Managers of a Reformatory School to take charge of such Young Offender.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Eastern Papers, Part XVI. :—Instructions to Lord John Russell on proceeding to Vienna.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Captains promoted to be Active Rear-Admirals, from the 1st day of January 1850 to the latest Period:—Like Return of Senior Captains placed on the Reserved and Retired Rear-Admirals' and Captains' Lists respectively, from not having served their time Afloat as Captains:—Return of the Number of Active Commanders of Twenty-five years' standing and upwards, in that Rank, stating the Date of the Commission of the Senior one:—Of the Number of Reserved Commanders who had previously held the Rank of Lieutenant Twenty-five years and upwards, stating the Maximum Number of years:—Return of the Number of Active Lieutenants of Twenty years standing and upwards in that Rank, stating the Date of the Commission of the Senior Active Lieutenant:—Like Return of the Reserved Lieutenants:—Returns of the Number of Masters promoted to Rank of Commanders under the Order in Council of June 25, 1851:—Of the Number of Surgeons fit for Service:—Similar Return of Assistant Surgeons:—Returns of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons respectively, retired and unfit for Service at Sea:—Of the Number of Mates, Midshipmen, Volunteers and Cadets, respectively, now in the Navy, and of the Number of Cadets admitted in each of the last Ten years, and from the 1st day of January to the 1st day of July 1855:—And, on the Active Lists of Admirals, Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants, respectively, to state the Number in each Rank on Pay, and the Number in each Rank on Half Pay, on the 1st day of July 1855.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Stoppage of Wages (Hosiery) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Taylor reported from the said Select Committee: That they had considered the matter to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Tobacco, by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of May last, for a Return of the several Seizures made, and of the Proceedings for Breach of the Laws relating to Tobacco, between the 5th day of January 1852 and the 5th day of January 1853; distinguishing those in Great Britain from those in Ireland; specifying the Places where, and the Names of the Persons prosecuted, or from whom the Seizures were made; the Quantities and Kinds of Goods seized; the precise Nature of the Offences charged or for which the Seizures were made; the Results of the Examinations of the Goods by Analysis or otherwise, where seized for Adulteration; whether any and what Judicial Proceedings were taken in each case; the Result of such Proceedings, whether convicted or otherwise; Amount of Fine paid, or Imprisonment suffered; whether the Goods seized were condemned or restored (so far as relates to the Excise Branch of Inland Revenue, and in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 364, of Session 1852–53.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Stoppage of Wages (Hosiery) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Acts of Parliament Amending Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill: 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Religious Worship Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, 
The Lords have agreed to the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to continue an Act of the eleventh year of Her present Majesty, for the better Prevention of Crime and Outrage in certain Parts of Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill: 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Religious Worship Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
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The Incumbered Estates (Ireland) Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House had agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Turnpike Acts Continuance (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Church Rates Abolition Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of this instant July was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on Church Rates Abolition (No. 2) Bill):

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Office of Speaker Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time Upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee had gone through the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Joint Stock Banks (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debtor Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Island of Tobago Loan Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the Sums that will be required to pay the Regulation Price for the Commission of every Officer who has died in Active Service during the present War.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Religious Worship Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dwelling-houses (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Selections from Records of Government), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief (Ireland and Scotland), which was referred to the Lords, be taken into consideration upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Chamber of London, which were presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Selections from Records of Government), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account referred to be the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Post-office (Ennis Mail), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant July, be referred to the Select Committee on Postal Arrangements (Waterford, &c.).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Savings Banks in England, Wales and Ireland (stating the Towns in which they are established), in which respect to the Trustees and Managers have made themselves liable to the Depositors under the Provisions of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 28, the Names of such Trustees and Managers, and the Amounts for which they are severally liable.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill; and Mr. Speaker, by leave, drew up the Chair, and directed the Chairman, who was present, to proceed with the Business of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, pursuant to the directions thereto:

"A Return of the Quantity of Foreign Hops imported into the United Kingdom, and the Amount of Duty paid, for the years ending the 30th day of June 1853, 1854 and 1855."

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions for a Return of the Commissioners for Patents for Inventions, was laid upon the Table:

"A Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this Foreign Hops instant July, for a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Hops imported into the United Kingdom, and the Amount of Duty paid, for the years ending the 30th day of June 1853, 1854 and 1855."

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions for a Return of the Commissioners for an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table:

"A Return of the Quantity of Foreign Hops imported into the United Kingdom, and the Amount of Duty paid, for the years ending the 30th day of June 1853, 1854 and 1855."
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The Lords have agreed to the Hereford Improvement Act (1854) (Correction of Oversight) Bill, without any Amendment; And also, the Lords have agreed to the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, with Amendments; to which Acts Continuance Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also, the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Burials Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Fisheries Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill; Ordered, That this Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Fisheries Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Fisheries Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Public-houses (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and an Amendment (Ireland) Bill was made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Charitable reading of the Charitable Trusts Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Fisheries Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Joint Stock Banks (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Fisheries Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill; Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lords have agreed to the Hereford Improvement Act (1854) (Correction of Oversight) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, at One o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ledbury Prebend Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be a second reading, of the School Grants, Security for Application Bill.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Limited Liability Bill.
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9 and 10: To leave out the words "other than an Insurance Com-
pany." Question proposed, That the words proposed to
be left out, stand part of the Clause ;
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10: To leave out the words "having a capital stock of the " nominal amount of not less than Twenty thousand 
" pounds, divided into shares of a nominal value not " less than Twenty-five pounds each." Question, That the words " and having a capital " stock " stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.
An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11: To leave out the words "divided into shares of a no-
nominal value." Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out, stand part of the Clause ;
The Committee divided.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Hogart, Yeas, [The Earl of Malmrose ] 88.
 Tellers for the[Viscount Goderich, Nos, [Mr. Henkay ] 34.
 An Amendment made.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Turnpike Acts into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill; and the same were read.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be laid aside.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Metropolitan reading of the Metropolitan Buildings Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain ; Acts Continu-
ance (No. 2). And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do pre-
pare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonham Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions ; That they had exam-
ined the Petitions presented upon the 25th and (Fifty-eighth)
26th days of this instant July ; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ;
and be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain ; And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, East India Copies of Letter from the Court of Directors of the (Torture.) East India Company to the Government of Madras, dated the 26th day of July 1854 ; Letter from the Government of Madras to the Court of Directors,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

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26th days of this instant July ; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ;
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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain ; Acts Continu-
ance (No. 2). And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do pre-
pare, and bring it in.
Petitions relating to the Public Libraries of France.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Sums of Money received by the Goldsmiths' Company for assaying and marking Gold and Silver Wares, for each of the last Ten years;—Of the Annual Amount expended for the same Period in assaying and marking Gold and Silver Wares:—Of the Number of Persons employed in assaying and marking Gold and Silver Wares, with the Amount of last Salaries:—And, a Statement of the Amount of Legal Expenses incurred for the same Period in Prosecutions against Offenders by the Goldsmiths' Company.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Orders given by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the Prevention of the fraudulent Sale of the Mixture of Chicory with Coffee, in pursuance of the Treasury Minutes of the 27th day of July 1852, and the 23rd day of February 1853:—And, Return of the additional Expense (if any) incurred in carrying out the Instructions contained in the said Minutes (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 50, of Session 1852-53).

Chicory.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons employed in Chicory, with the Number of Licences issued, and the Number of Licences suspended, and the Amount of Licences suspended, and the Price paid therefor, with the Amount of their Salaries:—And, a Statement of the Amount of Legal Expenses incurred for the same Period in Prosecutions against Offenders by the Goldsmiths' Company.

Public Petitions.
Ordered, That there be laid upon the Table, Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee on the Customs Laws Consolidation Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Vide Fifty-ninth Report.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Westminster New Palace.
The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of June last, for Copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the great Clock and Bells for the New Palace at Westminster (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 506, of Session 1852).

Valuation (Ireland.)
Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of June last, for Returns showing, in the Counties in Ireland, in which the Townland Valuation has been completed, under the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 84, the Name of each County, the Acreable Contents, the Annual Value, the Cost of the Valuation by the Acre, the Cost by the £. 100 of the Valuation, the whole Cost to each County, and the Date when it first came into force in each County.—Of similar Details as to each County of which the Tenement Valuation has been completed, under the Acts 9 & 10 Vic. c. 110, and 15 & 16 Vic. c. 63:—Of the Number of Revisions in each County by Poor Law Union, and the Cost of each such Revision:—And, Statement of the Progress and prospect of Completion of the Tenement Valuation of Ireland.

Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant July, for a Return of the Number of Newspaper Stamps, at One penny, issued to Newspapers in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, from the 31st day of December 1854 to the 1st day of July 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 83, of the present Session).

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Message from the Lords.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:—
The Lords have agreed to the Stage Carriage Duties, &c. Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Convention with the United States Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
The Lords have agreed to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Continuance Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
The Lords have agreed to the Treasurers of Counties (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made Edinburgh by this House to the Amendments made by their Lords Bill, to the Lords to the Edinburgh Lands Bill, without any Amendment: And also,
The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping Merchant Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,
The Lords have agreed to the London and South Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. John Ball presented, by Her Majesty's Com- Cape of Good Hope: Further Papers relating to the State of the Kafr Tribes (in continuation of Papers presented 31st May 1853).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bouverie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-Railway mand,—A Return of the Number and Nature of the Accidents, and the Injuries to Life and Limb which have occurred on all the Railways in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland respectively, from the 1st January to the 30th of June 1854.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply, mittee of Supply:—Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
Ordered, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Office of Speaker Bill was, according to Office of the third time; and an Amendment Speaker Bill, was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Crime and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
Ordered, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Continuance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ordnance Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Religions Worship Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dwellings-houses (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of this instant July, That the Absewing Debtors (Ireland) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be rejected.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turkish Loan Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Excise Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Excise Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Distillers allowed Drawback on duty-paid Malt in the words "in their possession before the 1st October 1855, to be consumed after that date in distilling Spirits")—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Excise Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Distillers allowed Drawback on duty-paid Malt in the words "in conjunction")—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 23: After the word "sums" to insert the words "transmitted to " the Sublime Porte by the agency of France and " England on account of the Capital of the Loan, " and the purposes to which the said sums are to " be applied; also the sums."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 23: After the word "sums" to insert the words "trans-" mitted to the Sublime Porte on account of the " Capital of the Loan."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Milner Gibson, Yeas : ] 36.

Tellers for the [Mr. Gladstone : ]


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Clause agreed to,

Preamble amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Subsat, 28° die Julli, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs Tariff Acts Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crime and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Excise Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Distillers allowed Drawback on duty-paid Malt in the words "in their possession before the 1st October 1855, to be consumed after that date in distilling Spirits")—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Ordnance Board Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the House be, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 23: After the word "sums" to insert the words "trans-" mitted to the Sublime Porte on account of the " Capital of the Loan."

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Milner Gibson, Yeas : ] 36.

Tellers for the [Mr. Gladstone : ]


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And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Brotherton, 

Tellers for the [Mr. Douglas: 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Passengers Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 74 to No. 102, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Schedules amended, and agreed to.

Schedule added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next, at One o’clock.

Ordered, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon this day three months, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Religious Worship Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the several Petty Sessions Districts into which each County in Ireland has been divided under "The Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," with the Name of the Petty Sessions Clerk appointed for each District, and the Amount of the Fees and other Emoluments received by such Clerks respectively for each year since their respective Appointments.

Sale of Beer, &c.

The House was moved, That the Act 17 & 18 Vic. for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord’s Day, might be read; and the same being read:

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal, alter and amend the Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her present Majesty, for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord’s Day, and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:

And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Henry Berkeley, Sir William Jolliffe, Mr. Coblett and Mr. Brady do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Militia Ballot suspend the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Suspension.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Militia to prepare Estimates of the Charge of the Disen-

bodied Militia of Great Britain and Ireland for the year ending the 31st day of March 1856:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Peel, Sir George Grey, the Judge Advocate, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Homesman, Mr. Eller, Sir Francis Baring, Mr. Beresford, Mr. Wilson, Colonel Lindsey, General Peel, Sir James Ferguson, Colonel Duane, and all Colonels of Militia; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill was nominated of Mr. Solicitor General, Lord Seymour, Mr. Napier, Mr. Hanley, Lord Nann, Mr. Isaac Butt, Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland, Mr. Love, Mr. Vincent Scully, Mr. Hadfield, Mr. Mellings, Mr. Robert Phillimore and Sir Erskine Perry.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Grand Juries Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Grand Juries Bill, as amended in the Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Grand Juries Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Cambridge University Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Accidents on Railways Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Charitable Trusts Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Peel presented a Bill to suspend the making Militia Ballots of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry Berkeley presented a Bill to repeal, Sale of Beer, alter and amend the Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth Bill 27.
eighteenth years of Her present Majesty, for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's Day, and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

\textbf{Luna, 30\textsuperscript{d} die Julii.}

\textit{Anno 19\textsuperscript{v} Victoriae Reginae, 1855.}

\textbf{PRAYERS.}

\textbf{ORDERED,} That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

\textbf{Harvist's Estate Bill.}

Ordered, That Harvist's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered this day, printed Copies of the Bill having been deposited with the Door-keepers upon Saturday last.

\textbf{Harvist's Estate Bill.}

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Harvist's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

\textbf{National Gallery. No. 433.}

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 1855, re-constituting the Establishment of the National Gallery.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

\textbf{Public Petitions.}

\textbf{Wide Fifty-sixth Report.}

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill; House-publics and Beer-shops; —Annuities;—Burials Bill; —Copyholders (Hanley and Shelton);—Intoxicating Liquors; —Medical Profession Bill;—Police;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Sale of Beer, &c. Bill;—Schoolmasters (Scotland); and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

\textbf{County Courts. No. 431.}

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Courts, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

\textbf{East India Curate.) No. 435.}

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Torture), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

\textbf{Westminster New Palace. No. 436.}

Ordered, That the Return relative to Westminster New Palace, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

\textbf{Valuation (Ireland.) No. 437.}

Ordered, That the Return relative to Valuation (Ireland), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

\textbf{Newspaper Stamps. No. 438.}

Ordered, That the Return relative to Newspaper Stamps, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

\textbf{Post-office.}

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of May last, for Accounts of the Gross and Net Post-office Revenue, including the Income derived from Foreign and Colonial Postage, and the Cost of Management, for the financial year 1854-55:—Of the Charges of Management, under different Heads, for the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55:—Of the Payments made by the Post-office for the Conveyance of Mails by Railway within the United Kingdom, for the year 1854-55, distinguishing, in each instance, Payments for Work done within the year, from Payments for work done in previous years:—Of Payments out of Post-office Revenue, other than Charges of Management:—Of the Expense of the Money Order Office, and Amount received for Commission, during the year 1854-55:—And, of the Amount paid by each of the Public Departments under the Head of Postage, for the year 1854-55.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of this Civil Service, instant July, for Returns showing the several Government Offices in which Candidates for Clerkships in the Civil Service are examined, previously to their Appointment, by the Commission of Examiners appointed by the Order in Council of the 21st day of May last:—Of the Number of Examinations which have been held by the Commission, from the Date of their Appointment up to the present Date:—Of the Number of Candidates whose Qualifications the Commissioners have reported as sufficient, and the Number rejected as unqualified:—And, whether, in any of the Offices to which this Return may refer, Persons admitted to Clerkships are subject to any Probation previously to Appointment; and, if so, for what Term.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Army Prize of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table:

Money.

by the Clerk of the House,—The Account of Unclaimed Army Prize Money, from 18th January 1809 to 31st December 1854.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from sage had been brought from the Lords, by one of the Lords their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made Earl of Aber- by this House to the Earl of Abergeveny's Estate Estate Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Limited Liability Bill, (in the Committee.)

\textbf{Clause, No. 1} (Mode of obtaining limited liability by future Companies). Question again proposed, in p. 1, l. 12: That "Fifty" be there inserted;—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That "Ten" be there inserted—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12: After the word "each" to insert the words "and any Company consisting of not less than six members " associated together in partnership, under a deed of "settlement for any trading or other purpose (except "banking or insurance), and having its capital stock "divided into shares of such nominal value as are more "transferable, either with or without the assent "of all the members, may obtain from the Registrar "of Joint Stock Companies a certificate of limited "liability, in the manner following, namely,"

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cairns, 27.]

Yeas, [Mr. Melius: 97.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, 39.]

Nees, [Mr. Grenville Berkeley: 39.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6: To leave out the word "and there shall have been paid" up by each of such shareholders, on account of "his shares, not less than Twenty pounds per "centum.”

Question proposed, That the words "shall have been paid up," stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7: To leave out "Twenty," and insert "Fifty."

Question, That "Twenty" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

\textbf{Clauses, No. 2 and No. 3, amended, and agreed to.}

\textbf{Clause, No. 4 (Regulations to be observed on complete registration with limited liability).}

An Amendment made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28: After the word " receipts " to insert the words " as a certificate of bills, promissory notes."

Question, That those words be there inserted — put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAWS, N° 5 and N° 6, amended, and agreed to.

CLAWS, N° 7 (Members of certificated Companies to be personally liable).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22: After the word " liability" to leave out to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words " shall be liable " to add: " to pay the debts of the Company to an amount equal to, but not exceeding, the nominal value of the greatest number of shares held by him at any one time, within one year next preceding the date of the judgment or decree against the Company, under which his liability is sought to be enforced."

Question put, That the words " after such certificate is granted," stand part of the Clause: The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the Mr. Hooper, 
 Yea, [Mr. Greenville Berkeley : ] 78.
 Tellers for the Mr. Caribell, 

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Royal Assent.

A Message by Mr. Pulteney, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, to the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers — And being returned: Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow: 

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the Salaries of each, and the Sources whence those Salaries are derived.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Slave Trade.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of Correspondence with British Ministers and Agents in Foreign Countries, and with Foreign Ministers in England, relating to the Slave Trade, from April 1, 1854, to March 31, 1855.

Viscount Palmerston also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of April last, for Copy of Correspondence with the Superintendent of British Trade in China, upon the subject of Emigration from that Country (in continuation of Papers presented to the House of Commons by Command of Her Majesty, August 20th, 1854).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

National Gallery.

Mr. Cowper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Twentieth Report of the Inspectors appointed under the Provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 38, to visit the different Prisons in Great Britain: Southern and Western District.

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the Accounts of Boroughs in England and Wales for one year, from 1st September 1853 to 31st August 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Naval Cadets.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Trustees of the National Gallery, since May 1853, down to the present time, with the Names of all the Trustees who were present at each Meeting.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Detailed Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure for Navy, Army, Commissariat and Ordnance Services, for the year to the 31st day of March 1854.

Navy, Army, &c.

Prisons.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of Twenty-first Report of the Inspectors appointed under the Provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 38, to visit the different Prisons of Great Britain: Southern and Western District.

Municipal Boroughs (England and Wales.)

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the Accounts of Boroughs in England and Wales for one year, from 1st September 1853 to 31st August 1854.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Naval Cadets.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Order in Council, or other Authority, by virtue of which the Appointment of Naval Cadets of the First Class was taken from the Officers in command of Vessels, and transferred to the Admiralty; and of any Official Report, Minute or other Document, if any, recommending such Transfer, and showing the Reasons on which it was grounded:—returns, showing the Date on which the Change was brought into Operation:—Of the Total Number of Naval Cadets and Officers of each Rank, on the 1st day of January 1853, who had been entered as Naval Cadets since the Change; distinguishing those appointed by the Admiralty from those appointed by Officers in Command of Vessels, and transferred to the Admiralty, and any Special Report, Minute or other Document, if any, recommending such Transfer, and showing the Reasons on which it was grounded:—Of the Total Number of Seamen and Warrant Officers who had, up to the 1st day of January 1855, been entered as Naval Cadets since the Change; showing the Number in each Rank, and distinguishing those appointed as Naval Cadets by the Admiralty from those appointed by Officers in Command of Vessels:—And, of the Total Number of Seamen and Warrant Officers who had, in each of the Seven years preceding the Change, been entered as Naval Cadets, showing the Total Number in each Rank on the 1st day of January 1855.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to agree to the said Directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Establishment of a Church Convocation in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That Orders of the day have precedence of Notices of Motions to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Minute by the Board of Admiralty of the 2d day of July 1846, relating to the Opinion of the Board as to the Claims of certain Officers to be recommended to the gracious consideration of Her Majesty for the honour of the Bath, who had highly distinguished themselves in action against "Pirates," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Negative.—

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty for the honour of the Bath, who had

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Church Convocation

(Coventry.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to agree to the said Directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Establishment of a Church Convocation in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.
Scottish Universities.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,932, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay Grants to Scottish Universities, formerly defrayed from the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, to the 31st day of March 1856.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,266, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Queen's University in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Royal Irish Academy.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,553, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray certain Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 647, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Royal Irish Academy, to the 31st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 300, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Royal Hibernian Academy, to the 1st day of March 1856.

Theological Professors (Belfast), &c.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Theological Professors, and the Incidental Expenses of the General Assembly's College at Belfast, and Retired Allowances to Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Theological Professors, and the Incidental Expenses of the General Assembly's College at Belfast, and Retired Allowances to Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, to the 31st day of March 1856:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. M'All] 29.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoger] 77.

Noses, [Mr. Greavile Berkeley] Original Question put, and agreed to.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 50,180, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

10. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,520, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of New Buildings and Fittings at the British Museum, to the 31st day of March 1856.

11. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Royal Geographical Society.

12. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,309, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Magnetic Observations Abroad.

13. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,983, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856, to the Treasurers of Public Infirmaries in Ireland, the Allowances granted under certain Acts of Parliament.

14. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,293, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

15. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Foundling Hospital Department of the House of Industry, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

16. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 900, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Female Orphan House, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

17. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,215, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

19. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 794, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Doctor Steer's Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

20. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,900, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork-street, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 250, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Hospital for Incurables (Dublin), to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 38,953, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Non-conforming Seeding and Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,384, Charitable Allowances to Seceding and Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, the 31st day of March 1856:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams] 32.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hodfield] 96.

Noses, [Mr. Gravelle Berkeley] Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 30,004, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cheetham] 36.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoger] 86.

Noses, [Mr. Gravelle Berkeley] Original Question put, and agreed to.

24. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 250, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 300, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 300, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

30. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,666, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

31. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 900, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

32. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to the 31st day of March 1856.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs Tariff Acts Amendment and Consolidation Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Excise Duties Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into said Committee.

The Turnpike Acts Continuance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Burials Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lothbury Prebend Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant July, was proposed now leave the Chair (for Committee on Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill); and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Buildings Bill; and Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was brought up, and twice read, with a blank; and committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made an Amendment thereunto. The said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Grand Juries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; and the said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Lords to the Religious Worship Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Limited Liability Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 7 to No. 10, agreed to. Clauses, No. 11 and No. 12, disagreed to. Clauses, No. 13 to No. 16, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Resolved, That the said Order be discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Justice Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Open space near dwelling-house—8 Vic. c. 84. Schedule R.)—And the said Clause was brought up, and twice read, with a blank; and committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made an Amendment thereunto. Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Construction of public buildings), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Payment of expenses by owner—8 Vic. c. 84, s. 50), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extra thickness of certain stone walls), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill; and the said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill; and the said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Lords to the Religious Worship Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered,
**Ordered,** That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Twelve o'clock.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act to regulate the Salaries of the Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland;—
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Elliott Lockhart Mr. Blackburn.
 Tellers for the Noes. Mr. Grenville Berkeley.

And it appearing, upon the Report of the Division by the Tellers, that Forty Members were not present; and it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

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**30°—31° Julii.**

**Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Public-Public houses and Beer-shops,—of Licences (Public-houses, Petitions, &c.);—Accidents on Railways Bill; —Fisheries Vide Fifty—British Islands and France) Bill,—Grain,—In—ninth Report on the toxiating Liquors; and, Sale of Beer Act (1854),—were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.**

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Civil Continuation, not exceeding £ 100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Afterwards Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 67,969, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Williams, Williams. 33.

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 12,290, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commissioners for England, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellatt. Pellett. 33.

5. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,988, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries of certain Professors in the University of Cambridge, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellatt. Pellett. 33.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 22,572, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Fees, Salaries and Compensations payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellatt. Pellett. 33.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 15,480, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Incumbered Estates Compensation to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Rennell. Rennell. 33.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries of the University of Cambridge, and to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellett. Pellett. 33.

9. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay of the Process Servers in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellett. Pellett. 33.

10. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,270, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries, and the Expenses of the Office for the Registration of Joint Stock Companies, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellett. Pellett. 33.

11. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 69,135, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children, under the Merchant Seamen’s Fund Act, and for Compensation to the late Officers of the Trustees of the Merchant Seamen’s Fund, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Haughey. Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave. 53.
 Tellers for the No. Mr. Pellett. Pellett. 33.

12. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 53,500, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Expenses of forming a Park at Battersea, to the 31st day of March 1856;—The
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hoger.]
Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Wise.]
Mr. Sandie;]
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Six o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Passengers Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Passage brokers to employ no Agents except those expressly appointed by them: Agents to produce their appointments on demand):—And the said Clause was brought up, and twice read, with blanks; and committed to a Committee of the whole House:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made Amendments thereto.
Resolved, That the Report be now received.
Mr. FitzRoy accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendments were read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was read the third time; and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (In the absence of agreement to the contrary, the owner to be responsible as between himself, the charterer and master), was thrice read; and added to the Bill.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,858, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the University of London, to the 31st day of March 1856.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,952, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay Grants to Scottish Universities, formerly deferred from the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, to the 31st day of March 1856.
3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,966, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Queen’s University in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,952, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray certain Expenses of the Queen’s Colleges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
5. That a Sum, not exceeding £647, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Royal Irish Academy, to the 31st day of March 1856.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £300, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Royal Hibernian Academy, to the 31st day of March 1856.
7. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Theological Professors and the Incidental Expenses of the General Assembly’s College at Belfast, and Retired Allowances to the Professors of the Belfast Academical Institution, to the 31st day of March 1856.
8. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,189, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the British Museum, Establishment, to the 31st day of March 1856.
9. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to defray Expenses incurred for the Purchase of Objects of Art from the Bernal Collection.
10. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,520, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of New Buildings and Fittings at the British Museum, to the 31st day of March 1856.
11. That a Sum, not exceeding £500, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Royal Geographical Society to provide suitable Rooms in which to hold the Meetings of the Society, and to exhibit their Maps to the Public, to the 31st day of March 1856.
12. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,409, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Magnetic Observations Abroad.
13. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1856, to the Treasurers of Public Inframaries in Ireland, the Allowances granted under certain Acts of Parliament.
14. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,295, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Foundling Hospital, and Department of the House of Industry, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
15. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,790, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the House of Industry, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
16. That a Sum, not exceeding £500, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Female Orphan House, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
17. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,215, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
18. That a Sum, not exceeding £500, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
19. That a Sum, not exceeding £705, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of Doctor Stereens’ Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
20. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,900, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork-street, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
21. That a Sum, not exceeding £200, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Hospital for Incurables, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1856.
22. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,853, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Nonconforming, Seceeding and Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1856.
23. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,884, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of Allowances charged on the Concordin Fund in Ireland, and other Allowances and Bonnies formerly defrayed from Grants for the Lord Lieutenant’s Household, Civil Contingencies, &c.
The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on Postal Parcels Arrangements (Waterford, &c.) have Power to report Yarning arrangements, their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Meagher reported from the said Select Committee; That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof.
thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Handcock's Estate Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of Handcock's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Marriages (Ireland.)

Mr. Cooper, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report of the Registrar General of Marriages in Ireland, under the Provisions of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 81.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Halford's Estate Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported Halford's Estate Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Merton College Estate Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Merton College Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Chemical Establishment (Excise Department.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Cost of the Chemical Establishment of the Excise Department, from the 4th day of January 1844 to the 5th day of January 1855; stating the Salaries of the different Officers, the Number who have been specially selected for Chemical Education at University College in each year; the Cost of such Education; also, a Statement of all Monies paid to independent Chemists employed by the Excise during the same Period.

Procurators Fiscal, &c. (Scotland.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to grant to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Remuneration to Revising Barristers in England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crown Suits Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Civil Services (Class VIII.)

No. 140.

Mr. Wilson, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates, &c. Civil Services, for 1855-56:—(Class VIII.): Compensation to Dr. Southwood Smith; and, Museum at Kensington Gore.

Ordered, That these Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

National Gallery.

13. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,696, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the National Gallery, including the Purchase of Pictures, to the 31st day of March 1856.

14. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of constructing an Embankment and Public Roadway between Battersea and Vauxhall Bridges, and an Approach from Sloane-street to Chelsea Bridge.

15. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,700, Lighthouses be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of erecting and maintaining certain Lighthouses Abroad.

16. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,811, Cholera (West Indies) be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, to the 31st day of March 1856, of the Pay and Expenses of the Medical Men employed in the West Indies, for the purpose of checking the ravages of Cholera, and for the relief of Distress occasioned by the Disease.

17. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of Statistics, collecting Agricultural Statistics in the United Kingdom, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge on account of the Annuities to the Board of Manufactures in Scotland, in discharge of Equivalents under the Treaty of Union.

19. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

20. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 12,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Bounties on Slaves, and the Tonnage Bounties on Slave Vessels captured, to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 68,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year 1856, the Expenses of the Board of Works, Furniture, Fittings, &c. for the Construction of Courts of Law, Record, and Police Departments, at Glasgow, the Isle of Man, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,572, New Consular Offices be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of erecting and furnishing Consular Offices, &c. in Constantinople.

24. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,780, Inspectors of Corn Returns be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Expenses connected with the Quarantine Arrangements, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,600, Quarantine be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year 1856, the Expenses of the Medical Men employed in the West Indies, for the purpose of checking the ravages of Cholera, and for the relief of Distress occasioned by the Disease.

26. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,792, New Consular Offices be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of erecting and furnishing Consular Offices, &c. in Constantinople.

27. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,578, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of Works, Furniture, Fittings, &c. for the erection of the New Buildings for the accommodation of the Courts of Law, Record, and Police Departments, at Dublin, and the Isle of Man, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,550, Courts of Law, &c. (Ireland) be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of erecting Buildings for the accommodation of the Courts of Law, Record, and Police Departments, &c. for the erection of a new Office for the Department of the Secretary of State.
State for Foreign Affairs, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

30. Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of a Site, and for the Establishment of an Office for the Department of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856—put, and agreed to.

31. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of the Irish Census, 1851.

32. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenditure of the Mint for the various Medal Services, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £68,131, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, to the United States Government, the Amounts awarded to American Claimants by the Mixed Commission, under the Convention of claims and disputes between the United States and the British Government, ending the 31st day of March 1856.

34. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £34,218, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to repay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Charges on account of Distressed British Seamen Abroad.

35. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Erection of a Gallery of Arts in Dublin, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

36. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the expenditure of Public Works, maintaining Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and promoting Civilization amongst the Native Tribes in South Africa, and the Colonies connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

37. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,937, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses incurred in carrying out the Provisions of the Acts relating to Railways in and beyond the Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1856.

38. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Completion of the Galleries of Art, Edinburgh, in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

39. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of improving Public Works, maintaining Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and promoting Civilization amongst the Native Tribes in South Africa, to the 31st day of March 1856.

40. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Cost of purchasing from the Trustees of the Bridgeswater Estates a Piece of Ground, now occupied by Stables, necessary for the continuation of Pall Mall to the Green Park.

41. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Cost of the Completion of the Bridge over the River Ness, at Inverness.

42. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £11,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, of the remaining Term of the Crown Lease of Buckingham House, Pall Mall, required to provide additional Accommodation for the Department of War.

43. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,718, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Balance due to the Contractor for the Erection of the Victoria and Albert Bridges at Windsor, including the Engineer's Commission.

44. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Rewards to the Discoverers of a North West Passage, in accordance with the recommendation of a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

45. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, for the Erection of a Monument to Sir John Franklin, of the Royal Navy, and the Officers and Men who have lost their Lives in the Arctic Expedition.

46. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the additional Expense for Wages to Artificers, Labourers and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

47. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the additional Expense for Wages to Artificers, Labourers and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home.

48. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Expense of Naval Stores, for the Building, Repair and Outfit of the Fleet, the Purchase of Steam Machinery, and for other purposes connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

49. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,933, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Expense for Wages to Artificers, Labourers and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home.

50. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £21,688, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of a Site, and for the Establishment of an Office for the Department of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

51. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Expense of Naval Stores.

52. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the estimated Excess of the Transport Expenditure beyond the Grant for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

53. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £755,239, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the estimated Charge of the Packet Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercurii, 1° die Augusti, 1856:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day. Mr. FitzRoy also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Turkish Loan Bill was, according to Order, Turkish Loan Bill read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The Customs Laws Consolidation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ledbury Prebend Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Customs Tariff Acts Amendment and Consolidation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Turnpike Acts Consolidation (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Militia Ballots Suspension Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia Ballots Suspension Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Limited Liability Bill, Bill 279.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Limited Liability Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed.

The Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Slave Trade (Sherborn) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mines Inspection Bill, with Amendments: to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Militia Officers Qualification Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer.]

Mr. Hoyer;

Mr. Alcock;

Mr. Frewen;

Mr. Hayter;

Mr. FitzRoy

Mr. Berkeley;

Mr. Alcock;

Mr. Beresford;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1 (Oysters and dredges found on board fishery vessels during the prohibited time may be seized).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22 and 23: To leave out the words "to seize and throw " overboard or destroy any oysters found on board "such vessel."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Penalties). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10: To leave out the words "with or."

Question, That the words "with or" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 5 to No. 7, agreed to.

Clause added;

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Criminal Justice Bill, as Justice Bill, amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes Bill; Labouring Classes Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday Classes.

next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Beer, &c. Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Berkeley,]

Mr. Henry Berkeley;

Mr. Alcock;

Mr. Berkeley;

Mr. Alcock;

Mr. Beresford;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:
A Motion was made, and the Question was put; Fines and
Posed, That there be laid before this House, a Return Penalties (Ire-
of the present Amount of the Fund arising from the land) Fund.
Fines and Penalties levied throughout Ireland, to-
gether with the annual Expense of Audit; also the Applications of any Sum or Sums from the Fund, and the Authority, if any, for such Application—
And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Nuisances
 consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Removal, &c.
and Police of Removal of Nuisances and Prevention of Diseases, Towns (Scott-
and to make further Provision in respect of the land.)
Police of Towns in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Viscount Dunnock do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented a Bill to continue Public Health
and amend the Public Health Act (1854): And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Viscount Dunnock presented a Bill to consolidate Nuisances
and amend the Laws relating to the Removal of Nuisances and Prevention of Diseases, and to make
further Provision in respect of the Police of Towns (Scott-
land): And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time upon Wed-
nesday the 8th day of this instant August; and to be printed.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented a Bill for the better
Diseases Prevention of Diseases: And the same was read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till half an hour after Two of the clock on
Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mercurii, 1° die Augusti; 
A.D. 19° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave, to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The Saint John's College (Oxford) Estate Bill Saint John's
was the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Handbook's Estate Bill be read a Handbook's
second time this day.

Handbook's Estate Bill was, according to Order, Handbook's
read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Com-
mittee of Selection.

Ordered, That Standing Order 290 be suspended Harri's
in the case of Harri's Estate Bill; and that the Estate
Bill be now read the third time: The Bill was ac-
cordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concur-
rence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House.
House, a Return of Housebreakings and other
Predations in which the Offenders have not been
detected, with the supposed Value of Property
stolen, committed in each County, Brough or Town
in Scotland, between the 30th day of June 1854 and
the 1st day of July 1855, and of the steps taken by
the Authorities with reference thereto.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to
Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are
of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Printing
(Houses of Parliament, &c.) have Power to report
their Observations thereon to the House, together
with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.
Mr. Waipole reported from the said Select
Committee; That they had considered the matters to
them referred; and directed him to make a Report
thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of
the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Navy, Army,
&c., which was presented upon the 31st day of July
last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Scutari, &c.
Hospitals, which was presented upon the 31st day
of July last, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-
mitee on the Carlisle Canonries Bill; And a Motion
being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the
Chair;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the
Question, by leaving out from the word "That " to
the end of the Question, in order to add the words
"this House will, upon this day three months, re-
solve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:
—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. FitzRoy];
Tellers for the [Sir John Pakington];
Tellers for the [Mr. Ferguson];
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers];
So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Union of contiguous Be-
nefices Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (On representation of inhabitants of
any small parish that their Benefice might be advan-
tageously united, Bishop of the diocese shall in-
quire, and may certify to Church Building Commiss-
ioners).
Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 37: To
leave out the words "Her Majesty's Commis-
sioners for Building New Churches," and insert
the words "the Parishes Commissioners."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be
left out, stand part of the Clause—Debate arising;
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That
the Chairman do now leave the Chair;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pellatt];
Tellers for the [Sir John Pakington];
Yea,
Noes,
[Mr. Haileyfield];
[The Marquis of Blandford];
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Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the
Clause; To add the words "Provided also, that
all churches erected under this Act shall be sup-
ported, maintained and repaired by voluntary con-
tribution or endowment, or by pew rents."
Question proposed, That those words be there added;
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Church Building Commissioners
may propose scheme for transfer of surplus revenues
to poor parishes). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10: To
leave out the word "titles." Question, That the word "titles" stand part of the
Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the
Clause; To add the words "Provided that no rates
"for the purposes aforesaid be continued to be
"levied on the inhabitants beyond what may suffice
"for the wants of the respective parishes when so
united." Question proposed, That those words be there added;
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 4 (Scheme to be posted on church
doors, &c.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 8: To
leave out the words "Petition or Statement is lodged
by way of protest against the scheme." Question
proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause;
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 6, agreed to.

Clause, No. 7, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 8, agreed to.

Clause, No. 9, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 10 (No burial-ground or site of church
wholly surrounded by graveyard to be sold under
this Act). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the
Clause: To add the words "Provided always, that
the inhabitants of, and the owners of property in,
the parish or place which may be deprived of any
existing church under the powers of this Act,
shall no longer be liable to the payment of tithe,
church rate, tax or other impost, now payable in
respect of such church, or the incumbent thereof,
or for the conduct of Divine Service therein."
Question, That those words be there added—
put, and negatived.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 11, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 12, agreed to.

Clause, No. 13 and No. 14, amended, and agreed to.

Clause,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Fitz Roy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be Civil Remuneration granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Civil Conferences, to the 31st day of March 1856.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,045, be General Board granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Health. The General Board of Health, to the 31st day of March 1856.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,498, be Ecclesiastical granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,390, be Charity granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Charities Commission for England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,033, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Commission of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1856.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,572, be Patented Law Amendment granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Fees, Salaries, and Compensation payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1856.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,480, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Incumbered Estates, to the 31st day of March 1856.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1856.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1856.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,270, be Registration granted to the Board of Trade, to the 31st day of March 1856.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £69,145, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children, under the Merchant Seamen's Fund Act, and for Compensation to the late Officers of the Treasurers of the Merchant Seamen's Fund, to the 31st day of March 1856.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,500, be Baskets granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of forming a Park at Battersea, to the 31st day of March 1856.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,096, be National granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of Joint Stock Companies. The National Gallery, including the Purchase of Pictures, to the 31st day of March 1856.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, be Chelten granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of constructing an Embankment and Public Roadway between Battersea and Vauxhall Bridges, and an Approach from London-street to Chelsea Bridge.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,700, be Light-houses granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of erecting and maintaining certain Light-houses Abroad.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,811, be Chelms granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, to the (West Indexes. 3 K 318

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31st day of March 1856, of the Pay and Expenses of the Medical Men employed in the West Indies, for the purposes of the Borough of Chobham, and for the relief of Distress occasioned by the Disease.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of collecting Agricultural Statistics in the United Kingdom, to the 31st day of March 1856.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray to the 31st day of March 1856, the Charge on account of the Amenity to the Board of Manufactures in Scotland, in discharge of Equivalents under the Treaty of Union.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges, to the 31st day of March 1856.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1856.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Paying a Sum in account of the difference of Dues payable by British or Foreign Vessels under Treaties of Reciprocity, to the 31st day of March 1856.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,560, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Remuneration to Revising Barristers in England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1856.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of Inspectors of Corn Returns, and the Expenses defrayed by Counties for Corn Returns, to the 31st day of March 1856.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses connected with the Quarantine Arrangements, to the 31st day of March 1856.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,732, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of erecting and furnishing New Consular Offices, a British Seamen's Hospital, and a Prison, at Constantinople, to the 31st day of March 1856.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,578, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of Works, Furniture, Fittings, &c. for the British Ambassador's Residences at Constantinople and Therapia, to the 31st day of March 1856.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of erecting Buildings for the Accommodation of the Courts of Law, Record, and Police Departments, at Douglas, in the Isle of Man, to the 31st day of March 1856.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying, to the 31st day of March 1856, the Expense of providing and fixing Wire Doors, Ends, and Divisions to the Presses, for the better security of the Records and Documents in the General Repository for Public Records.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of a Site, and for the erection of a new Office for the Department of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

31. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of a Site, and for the erection of a new Office for the Department of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Expenses of the Irish Census, 1851.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £52,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenditure of the Mint for the varying rates of Mendal Services, to the 31st day of March 1856.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £68,131, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, to the United States Government, the Amounts awarded to American Claimants by the Mixed Commission, under the Convention of the 26th of February 1850.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £54,218, be Townley's granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to repay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, to Thomas Porter, as next of kin, the Amounts carried to the credit of the Consolidated Fund as the escheated Property of the late Reverend William Townley.

35. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Charges on account of Distressed British Seamen abroad.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Erection of Arts (Dublin,) Gallery of Arts in Dublin, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

37. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,927, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Erection of Arts (Dublin,) Gallery of Arts in Dublin, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

38. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Completion of the Galleries of Art, Edinburgh, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

39. That a Sum, not exceeding £40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Cost of purchasing from the Trustees of the Bridgewater Estates a Piece of Ground, now occupied by Stables, necessary for the continuation of Poll Mall to the Green Park.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the additions to Poll Mall to the Green Park, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

41. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Cost of the Completion of the Bridge over the River Nisa, at Inverness.

42. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, of the remaining Term of the Crown Lease of Buckingham House, Pall Mall, required to provide additional Accommodation for the Department of War.

43. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,718, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, to an Irish Contractor for the Erection of the Victoria and Albert Bridges at Windsor, including the Engineer's Commission.

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, the Rewards to the Discoverers of a North West Passage, in accordance with the Recommendation of a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £800, be granted Monument to to Her Majesty, in the year ending the 31st day of Captain Sir John Franklin, of the Royal Navy, and the Officiers and Men who have lost their Lives in the Arctic Expedition.

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the additional Establishment for Wages to Artists, Labourers at Home, and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the additional Establishment for Wages to Artists, Labourers, and others employed in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad.
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blishments Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Expense of Naval Stores, for the Building, Repair and Outfit of the Fleet, the Purchase of Steam Machinery, and for other purposes connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

49. That a Sum, not exceeding £61,503, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Charge of New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

New Works, &c.

50. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Charge of Medicines and Medical Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

51. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Charge of divers Naval Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,684,803, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the estimated Excess of the Transport Expenditure beyond the Grant for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

53. That a Sum, not exceeding £755,239, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for the estimated Charge of the Packet Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856.

The twelve first Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The thirteenth Resolution, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£ 17,696," and inserting "£ 16,343," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£ 17,696"

stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas were: (Viscount D'Abernon) 45; (Mr. Otway) 38.

The Noes.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Viscount D'Abernon) 45.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Otway) 38.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Customs Tariff Acts Amendment and Consolidation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Turnpike Acts Continuance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Militia Ballots Suspension Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Limited Liability Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer acquainted the House, That he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House, signed by Her Majesty:—And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as followeth:

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Her Majesty, deeming it expedient to provide for any additional Expense which may arise in consequence of the War in which Her Majesty is now engaged against the Emperor of Russia, and relying on the experienced zeal and affection of Her faithful Commons, trusts they will make provision accordingly.

V. R.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's said most gracious Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House was moved, That the Order made upon Army Commissions, the 16th day of March last, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Number (distinguishing the Cavalry from the Infantry, and the several Grades of Officers) of Army Commissions sold, and also of Army Commissions purchased, from the 1st day of January 1845 to the 1st day of January 1854:—Similar Return of Army Commissions bestowed without Purchase:—Returns of the Total Annual Sum, in each such year, representing the Value of the Army Commissions so sold and so bought, and the Amount of the Surplus that has arisen therefrom, and the Application thereof:—And, of the Regulation Prices of Army Commissions, from Rank to Rank (distinguishing the several Corps), and whether such Regulation Prices are prohibited from being exceeded, and, if so, by what Order, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number (distinguishing the Cavalry from the Infantry, and the several Grades of Officers) of Army Commissions sold, and also of Army Commissions purchased, in each of the years 1844, 1845, 1853 and 1854:—Similar Return for the same years of Army Commissions bestowed without Purchase:—Returns of the Total Sum in each such year, representing the Value of the Army Commissions so sold, and also so purchased:—And, of the Regulation Prices of Army Commissions, from Rank to Rank (distinguishing the several kinds of Corps); and whether such Regulation Prices are prohibited from being exceeded; and, if so, by what Order.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr. Gregson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented from the 27th day of July last to the 1st day of this instant August, both inclusive; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Anno 18° Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dundalk Harbour and Port Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Halkord's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That Halkord's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered this day; printed Copies of the Bill having been deposited with the Doorkeepers yesterday.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Petitions relating to Accidents on Railways Bill;—Decimal Coinage:—Intoxicating Liquors:—and, Sale of Beer Act (1854),—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Statute Law Commission.

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,711, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Statute Law Commission, to the 31st day of March 1856.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to provide for any additional Expense which may arise in consequence of the War in which Her Majesty is now engaged against the Emperor of all the Russias.

3. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,598,335, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses which will come in course of payment in the Commissariat Department in the year 1855-56.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. FitzRoy also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Six o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Limited Liability Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Six o'clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the House do pass the Bill.

The Militia Ballots Suspension Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Sale of Beer, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to repeal the Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's Day, and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Statute Law Commission, Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copy of any Replies received by the Statute Law Commission from Messrs. Amstey and Coode, late Commissioners, or either of them, to Mr. Bellenden Ker's Paper of the 13th day of June last, entitled "Observations on the Expurgatory List of Statutes, ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, 29th January 1855 (No. 36)," and published as No. 6 of Appendix II. to the Report from Her Majesty's Commissioners for consolidating the Statutes.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Contract Returns for each Month in the year 1854, respecting Mail Service of the Contract Mail Service for the West Coast of Africa, of the Dates (in accordance with the published Post-office Packet List) on which the Monthly Mails should be made up in London:—Of the Dates upon which such Mails were made up in London:—Of the Dates upon which such Mail should have been dispatched from Plymouth:—Of the Date upon which each Mail arrived at Plymouth:—And, of the Names, Tonnage and Power of Engines of each Vessel in each Month employed in this Service for the same Period.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

4. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 109,290, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Disembodied Militia, to the 31st day of March 1856.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 70,716, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Ordnance Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

6. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 74,506, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred, to the 31st day of March 1856, on account of Wages to Artificers and Labourers.

7. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 766,632, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred, to the 31st day of March 1856, on account of Wages to Artificers and Labourers.

8. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 300, be granted to Her Majesty, for the payment, in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, of the Compensation Allowance awarded to Dr. Southwood Smith, for the loss of his appointment as a Member of the late General Board of Health.

9. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 15,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purpose of erecting, in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, a Building of corrugated Iron, as a Museum, on the Land at Kensington Gore, acquired by the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Hayter, Mr. Grenville Berkeley) 85.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Locker) 33.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Huddersfield Burial-ground Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the granting of Building and other Estates in the Counties of West and Aruneh, devised by the Will of the Right honourable William Charles Viscount Clermont, deceased, and the Sale and Exchange of certain Portions of the Estates so devised, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords do not insist upon the Amendment made by their Lordships to the Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Act for the better Care and Reformation of Young Offenders, and the Act to render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Scotland more available for the benefit of Vagrant Children; to which this House hath disagreed: And also,

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordsships, Copies of the Reports from the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, to inquire into the Act of last Session, for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, That Printed Copies of the said Reports be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Charitable Trusts Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Ordered, That so much of the Finance Accounts as relates to the Unfunded Debt, which were presented upon the 21st day of February last, be referred to the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the House, participating in the national anxiety respecting the pacific arrangement which does not appear best calculated to secure an honourable, just and lasting Peace, wishes to impress upon Her Majesty's Government how great a satisfaction it would be to this House and the Country to receive an assurance that no Treaty or condition of Peace would be finally settled without having Parliament previously called together," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:— The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Registered.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Bills shall sell for the payment, in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, £ 1,000,000, of Bills on the Unfunded Debt, and £ 2,000,000, of Bills on the Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

2. Resolved, That, in case the said Exchequer Bond Bills be not issued for the full Sum of £ 7,000,000, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall be authorized to issue Exchequer Bond Bills, bearing Interest at any rate not exceeding £ 4 per centum per annum, to such an amount as with the total amount for which Exchequer Bills shall be issued will make up a Sum not exceeding the whole Sum of £ 7,000,000, authorized to be raised by these Resolutions.

3. Resolved, That such Exchequer Bond Bills, if issued, shall be paid off at par at the expiration of any period not exceeding six years from the date of such Bonds.

4. Resolved, That the Interest of all such Exchequer Bond Bills shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

5. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there be be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

6. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Bills shall sell for the payment, in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, £ 2,000,000, of Bills on the Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Veneris, 3° die Augusti, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported,
reported, That the Committee had come to several
Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be read this day.

The Limited Liability Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Orer of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dispatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Orer of the day being read, for the second reading of the School Grants, Security for Application Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Orer of the day being read, for the second reading of the Crime and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months." And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter,]

Tellers for the [Mr. Kennedy, ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Ebrington,]

Tellers for the [Mr. Grenville Berkeley, ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Orer of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cambridge University Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Orer of the day being read, for the second reading of the Accidents on Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Orer of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burials Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

The Orer of the day being read, for the third reading of the Criminal Justice Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dwellings for Labouring Classes Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No 7 and No 8, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No 9, agreed to.

Clause, No 10, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No 11 to No 17, agreed to.

Clause (That where any dwellings for the labouring classes already or hereafter to be built and provided, either by private individuals or parties incorporated under the provisions of this Act, or by any existing companies or bodies corporate, company or body corporate for which each family shall be under the yearly rent of Twenty pounds, shall be approved by the General Board of Health, and be subject to inspection in manner aforesaid, the same shall be exempt from the duties on houses granted under an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-six, intituled "An Act to repeal the Duties payable on Dwelling-houses according to the Number of Windows or Lights, and to grant in lieu thereof other Duties on Inhabited Houses according to their annual Value")—brought up, and read a 2nd Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkinson,]


Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter,]


Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Twelve o'clock.

The Public Health Act (1854) Continuance and Public Health Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a 2nd second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve o'clock.

The Diseases Prevention Bill was, according to Disease Prevention Act (1838) Continuance and Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Union of the Union of contiguous Benefices Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post-office.

Copies of the Treasury Minute authorizing the Postmaster General to appropriate the Amount of Void Money Orders in aid of Insurances on the Lives of Officers of the Post-office, and other Documents upon which the Treasury Minute was founded:—Of the Minutes or Orders of the Postmaster General, regulating the Distribution of the Funds above referred to:—Of the Plans or Suggestions submitted to the Postmaster General upon this subject, with the Minutes and Correspondence (if any) thereon:—And, Return of the Amount of the Fund, and of the Total Number of Persons to whom aid has been granted, with the Total Amount of such aid at the 30th day of June last.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of the Statement of Augmentations of Benefices &c, &c, and the Distribution of the Funds to which they relate; and the Tokens of such Benefices, and the Circumstances, as far as possible, under which each Application has been made:—

Statement
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Statement of the Annual Value of any Tithes, Lands or other Description of Property, vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, arising from or situate in the several Parishes or Places from whence such Applications have been received:—And, Similar Return of Tithes, Lands or other Description of Property, vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, which may have arisen from or have been situated in such Parishes or Places, and which have been sold or otherwise disposed of since the first year of his late Majesty Will. 4.

Vote for the Patents:—Also, of all British Fishing Vessels that have been seized and taken into Ports of France, or under the Provisions of the Act for carrying into effect the Convention with France concerning the Fisheries, since the 1st day of January 1852; with the Date of such Seizure, and the Amount of the Penalty and Costs incurred or paid, stating the Cause and the Time of Detention in each case.

Ordered, That the Return be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Mines Inspection Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 3 die Augusti:


Ordered, That all Committees have leave Committees to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stokes Bay Railway and Pier Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Merton College Estate Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Lord Clermont, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill be taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law be referred to the Committee of Selection.
Ordered, That the Return relative to the Board of Ordnance and War Department, &c., was presented upon the 2d day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Militia (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant August, be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of April last, for an Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom, in the years ending the 5th day of January 1853, 1854 and 1855, distinguishing the actual Payments for the Excesses incurred in the Collection and Management of the Revenue; for the Charges of the Public Debt (the Terminable Annuities being valued by Estimate); for the Expenses of the Civil Government; the Allowances to the Royal Family and to his Majesty the King of the Belgians; the Establishment of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; the Expenses of the Two Houses of Parliament and the Civil Departments; the other Pensions on the Consolidated Fund, on the Gross Revenue, and the Civil List; also the Payments for the Administration of Justice, Diplomatic Expenses, and on account of the Sum voted for the Army, Navy, Ordnance and Miscellaneous Services; also, Public Works, Bounties, Post-office, the Quarantine and Warehouse Establishments; and all other Payments not coming under any of the foregoing Heads; with an Appendix, showing the several Items composing each Head of Account (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 444, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 23d day of July last, for a Return of the Number of Bushels of Malt made in England, Scotland and Ireland, and the Totals thereof, in the years ending the 5th day of July 1853 and 1854, and 1st July 1855.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of July last, for Returns of the largest Amount of Post-horse License Duty paid by any one Firm for the year ending the 4th day of April 1855, stating the Number of Horses so licensed;—And, of the largest Amount of Mileage Duty paid by any Firm for Stage Carriage Duty, for the same period.

Return to an Order, dated the 23d day of July last, for Copies of Despatch of the Governor General of India in Council, and Minutes of the Members of the Council, respecting the Annexation of Karouly:—And, of Despatch of the Court of Directors in reply thereto.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure, be printed.

Petitions relating to Church Property (Blacklords);—Church Rates;—Licenses (Public-houses, &c.);—Accidents on Railways Bill;—Charitable Trusts Bill;—Free Schools Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Dr. Henry Jernsouer;—Medical Officers (Navy);—Public Works (Ireland);—Sale of Beer Act (1854);—Sale of Beer, &c. Bill;—and, War with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,711, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Salaries and Expenses of the Statute Law Commission to the 31st day of March 1856.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to provide for any additional Expense which may arise in consequence of the War in which Her Majesty is engaged against all the Russias.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,098,335, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses which will come in course of payment in the Commissariat Department in the year 1855-56.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £109,200, be Disembodied granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Militia, Disembodied Militia, to the 31st day of March 1856.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Ordinance Office, for the Year ending the 31st day of March 1856.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £74,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred, to the 31st day of March 1856, on account of Wages to Artificers and Labourers.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £76,632, be granted to Her Majesty, for defraying the Charge which will probably be incurred, to the 31st day of March 1856, on account of Ordnance Stores.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £400, be granted to Her Majesty, for the payment, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1856, of the Compensation Allowance awarded to Dr. Southward Smith, for the loss of his Appointment as a Member of the late General Board of Health.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purpose of erecting, in the current year ending on the 31st day of March 1856, a Building of corrugated Iron as a Museum, on the Land at Kensington Gore, acquired by the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Militia Pay, to defray the Charges of the Navy, Clothing and Contingent and other Expenses of the Disembodied Militia in Great Britain and Ireland, to grant Allowances in certain cases to Subaltern Officers, Adjutants, Paymasters, Quartermasters, Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, the Officers of the Militia, and to authorize the Employment of the Non-commissioned Officers: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Peel and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring in.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Cornwallis Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill; Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill; Public Health Act (1854) Continuance and Amendment Bill; Diseases Prevention Bill; and, Ordnance Board Bill; Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(Late in the Committee.)

Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill. Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1 (On completion of asylum, Commissioners for general control and correspondence, &c., of asylum to certify to the Lord Lieutenant and Council the whole of the sums expended).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28: After the word "aforesaid" to leave out all the words to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "and a certified copy of the said Returns to the Governors of such asylum, and also one to the Secretary of the Grand Jury of each of the counties associated in each of such asylums; and the said Clerk of the Council shall lay the said Returns before the Lord Lieutenant in Council as soon as conveniently may be: Provided any difference shall arise as to the cost of erection, enlargement, repair, or renewal, or the value of any assistance for the reception of the lunatic poor, between the Governors or such Grand Juries and the Board of Works, it shall be lawful for the said Governors, subject to the same conditions as aforesaid, to refer the question to the Lord Lieutenant in Council, who is hereby empowered to appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners, who shall not be connected with the Board of Works, to examine into such difference, aforesaid,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Public Health Act (1854) Continuance and Amendment Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Ordinance Board Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Dwellings for Labouring Classes Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bourier presented, by Her Majesty's Command, A Return of the Rates of Duty upon the principal Articles of British and Colonial Produce and Manufactures (so far as the same can be given), levied in each of the years 1853 and 1855, by the Tariffs of Foreign Countries, in which changes were made within that period, and showing the Per-centue Increase or Decrease.

Copy of further Correspondence between the Lords Railway of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and the Accident South Staffordshire Railway Company, relative to the Collision which occurred between two Passenger Trains on the 21st May 1855, at the Dudley Station of the South Staffordshire Railway.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Bull presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Australian Colonies: Copy of Further Correspondence on the subject of Convict Discipline and Transportation (in continuation of Papers presented February 1855).

Mr. John Bull also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of March last, for any Further Papers relating to the Gold Coast (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 795, of Session 1852–53).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Crown Lands Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of June last, for a (Scotland)
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Private Bills introduced and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed, in each of the five years ending 1854, or in any Committee of the whole House, or in any Committee of the House, and of all Bills, Acts of Parliament, and Public Bills, and the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and of the Number of Minutes occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Journals and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 458, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Private Bills which have since become Law, distinguishing those which have since become Law, and the Bills the Preambles of which have been classified in Groups by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last Day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Total and Average Number relating to Great Britain, England, Scotland and Ireland, and those relating to the United Kingdom; the Subjects of the Bills, and of the Bills the Preambles of which have been reported to have been proved, and of the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; the Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection; and to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, as having become unopposed; and the Bills withdrawn, or not proceeded with by the Parties. And, of all Private Bills which, in the present Session, have been referred by the Committee of Selection to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended.

Public Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Alphabetical List of the Public Bills which have been introduced into the House of Commons during the present Session; stating, for each Bill, the Name and Address of the Agents respectively who have deposited the same (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 457, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Days on which the House of Commons sat in the present Session, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and the Day of the Week, the Hour of Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Journals and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 457, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Select Committee of the Public Bills, and of the Bills the Preambles of which have been classified in Groups by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last Day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Total and Average Expense: And, of the Sums paid for Printing, Folding, &c. of Public Petitions, in each of the five years ending 1832, and the Average of that Period: Of the Aggregate Number in the House on each Division; distinguishing, in each Class, the Number of such Motions which were withdrawn, negatived, or agreed to by the House or the Committee, and the Number upon which there were Divisions (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 454, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Report of the Number of Acts passed in each Session since the year 1800-01, distinguishing, in each Class, the Number of such Acts as having become unopposed, and the Number of such Acts as having become opposed; or in any Committee of the whole House, or in the Sessions 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855 inclusive, showing the Total and Average Expenses of the Sittings of the House, and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Number of Entries in each Day's Journals and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 459, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Business of Order for the Return of all Alterations made in the Customs Tariffs of Foreign States and of their Dependencies, during the year 1853, giving the Dates thereof, so far as such Information shall have been received, up to the end of the present year; together with the English Equivalents of the Foreign Weights, Measures, and Customs Tariffs of Foreign States and of their Dependencies, during the year 1853, giving the Dates thereof, so far as such Information shall have been received, up to the end of the present year; together with the English Equivalents of the Foreign Weights, Measures, and Customs Tariffs of Foreign States and of their Dependencies, during the year 1853, giving the Dates thereof, so far as such Information shall have been received, up to the end of the present year; together with the English Equivalents of the Foreign Weights, Measures.
Mr. Walpole reported Wyndham's Divorce Bill, with- out Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Walpole reported Hadow's Divorce Bill, with- out Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Walpole reported Ewing's Divorce Bill, with- out Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to raise any Sum of Money, not exceeding Seven millions sterling, by the Issue of Exchequer Bills.
2. That in case the said Exchequer Bills be not issued for the full Sum of £7,000,000, then the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to issue Exchequer Bonds, bearing Interest at any rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, to such an Amount, as with the Total Amount for which Exchequer Bills shall be issued, will make up a Sum not exceeding the whole Sum of £7,000,000, authorized to be raised by these Resolutions.
3. That such Exchequer Bills, if issued, shall be paid off at pop at the expiration of any period not exceeding Six years from the date of such Bonds.
4. That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.
5. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there be issued and applied to the Service of the year 1855, the Sum of £5,599,112.
6. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the said Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the fifth day of August; and a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the Surplus of Ways and Means to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and fifty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the Surplus of Ways and Means to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill.

The Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Officers' Qualification Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Mittee on the Burials Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, after the Notices of Motions, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Lords have agreed to the Bills of Lading Acts Continuance (Ireland) Bill, without any Amend- ment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Turnpike Acts, Turnpike Acts Continuance (Ireland) Bill, without any Amend- ment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Derbyshire, Staffs, and Worces- tershire Railways Bill, with Amendments: in which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Sale of Spirits (Ire- land) Bill, with Amendments: to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Derbyshire, Staffs, and Worces- tershire Railways Bill, with Amendments: to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Derbyshire, Staffs, and Worces- tershire Railways Bill, with Amendments: to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Sale of Spirits (Ire- land) Bill, with Amendments: to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House; And also,
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 4th die Augusti, 1855:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;—It was re-

solved in the Affirmative.

And the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, accordingly adjourned till this day.

Sabbati, 4th die Augusti;

Anno 10th Victoriae Reginae, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Freshfield reported Sumner's Divorce Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Freshfield reported Jones's Divorce Bill, with verbal Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Exchequer Bills (£7,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Militia Pay Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, at One o'clock.

Ordered, That the Ordinance Board Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advocates) Bill was, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advocates) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the third time upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

The Public Health Act (1854) Continuance and Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Diseases Prevention Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the third time upon Monday next, at One o'clock.

The Dwelings for Labouring Classes Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Burials Bill, Bill 287.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No 1 and No 3, agreed to.

Clause, No 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No 5, agreed to.

Clauses, No 6 and No 7, disagreed to.

Clauses, No 8 and No 9, agreed to.

Clauses, No 10 and No 11, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No 12, agreed to.

Clause, No 13, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No 14 and No 15, agreed to.

Clause, (Provided always, That no corpse shall be buried in any grave in any burial-ground or cemetery, not being a vault or catacomb, without at least fifty-four inches of soil being left between the ordinary surface of the cemetery and the upper side of the coffin: Provided also, That after the interment of a corpse in any grave in any burial-ground or cemetery, no other corpse shall be interred therein for the space of ten years, except at the request in writing of some relative of the person who shall have been first interred therein) — brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Clause (Whereas the diversity of arrangements required by different Bishops as the condition of their consecrating burial-grounds have occasioned much perplexity to the people, and reproach to the Church of England, and also much inconvenience to the inhabitants of certain towns engaged in providing public burial-grounds, under the Acts sixteen and seventeen Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-four, and seventeen and eighteen Victoria, chapter eighty-seven: Be it enacted, That nothing in those Acts contained shall render it necessary for the Burial Board of any town or parish to do more than prove, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State, that they have provided a fit and proper burial-ground, with such lines of demarcation between the parts intended for the interment of members of the Church of England and persons not belonging to that Church respectively as have been generally deemed requisite, and that, having done so, they have invited the Bishop of the diocese to consecrate the said first-mentioned part of such burial-ground; and in the event of such Bishop, as the condition of his consecrating the same, requiring the construction of walls or other unreasonable and unseemly partitions between the several parts of the said burial-ground, contrary to the determination of the said Burial Board, it shall be lawful, notwithstanding, for one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in his discretion, to declare the Provisions of the said Act to have been sufficiently complied with in respect of providing a consecrated part of such burial-ground; and no proceedings shall be instituted against any Minister of the Church of England on account of his having officiated at any interment in such ground after it has been so approved by the Secretary of State, and before its consecration by the Bishop of the diocese)——brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Comm-
Securities for Debts in Scotland, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Annexation of Karouly, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Gold Coast, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Crown Lands (Scotland), which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Viscount Duncan presented a Bill to amend and re-enact certain Provisions of the Act of the fifty-fourth year of King George the Third, relating to Judicial Procedure and Securities for Debts in Scotland: And that Viscount Duncan and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the same be printed.

Viscount Duncan presented a Bill to amend and re-enact certain Provisions of the Act of the fifty-fourth year of King George the Third, relating to Judicial Procedure and Securities for Debts in Scotland: And that the same be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings before the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras, relating to the said Bill, be returned to the Lords: And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Ordered, That Standing Order 174 be suspended Marshall's in the case of Marshall's Charity Bill: and that the Charity Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Marshall's take into consideration Marshall's Charity Bill, as Charity Bill, amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 56, l. 1, by leaving out from the word "of" to the word "order," in l. 5, and inserting the words "Five hundred pounds per annum, which is to be in lieu of and in substitution for the Sum of Sixty pounds per annum payable to him," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Jones's Divorce Bill, as amended Jones's in the Committee, be considered this day; printed Divorce Bill. Copies having been deposited with the Doorkeepers upon Saturday last.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Jones's into consideration Jones's Divorce Bill, as amended Divorce Bill, in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Summer's Divorce Bill, as amended Summer's in the Committee, be considered this day; printed Divorce Bill. Copies having been deposited with the Doorkeepers upon Saturday last.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Summer's into consideration Summer's Divorce Bill, as amended Divorce Bill, in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented, by Her Majesty's Cholera Command.—Copy of Report of the Medical Council to the Right honourable Sir Benjamin Hall, Baronet, M. P., President of the General Board of Health, &c. &c. &c., in relation to the Cholera Epidemic of 1854.

Sir Benjamin Hall also presented, pursuant to the Public Health directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Supplemental Reports of the Superintending Inspectors, addressed to the General Board of Health, in relation to Middleborough, Wadhurst, Christchurch, Keighley, Woburn, Touesdale, Tostath Park and Rowford:—Also, Copies of all Statements and Memorials forwarded to the said General Board in respect to such Reports.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act:—Public Stage Carriages:—Accidents on Railways Bill:—Constabulary Force (Ireland):—Decimal Currency:—Vide Scope:—Intoxicating Liquors:—Medical Officers (Navy):—first Report. Medical Profession Bill:—Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill:—and, Sale of Beer Act (1854), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

Mr. Grenville Berkeley presented a Bill to confirm Public Health Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Burials Bill into consideration the Burials Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committees and the Select Committee on the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Donegan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2d and 3d days of this instant August; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Spirit Duties, to Spirit Duties, &c., which was presented upon the 13th day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to British and French Fishing Vessels, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways, Railways, which was presented upon the 19th day of July last, be printed.

Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, the Committee’s Report on the Commissioners, 1855.

Copy of Annual Reports of the Directors of Convict Prisons on the Discipline and Management of Pentonville, Parkhurst and Millbank Prisons, and of Portland, Dartmoor, and Broad and Broadstone Prisons, for the year 1854.

Mr. Cooper also presented, pursuant to the Municipal Reforms of an Act of Parliament, Abstract of Statements of Monies received and expended on account of certain Boroughs in Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fitzroy reported from the Committee on Lord Clermont’s Estate Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same verbally, and by inserting the full Title of a Suit in the Court of Chancery in Ireland, therein-mentioned; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fitzroy reported Handcock’s Estate Bill, Handcock’s Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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Royal Society. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Appropriation of Grants, amounting in the aggregate to £5,000, placed by order of the Treasury at the disposal of the Royal Society, between the years 1840 and 1854, transmitted on the 28th day of July 1855 to the Treasury by Lord Wrottesley, President of the Royal Society; together with a Copy of a Letter from Lord Wrottesley to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 28th day of July 1855.

Bristol Port. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Extent in Acres of Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, St. James's Park, the Green Park, Regent's Park, and Victoria Park, showing also, as regards Victoria Park, the Quantity of Land which, by the Act 4 & 5 Vict. c. 27, the Commissioners of Woods were authorized to purchase for the purposes of the Park, and the proportion of such Land which they were by that Act empowered to appropriate for Building purposes; also, showing the Quantity of Land which was actually purchased by them, and the Portions thereof which, by the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 46, were placed under the Management of the Commissioners of Land Revenue, and were directed to be leased by them; exhibiting also the Quantities within and without the Park Fence:—Of the Monies expended upon Victoria Park up to the 10th day of October 1851, distinguishing the Outlay incurred in the Purchase of Land from that incurred in Works and Maintenance, and of the Monies expended respectively by the Commissioners of Land Revenue in each year since the 10th day of October 1851, upon the Portions of the Park placed under their Management, and by the Commissioners of Works in each year in the same Period in the Payment of Salaries, and in the Maintenance of the Residue of the said Park:—And, of the Sources from which the Money so expended has been derived, whether from the Sale of York House, from the Income of the Land Revenue, Vote of Parliament, or other Sources.

Select Committees. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Expenses of Witnesses, &c. and Printing of Evidence, and any other Expenses connected with Select Committees of this House for the Sessions 1854–55, stating the Items for each Committee separately.

Bristol Port. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Land and Emigration, with the application from the Authorities at Bristol, that Bristol should be made a Government Emigration Port.

Income Tax, &c. (London.) Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax and Land and Assessed Taxes in the City of London, during the year ended on the 5th day of April 1855; the Amount of Salaries or Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are employed in other Duties not connected with the Assessment or Collection of Taxes:—Of the Rate of Poundage allowed to the several Officers for the Assessment or Collection by Act of Parliament:—And, Accounting the Total Amount of the Assessment of Income Tax by the General Commissioners for the City of London, as well as the Amount of the Assessment for Land and Assessed Taxes for the City of London, during the year ended on the 5th day of April 1855.

Fines and Penalties (Welsh). Mr. Horsman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penalties accounted for under the Provisions of the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90, for the year ending the 31st March 1854, showing the Total Amount imposed within said Period, the Proceedings had in respect thereto, and the Money received on account thereof, as well as on account of Arrear cases, up to 31st March 1855.

Mr. John Bull presented,—Return to an Address Malta Crisis to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of July 1854, intitled Code for Copies of so much of the Code of Criminal Laws for the Island of Malta, appended to the Order of the Privy Council of the 30th day of January 1854, and promulgated by the Governor of Malta on the 10th day of March 1854, as is contained under the heading of Preliminary Provisions, pages 1 and 2, also of the Article No. 312 of book 3, title 2, page 83:—Of the particular Laws and Regulations relating to Offences against Religion, which, in consequence of the Provisions in Article 312, now remain in force:—Of Article 506, lib. 3, tit. 6:—And, of Article 307, No. 14, p. 79, book 3, tit. 1, cap. 1.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Emigration 15th day of July last, for Copies or Extracts of (North American Colonies) Despatches relative to Emigration to the North American Colonies (in continuation of Papers presented April 1854).

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Charitable Trusts Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (The acts of the Board how to be authenticated).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16: After the word "secretary" to leave out to the end of the Clause, and add the words "of two Commissioners." Question, That the words "of their secretary" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16: After the word "secretary" to leave out to the end of the Clause, and insert the words "or in his absence of the chief clerk." Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 4 (The powers of the Commissioners and Inspectors to inquire into charities extended).

Another Amendment made

Clause, No. 5, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 6 and No. 7, agreed to.
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The Lords have agreed to the Court of Judicature of (Prince of Wales Island) Bill, with an Amendment: And also, to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn;—And the said Motion and Original Question were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Partnership Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The School Grants, Security for Application Bill, School Grants was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve o'clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crime and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by moving out from the word "this house will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hyder, 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vincent Scully, 15.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been sent from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to Harris’s Estate Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Leebury Prebend Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lamastic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chinese Passengers or Ships Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster Land Company Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Despatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn;—And the said Motion and Original Question were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquiesced in the House, That a Message had been sent from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to Harris’s Estate Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Leebury Prebend Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lamastic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chinese Passengers or Ships Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster Land Company Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendment the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—And also,
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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—Committee counted; and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House being told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present; and it being then a quarter of an hour after Three of the clock on Tuesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Martis, 7° die Augusti;

Anno 19° Victoriae Regniæ, 1855.

Committees.

ORDERED, That all Committees have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House.

Sumner's Divorce Bill.

Sumner's Divorce Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Jones's Divorce Bill.

Ordered, That Jones's Divorce Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Westminster Land Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Westminster Land Company Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Handcock's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That Handcock's Estate Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Lord Clermont's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That Lord Clermont's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered this day; printed Copies having been deposited with the Doorkeepers yesterday.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Lord Clermont's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Criminal Justice Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant August, That the Clause (Appeal, 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 29, s. 72), which was offered to be added on the third reading of the Criminal Justice Bill, be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Crime and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill be revived:—And that they do sit and proceed To-morrow.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Nuisances Removal, &c. and Police of Towns (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Turnpike Trusts Arrangement Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords Chinese to the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords Sale of Spirits to the Sale of Spirits (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Municipal Boroughs (Ireland), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fines and Penalties (Ireland), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Malta Maltese Criminal Code, which was presented upon the 6th instant, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration Emigration (North America), which was presented upon the 6th (North America) day of this instant August, be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated (Public Stocks); and, Royal Society, be printed.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of July, last, for Returns of the Sums of Money received by the Goldsmiths' Company for Assaying and Marking Gold and Silver Wares for each of the last Ten years:—Of the Annual Amount expended for the same Period in Assaying and Marking Gold and Silver Wares:—Of the Number of Persons employed in Assaying and Marking Gold and Silver Wares, with the Amount of their Salaries:—And, a Statement of the Amount of Legal Expenses incurred for the same Period in Prosecutions against Offenders by the Goldsmiths' Company.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of July National last, for Copy of the Minutes of the Trustees of the National Gallery, since May 1853, down to the present time, with the Names of all the Trustees who were present at each Meeting.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for an Account of the Appropriation of Grants, amounting in the aggregate to £5,000,000, placed by Order of the Treasury at the disposal of the Royal Society, between the years 1850 and 1854, transmitted on the 25th day of July 1855 to the Treasury by Lord Wrottesley, President of the Royal Society; together with a Copy of a Letter from Lord Wrottesley to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 28th day of July 1855.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Duchy of Lancaster, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Gross and Net Revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster, for the year ending Michaelmas 1854, showing the Amount of Revenue which became due, the Monies raised and paid within the year, and the Arrears and Balance at the end of the preceding and current years: also, a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy, for the year to Michaelmas 1853.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Dividends (Public Stocks), and, Royal Society, be printed.

The Exchequer Bills (£7,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Bill be printed.

The Title be, An Act for raising the Sum of Seven millions by Exchequer Bills and Exchequer Bonds, for the
the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Militia Pay Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Public Health (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the School Grants, Security for Application Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cambridge University Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Petitions relating to Intoxicating Liquors; and, Public-houses (Scotland), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Contracts or Purchases of Salt Provisions made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, or by any Persons acting by their directions, from the 1st day of September 1854 to the 30th day of June 1855; such Return to specify, with regard to each Parcel of Salt Provisions so contracted for or purchased, — the Quantity; the Description of Package; the Price; the Names and Places of Residence of the Contractors or Vendors; the Place or Country in which the Provisions were to be made up; and the Place of Delivery.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post-offices Copies of Correspondence between the Postmaster-General and the Treasury, relating to an Inquiry into the Administration of the Dublin and Edinburgh Post-offices.

Mr. Bouvierie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, in the year 1854.

Tables showing the Trade of the United Kingdom with different Foreign Countries and British Possessions, in each of the Ten years from 1841 to 1850 [compiled from Official Returns].

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statistical Tables relating to Foreign Countries; Statistical compiled, for the most part, from the Official Returns.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Petitions relating to Intoxicating Liquors; and, Public-houses (Scotland), were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented Scutari, &c. to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of any Reports from the Hospitals at Scutari, Bakhout, Abydos, Kuluee or Scutari; — Returns from the Naval Hospital at The- rapea; stating the Number of Sailors admitted, the Number discharged, and the Number who have died; distinguishing the Diseases and Wounds; — And, Copies of Extracts of any Communications on the Health of the Army in the Crimea to the Commander in Chief from the Inspector General there.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Mr.
West India Islands Relief.
Mr. John Ball presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23d day of February last, for Copy of all Correspondence, since the 1st day of January 1854, by or between the Governors or Lieutenants of the West Indies Colonies, the Treasury, the Colonial Office, or the Commissioners for the West India Island Relief Fund, relative to Estates in the West Indies indebted to Government for Advances made to them by reason of Losses sustained by them in the Hurricanes of 1851–52.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of March last, for Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary for the Colonies, and the Governor of British Guiana, concerning the Maintenance and Repair of the Sea Wall projecting the Barracks at George Town, Demerara.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Statute Law Commission.
Mr. Cooper presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2d day of this instant August, for Copy of any Replies received by the Statute Law Commission from Messrs. Ansley and Coode, late Commissioners, or either of them, to Mr. Bellenden Ker's Paper of the 13th day of June last, entituled "Observations on the Expiratory List of Statutes, and the Statute Book," to be printed, 29th January 1855 (No. 38)," and published as No. 6 of Appendix II. to the Report from Her Majesty's Commissioners for consolidating the Statutes.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

East India Company's Revenue Accounts.
Mr. Cowper presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House:

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved it into the Committee.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Total Net Revenues of the Bengal Presidency, for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £8,158,890 sterling; and the Charges thereof for the same period, other than Military Charges, amounted to £2,037,561 sterling.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Resolved, That the Total Net Revenues of the North Western Provinces, including the newly acquired Territory, for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £5,636,369 sterling; and the Charges thereof for the same period, other than Military Charges, amounted to £1,303,308 sterling.

3. Resolved, That the Net Revenues of Bengal and the North Western Provinces together, for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £13,795,258 sterling; and the Charges thereof for the same period, other than Military Charges, amounted to £3,341,857 sterling.

4. Resolved, That the Net Revenues of the Madras Presidency (Fort St. George), for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £5,722,836 sterling; and the Net Charges thereof for the same period, amounted to £2,688,378 sterling; leaving a surplus available for the general Charges of Madras of £2,034,458 sterling.

5. Resolved, That the Total Net Revenues of the Bombay Presidency, for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £2,829,562 sterling; and the Net Charges thereof for the same period, amounted to £2,941,528 sterling, showing an excess of Charges over Revenue in the above Presidency of £12,963 sterling.

6. Resolved, That the Total Net Revenues of the several Presidencies, for the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £20,533,279 sterling; and the Charges thereof amounted to £15,217,563 sterling, leaving a surplus Revenue of £5,315,716 sterling.

7. Resolved, That the Interest on the Registered Debt of India, paid in the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £2,011,971 sterling, and the Charges defrayed in England on account of the Indian Territory in the same period amounted to £2,997,488 sterling, leaving a surplus Income for the year ended as aforesaid, after defraying the above Interest and Charges, of £424,257 sterling.

8. Resolved, That, in the Opinion of this Committee, with a view to bring the state of the Finances of India more clearly before Parliament, it is desirable that the Board of Control for the Affairs of India should consider the practicability of laying before Parliament, in each year, a complete Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Indian Treasury up to the 30th day of April, during the preceding year, an Estimate of the anticipated Receipts and Expenditure for the current year.

9. Resolved, That this Committee is further of Opinion, that, in order to afford a fair opportunity for a consideration of the Statement on Indian Finance, now annually submitted to the House by the President of the Board of Control, it is desirable that, in future, that Annual Statement should be made at such a period of the Session as shall permit of its receiving the attention which its importance demands.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

November, 8° die Augusti, 1855:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Excise Duties Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Fisheries (British Islands and France) Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Westminster Terminus Railway (Clapham to Norwood) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have agreed to the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Total Rent-charges agreed or awarded to be paid in lieu of Tithes, and confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners; distinguishing between those assigned to Clerical Appropriators and their Lessees, Parochial Incumbents, Lay Impropriators, and Schools and Colleges.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Charitable Trusts Bill.
Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Lord Clermont's Estate Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That Marshall's Charity Bill be read the third time this day.

Marshall's Charity Bill was, according to Order, Marshall's Charity Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration this day, the said Amendments having been printed (No. 2) Bill, and circulated with the Votes.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Company and Lords to the New River Company and Trustees of the River Lee (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice (No. 2) Bill read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Petitions relating to Intoxicating Liquors:—Public-house (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act (1854); Petitions. —and, War with Russia,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Gold and Silver Wares, which was presented upon the 7th day Silver Wares of this instant August, be printed.

No. 407.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Gallery, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 468.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of Lancaster, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 469.

Ordered, That the Return relative to West India Islands Relief, which was presented upon the 7th Islands Relief day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 470.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Demerara, Demerara, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 471.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Statute Law Commission, which was presented upon the Commission first Report.

7th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Statute Law Commission, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Steam Vessels, which was presented upon the 23rd day of April last, be printed.

No. 473.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Joint Stock Joint Stock Companies, which was presented upon the 20th day of February last, be printed.

No. 474.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Accounts relative Grand Jury to Grand Jury Presentments (Ireland), which was presented upon the 22d day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, No. 475.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Kingstown Harbour, which was presented upon the 23rd day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolitan Turnpike-roads, which was presented upon the 2d day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Tower-hill, &c. Paving, which was presented upon the 23d day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Burial Fees, which was presented upon the 24th day of July last, be printed.

**Income Tax.**

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return showing the Number of Persons charged to the Income Tax for the years ended the 5th day of April 1853 and 1854, under Schedule (D); distinguishing the Number charged in each of the following Classes; viz., under Schedule (B), £500 a year and under £ 500; £ 500 and under £ 300; £ 300 and under £ 200; £ 200 and under £ 100; £ 100 and under £ 50; £ 50 and under £ 20; £ 20 and under £ 10; £ 10 and under £ 5; £ 5 and under £ 1; £ 1 and over; and upwards:—Return showing the Net Amount of Property and Income Tax for the same years, classed under the several Schedules (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 341, of Session 1854):—And, similar Return for Ireland.

**Burials Bill.**

The Burials Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (At least fourteen days' notice shall be given of all vestry meetings called to determine whether a burial-ground shall be provided under this and the herein recited Acts, or whether such ground shall be partly or wholly consecrated, or whether a chapel shall be erected on the unconsecrated part of such ground; and notice of meetings convened for such purposes shall be published in at least one newspaper circulating in the locality):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Where any unconsecrated burial-grounds have been closed under the herein recited Acts, it shall be lawful to provide a new burial-ground under such Acts to be either in part or wholly unconsecrated, notwithstanding that the parochial burial-ground may not have been closed):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Criminal Justice Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant August, That the Clause (Appeal, 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 29, s. 72), proposed to be added upon the third reading of the Criminal Justice Bill, be now read a second time:—And the Question being again proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Whereas the diversity of arrangements required by different Bishops as the condition of their consecrating burial-grounds have occasioned much perplexity to the people, and reproach to the Church of England, and also much inconvenience to the inhabitants of certain towns engaged in providing public burial-grounds, under the Acts, sixteen and seventeen Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-four, and seventeen and eighteen Victoria, chapter eighty-seven; Be it enacted, that nothing in those Acts contained shall render it necessary for the Burial Board of any town or parish to do more than prove, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State, that they have provided a fit and proper burial-ground, with such lines of demarcation between the parts intended for the interment of members of the Church of England and persons not belonging to that Church respectively as have been generally deemed requisite, and that, having done, so they have invited the Bishop of the diocese to consecrate the said first-mentioned part of such burial-ground; and in the event of such Bishop, as the condition of his consecrating the same, requiring the construction of walls or other unreasonable and unseemly partitions between the several parts of the said burial-ground, contrary to the determination of the said Burial Board, it shall be lawful, notwithstanding, for one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in his discretion, to declare the provisions of the said Act to have been sufficiently complied with in respect of providing a consecrated part of such burial-ground; and no proceeding shall be instituted against any Minister of the Church of England on account of his having officiated at any interment in such ground after it has been so approved by the Secretary of State, and before its consecration by the Bishop of the diocese):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Yea, [Mr. Ferguson] 26.
Tellers for the [Viscount Ebrington], [Viscount Ebrington] 26.
Tellers for the [Mr. Heyter], [The Earl of Mulgrave] 29.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power to award costs to defendant, 6 & 7 Vic. c. 40, s. 21):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power to award costs to defendant, 6 & 7 Vic. c. 40, s. 21):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in ps. 2 and 3, ls. 49, and 1 and 2, by leaving out the words " or larceny as a clerk or servant, or embezzlement, or obtaining property by false pretences, or attempting to obtain property by false pretences.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 15, by leaving out the word " six," and using the word "three," instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the word "six" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 45, by inserting, after the word "agreed," the words "or dismissed."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 14, by leaving out the words "the Petty Sessions hold for a Petty Sessional Division," and inserting the words "held at such places only as shall be appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 17.

And the Question being put, That Clause 17 stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Brand; 42.

Mr. John George Philimore; 10.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords, with an Amendment: to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Sale of Spirits into consideration the Amendments made by the (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take School Grants, into consideration the School Grants, Security for Application Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Viscount Duncan reported from the Committee East India, on the East India Company's Revenue Accounts.

Clause, N° 1: (Recited Act continued).

Question again proposed, That the words "thirty-first day of August" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment proposed to the last Question: To leave out "Thirty."

Question, That the word "Thirty" stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Question, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to. Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Duncan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Acts Amendment Bill.

The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment (Clause B.) was merely explanatory of the existing Law, and to remove doubts which had arisen), were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Chinese Passenger Ships Bill, and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Chinese Passenger Ships Bill, and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Chinese Passenger Ships Bill, and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Sale of Spirits into consideration the Amendments made by the (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take School Grants, into consideration the School Grants, Security for Application Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.
India, paid in the year ended the 30th day of April 1853, amounted to £2,011,971 sterling; and the Charges defrayed in England on account of the Indian Territory, in the same period, amounted to £2,697,488 sterling, leaving a surplus of Indian Income for the year ended as foresaid, after defraying the above Interest and Charges, of £424,537 sterling.

8. That, in the opinion of this Committee, with a view to bring the state of the Finances of India more clearly before Parliament, it is desirable that the Board of Control for the Affairs of India should consider the practicability of laying before Parliament, in each year, a complete Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Indian Treasury, up to the 30th day of April during the preceding, with an Estimate of the anticipated Receipts and Expenditure for the current year.

9. That this Committee is further of opinion, that, in order to afford a fair opportunity for a consideration of the Statement on Indian Finance, now annually submitted to the House by the President of the Board of Control, it is desirable that, in future, that Annual Statement should be made at such a period of the Session as shall permit of its receiving the attention which its importance demands. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Charitable Trusts Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1 amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Court of Chancery may authorize Leases of Settled Estates, subject to certain conditions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17: To leave out from the word 5 years to the word 17.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 to N° 19, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 20 (Court not to grant application in certain cases).

An Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Duncan reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Poor Relief, Returns showing the Amount of Money expended for In-maintenance and Out-door Relief in Unions, &c., under the Poor Law Amendment Act in England and Wales, during the half-years ended Lady-day 1854 and Lady-day 1855 respectively:—Showing also the Number of Paupers of all Classes in receipt of Relief on the 1st day of July 1854 and the 1st day of July 1855, in Unions, &c., in England and Wales:—Of the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers in receipt of Relief on the 1st day of July 1854 and the 1st day of July 1855:—And, showing the causes of Relief upon which the Adult Able-bodied were relieved.

Viscount Duncan accordingly presented the said Returns.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Adulteration of Food, &c., have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.

Mr. Scholfield reported from the said Select Committee, That they had made further Progress in the Matters to them referred; and had agreed to a Second Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Mr. Cooper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Tables showing the Number of Criminal Offenders committed for Trial or bailed for Appearance at the Assizes and Sessions in each County, in the year 1854, and the Result of the Proceedings; made out by Order of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Criminal Registers kept in that Office.


Mr. Cooper also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of May last, for a Return from the Treasurer of each County, County of a City, and County of a Town in Ireland, showing the Receipts and Payments on behalf of each County in the year 1854; and the Receipts—1st. The Balance, if any, on hand in County Bank or Exchequer Bills on the 31st day of December 1854; and Payments—1st. Balance, if any, due County Bank or Treasurer on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Amount received from County Cess; 3d. Amount received from all other Sources; and, 4th. Balance, if any, due County Bank or Treasurer on the 31st day of December 1854; and Payments—1st. Balance, if any, due County Bank or Treasurer on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Amount of all Sums paid; and, 3d. Balance, if any, in County Bank or Exchequer Bills on the 31st day of December 1854; together with a Statement of—1st. The Assets above Liabilities; 2d. The County Cess due and uncollected on the 31st day of December 1854; but not including therein any Sum ordered to be levied at the Summer Assizes preceding, or the second half of the Sum, ordered to be levied off the County of Dublin in the Spring preceding.

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of May last, for a Return from each Corporation, Town Council, Town or Water Commissioners, or other Public Body, having a right to levy Rates off the Inhabitants of Towns in Ireland, being a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of each in 1854; showing the Receipts—1st. Balance, if any, in Treasurers' hands on the 1st day of January 1854; 2d. Amount received from Rents; 3d. Amount received from Tolls, Assessments or Rates; 4th. Amount received from Rentals; 5th. Salaries; 6th. Law Charges; 7th. Interest on Debts; 8th. Annuities; 9th. Debts paid off; 10th. Incidental Expenses; and, 11th. Balance, if any, in Treasurer's hands on the 31st day of December 1854; also the Amount of Debt due by each such Body on the 1st day of January 1854 and the 31st day of December 1854, in Classes, distinguishing—1st. The Bonded Debt; 2d. The Amount due to Contractors; 3d. To Bank; 4th. To other Parties; 5th. To Treasurer; with the Rate of Interest on each Class of Debt, and the Increase or Decrease of the Debt during the year:—And, similar Return from each Port, Harbour or Dock Commissioners, or other similar Body having Power to levy Tonnage or Goods Rates in any Port in Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Kidderminster, in the room of Robert Losey, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Vice-President of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Kilmarnock District of Burghs, in the room of the Right honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie, who, since his Election for the said District of Burghs, hath accepted the Office of President of the Poor Law Board.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hertford, in the room of the Honourable William Francis Cooper, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of President of the General Board of Health.

Petitions relating to Church of England:—Church Rates;—Magna Charta College Acts;—Income Tax;—Petitions. Licenses (Public-houses, &c.);—Stamp Duties;—Vale Sini—Intoxicating Liquors;—Malt Liquors;—Poor Law first Report. (Ireland); and, Queen's Bench Prison, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Charitable Trusts Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and Amendments were agreed to, and made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 46.

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 46 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The Union of contiguous Benefices Bill was, ac- Union of cording to Order, read the third time.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (that the inhabitants shall have authority to stipu- A. 1855. late, as a condition for giving such consent as aforesaid, such terms respecting any liability to rates, taxes or other imposts, now payable to or for any existing church, which, under the powers of this Act, shall be taken down, or the repairs of any new church, or the conduct of Divine Service therein, and the abolition of all or any such rates, taxes or imposts, or any part thereof, as shall be deemed to be just and reasonable; and such terms as aforesaid shall be set forth in such scheme, and shall be binding and conclusive so soon as any Union of Benefices shall be ordered as hereinafter mentioned:)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro- A. 1855. posed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

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Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which Amendment this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the House will, upon this day three months, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to whom the subject of the Public Prosecutors Bill was referred have power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. John George Phillimore reported from the said Select Committee; that they had considered the matter to them referred; and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships to inquire into the best mode of obtaining accurate Agricultural Statistics from all parts of the United Kingdom; together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Sir Charles Wood presented,—Return to an Order, Officers doted the 24th day of July last, for a Return of (NAVY) the Number of Captains promoted to be Active Rear-Admirals, from the 1st day of January 1850 to the latest Period:—Like Return of Senior Captains placed on the Reserved and Retired Rear-Admirals' and Captains' Lists respectively, from not having served their time aforesaid as Captains:—Returns of the Number of Active Commanders of Twenty-five years' standing and upwards:—Returns of the Number of Active Lieutenants of Twenty years' standing and upwards in that Rank, stating the Date of the Commission of the Senior one:—Of the Number of Reserved Commanders who had previously held the Rank of Lieutenant Twenty-five years and upwards, stating the maximum Number of years:—Like Return of Retired Commanders who had previously held the Rank of Lieutenant Twenty-five years and upwards, stating the maximum Number of years:—Return of the Number of Active Lieutenants of Twenty years' standing and upwards in that Rank, stating the Date of the Commission of the Senior Active Lieutenant:—Like Return of the Reserved Lieutenants:—Returns of the Number of Mates, Midshipmen, and Cadets, respectively, retired and unfit for Service at Sea:—Of the Number of Mates, Midshipmen, Volunteers, and Cadets, respectively, now in the Navy, and of the Number of Cadets admitted in each of the last Ten years, and from the 1st day of January to the 1st day of July 1855:—And, on the Active Lists of Admirals, Captains, Commanders and Lieutenants respectively, to state the Number in each Rank on Full Pay, and the Number in each Rank on Half Pay, on the 1st day of July 1855.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Emigration to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of all Persons of every Denomination who were in the Service or Pay of Her Majesty's Commissioners for Colonial Land and Emigration on the 1st day of July 1855, with the Amount of the Salaries, the Date of their Appointment, and the Hours of Attendance each Day:—Of the Name and Tonnage of all Vessels or Ships chartered by the Commissioners, the Owners' Names, the Prices paid or agreed to be paid for the Conveyance and Victualling each Statute Adult, and the Number of Statute Adults taken by each Ship for the last Three years:—And, of all Monies received by the Commissioners under Acts or Votes of Parliament, or for the Sale of Colonial Lands, or from any other Source, for the purpose of Emigration, and how the same have from time to time been disbursed, for the last Three years (in continuation of Return ordered to be printed on the 24th day of November 1852).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Judicial or to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased (East Indies. to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number and Names of Persons at present holding any Judicial or other Legal Office in the East Indies or British Colonies: specifying the Date of each Appointment, and Amount of Salary and Emoluments in British Money attached thereto respectively.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to agree to any Canon or Constitution, and of the concurrence of this House : And also.

And Notice being taken, That Forty Members were not present:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Court of Judicature (Prince of Wales Island) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Proprietors in each Railway Company in the United Kingdom, incorporated by Act of Parliament on the 31st day of December 1854:—Of the Number of General and Special General Meetings of Proprietors of each Company held in the Three preceding years:—And, of the Number of Stamped Proxy Papers deposited with the Secretary by the Proprietors for use at each of such Meetings.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Sir George Grey was also presented, — Return to an Address from the House of Lords, for Returns of the Number of Visitors admitted to the Public Departments at the commencement of the Sessions 1854 and 1855; the Number that have re-entered the Public List at the close of the year 1854; the Number that have become incapable of Service during the year 1854; and the Number that have re-entered the Public List at the commencement of the Sessions 1854 and 1855 respectively.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Summary of the Poor Rate Returns made to the Poor Law Board, for the year ended the 25th day of March 1855.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Customs Tariff Acts Amendment and Consolidation Bill.

The said Amendment, being read a second time (and the Motion to recommit being negatived) as being a clerical error in one of the items of the Schedule of the Bill, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies or Extracts of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Government of India and the Commissioner at Nagpore, subsequent to the 23d day of February 1854.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons on the Redundant List of the Public Departments at the commencement of the Sessions 1854 and 1855; the Number that have died or become incapable of Service during the year 1854; the Number that have re-entered the Public Service during the year; the Number that have been added to the year; and the Number that remained on the List at the close of the year 1854.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Quantities of Unrefined Sugar imported and cleared for Consumption in each year, ending the 5th day of July, from 1842 to 1855, both years inclusive; distinguishing the Produce of the West Indies, Mauritius and East Indies; showing a Total Amount of Capital, (2) of Loan, under the Provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Vic. c. 99, to Districts.

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The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Private Bills.

Muscovado Sugar, exclusive of Duty, from the London Gazette; and the Average Prices per cwt. of Havannah Sugar (ordinary Yellow), exclusive of Duty, from the London Mercantile Prices Current, for each of the above years (in recapitulation and continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 249, of Session 1854).

Petitions relating to Licences (Public-houses, &c.); Public—Billeting of Soldiers;—and, Intoxicating Liquors, Petitions.

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the Committee of Selection to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means; together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended.

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for Returns of the Number of Public Petitions presented in each of the Five years ending 1788-9, 1804-5, 1814-15, showing the Average of each Period of Five years; also, of the Number of Petitions presented and printed in each of the Five years ending 1832, and the Average of that period:
—Of the Number of Public Petitions presented and printed in each of the Five years ending 1838, 1843, 1848 and 1853, with the Total Number of Signatures in each year; showing the Average Number of Petitions presented and printed, and Signatures, for each Period of Five years—Abstracts of the Sums paid for Printing, Folding, &c. of Public Petitions, in each of the Five years ending in 1832, and showing the Total and Average Expense:—And, of the Sums paid for Printing, Folding, &c. Reports and Appendices, and Indexes to Reports and Appendices on Public Petitions, in each year, from 1838 to 1855 inclusive, showing the Total and Average Expense of each Period of Five years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 456, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return of the Number of Days on which the House of Commons sat in the present Session, beginning with the Date of the Month, and the Day of the Week, the Hour of Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 457, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1854-55; the Names of the Members appointed to serve on each Committee, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days on which each Committee met, and the Number of Days on which each Member attended such Committee; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses, and the Name of the Member who moved for each such Committee; also, the Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees, and the Number of Members who served on no Select Committee at all (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 458, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return of the Number of each of the following Motions which have been made in the House before the Orders of the Day and Notices have been disposed of, or in any Committee of the whole House, in the Sessions 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855; viz.:—1. That this House do now adjourn; 2. That this House, at its rising, will adjourn till Monday next, or any future Day, on Motion for a Debate to be now adjourned; 3. That the Chairman of a Committee of the whole House do report Progress; 5. That the Chairman do now leave the Chair; and distinguishing, in each Class, the Number of such Motions which were withdrawn, negatived or agreed to by the House or the Committee, and the Number upon which there were Divisions (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 454, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return of all Petitions for Private Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office for the present Session; with the Name and Address of the Agents respectively who have deposited the same (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 459, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House of Commons in the present Session; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers included; also, the Aggregate Number in the House on each Division; distinguishing the Divisions on Public Business from Private, and also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 458, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of June Income Tax last, for a Return of the Amounts paid to Persons who receive Poundage by way of Compensation for their Services under the Income Tax in England, where such Poundage amounts to £ 200 in the year and upwards; showing the Amount of Poundage paid to each Person for the year ended the 5th day of April 1854, and 30th day of September 1854, shall be paid to them for the year ended the 5th day of April 1855, as soon as such latter Amount shall be ascertained.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of July National Debt last, for a Return of the Number of Gallons of Foreign (Scotland) reign and Colonial Spirits cleared for Home Consumption in Scotland in each Month of the last Five years ending on the 1st day of July 1855, and of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits so cleared in each Period of Six Weeks during the same time.

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July Tea, &c. last, for a Return of the Number of Duties of the Adulteration of Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate and Pepper, in each year from 1844 to 1844, both inclusive, and for the half-year to the 25th day of February (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 452, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of July Chocolates, &c. last, for a Return of the Amount of Poundage made of the Adulteration of Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate and Pepper, in each year from 1844 to 1844, both inclusive, and for the half-year to the 25th day of February (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 453, of Session 1854).

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Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of July Savings Bank last, for a Return of the Number of Gallons of Foreign (Scotland) reign and Colonial Spirits cleared for Home Consumption in Scotland in each Month of the last Five years ending on the 1st day of July 1855, and of the Number of Gallons of British Spirits so cleared in each Period of Six Weeks during the same time.

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the Number who have been specially selected for Chemical Education at University College in each year; the Cost of such Education; also, a Statement of all Monies paid to Independent Chemists employed by the Excise during the same Period.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of July last, for a Return of the Business of the Ports named, agreeable to the Form specified, for the year ending 9th January 1856:—

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Ordered, That the Returns relative to Private Bills (Amounts proposed to be raised); Private Bills (introduced and brought from the Lords); Public Petitions; Public Bills; Sittings of the House; Select Committees; Business of the House; Petitions for Private Bills; Divisions of the House; Income Tax; National Debt; and, Savings Banks, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Election to Election Auditors, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Corporate Accounts (Ireland), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Agricultural Statistics, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Royal Officers (Navy), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Sir William Mollesworth presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for a General Abstract of the Colonial Expenditure of Great Britain for the year 1854, or for the last year for which the same can be made up (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 398, of Session 1853).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Hayter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, upon certain Accidents which have occurred on Railways during the Month of June 1856.

Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, upon certain Accidents which have occurred on Railways subsequent to the 30th June 1856.

Return, showing the Number of Passengers conveyed on all the Railways in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively, during the half-year ended 30th June 1855, distinguished in different Classes, and the Receipts from each Class of Passengers, and from Goods, &c.; compiled from Returns made in pursuance of the Provisions of the Act 3 & 4 Vic. c. 97; also the Length of Railway open at the commencement and at the termination of the half-year; together with a Summary, comparing the Traffic with that in the corresponding Period in 1854; and a Supplement, showing the Aggregate Number of Miles travelled by each Class of Passengers, the Number of Passenger Trains and of Goods Trains respectively, and the Number of Miles travelled by such Trains during the above-mentioned half-year.

Abstract of Reports on the Trade of various Countries and Places for the year 1854, received by the Board of Trade (through the Foreign Office) from Her Majesty's Ministers and Consuls.

Mr. Hayter also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for a Return, from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, containing, in columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries, and other Allowances, if any; the Amount of Security each gives; the Number of Accounts remaining open; the Total Amount owing to Depositors; the Total Amount invested with
with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; the Rate of Interest paid to Depositors on the various Amounts of Deposit, and the Average Rate of Interest on all Accounts; and the Total Amount of the separate Surplus Fund, on the 30th day of November 1854; the Rate per centum per annum on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenses of Management; the Annual Number of Receipts from Depositors; the Annual Number of Payments; the Average Amount of Receipts; the Average Amount of Payments; the Number and Amounts of Loans granted; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ending the 30th day of November 1854; also the Day or Days, and the Names of the Towns in which the Courts are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Monies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 245, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of March last, for Returns showing for each Railway Company the Amount of Capital and Loan which the Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1854, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid in before the 31st day of December 1854, separating the Ordinary Share Capital which does not receive, or is not entitled to receive, any Preferential Dividend or Interest from that which bears a Preferential Dividend or Interest upon such Ordinary Share Capital as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate of Interest or Dividend it is entitled to receive; the Amount due on Debentures, Loan Notes, or any other Interest bearing Securities on the 31st day of December 1854, the Rates of Interest payable thereon, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1854 to raise, either on existing Shares, or by Loans; the Length of Line open for Traffic on the 31st day of December 1854; distinguishing single and double Portions; the Length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1854; the Length of Line each Company is authorized to construct, but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1854; and consequently the Total Length for which each Company has obtained Powers;—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected, either by Purchase, Lease or otherwise, during 1854; stating the Nature of such Amalgamation, and the Date on which it was commenced, with the Act of Parliament under which it was effected;—And, from each Railway Company, showing the Length of each Line, or part of a Line, or Branch Line, for which the Powers granted by Parliament for the compulsory Purchase of the Land required for their Construction had been allowed to expire, previous to the 31st day of December 1854, without the exercise of such Powers; and the Capital appropriated by Parliament for the Construction of such Lines or Branch Lines (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 494, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of June last, for a Return of the Number and Description of Pilots employed on each of the Railways in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively, on the 30th day of June 1855, which may at that Date be open for Traffic; also the Length of Line, with the Number of Stations open for Public Traffic on the same Day; and, similar Return for each Line and Branch Line of Railway which has been authorized, but which may not be open for Traffic on the 30th day of June 1855; distinguishing the Length of each such Line or Branch Line on which the Works may be in Progress, and the Length on which they may not be in Progress at that Date, and specifying the Act or Acts authorizing such Railways (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 455, of Session 1854).

Mr. Bayley also presented, pursuant to the direct-
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1855, sent to the Commissioners for the Affairs of India by the Examiners appointed under the Act of the 15th and 17th Vic. c. 10, for the Examination of Candidates for the Appointment of Assistant Surgeons in the Service of the East India Company.

Mr. Vernon Smith accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Chancery.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Amount of Salaries, Fees and Emoluments received by the several Clerks of the Peace in England and Wales in respect of their respective Offices in the years 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855, stating in respect of what Duties such Fees are payable:—And, of the Amount of any Compensation granted to them in respect of their Offices, stating when, and by what Authority, and for what cause such Compensation was awarded.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Bills of Lading

(No. 2) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bills of Lading (No. 2) Bill: and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Sierra Leone.

Sir William Molensworth presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Correspondence relative to the recent Expeditious against the Morish Chiefs, in the Neighbourhood of Sierra Leone.

Church

Convocation (Nova Scotia.)

Sir William Molensworth also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of July last, for Copies or Extracts of Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the Establishment of a Church Convocation in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Despatch of Business

(Court of Chancery) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Despatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 1 (Additional Justice Clerk to each Chief Clerk may be appointed forthwith).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14: After the word “additional” to insert the words “Chief Clerk and an additional.”

Question, That the words “Chief Clerk and an additional” be there inserted.—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 2, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 3, amended and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 4 to N° 8, agreed to.

Clause, N° 9, amended and agreed to.

Clause, N° 9, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 11, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 12 to N° 16, agreed to.

Clause, N° 17, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 18, agreed to.

Clauses added.

Clause (Additional temporary Clerk may be appointed, and brought up, and agreed.) Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dandy Seymour reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Letter from the Lords, with a Return of the Amount of Salaries, Fees and other Allowances granted to the Clerks of the Peace, for what cause such Compensation was awarded.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Conical Flour Mill Company Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Bill, with Amendments, and without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Ballots Suspension Bill, without any Amendment: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendment made by Lord Clermont’s Estate Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also, the Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendment made by Lord Clermont’s Estate Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Bill.

The said Amendments, being read a second time
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Customs Laws Consolidation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Buildings Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ordinance Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sale of Beer, &c. Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Sabbati, 11° die Augusti ;

Anno 19° Victoriae Regni, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION relating to the War with Russia, was presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from each City and Borough in England and Wales, having a separate Commission of the Peace, of the following Particulars, for one year, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1854:—Name and Address of Recorder or Judge; Date of his Appointment; Date of holding each Court of Session during the year; Number of Days each Session lasted; Number of Prisoners tried; Number of Prosecutors and Witnesses; Gross Cost of each prosecution; Title or Description of each Officer of the Court; Salary, Fees or Allowance to the Recorder or Judge, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Indictments, Bailiff, Crier, Doorkeeper, and of any other and what Officer;—if any of the above Parties are remunerated by Fees, particularize such Fees, and also give the Gross Annual Amount paid to each Party.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Resolved, That Amendments made by the Lords Lords' to Public Bills be considered forthwith.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Prices allowed by the Ordnance Department for the Clothing of the Soldiers of Her Majesty's Service; distinguishing those allowed for the different Services of Artillery, Engineers, Infantry (Guards and Line), Cavalry, Colonial Corps, and Foreign Troops of whatever description; distinguishing also the Prices allowed for the different Grades of Rank in each Service:—And, List of the Prices formerly allowed to Colonels of Regiments for Clothing these Corps, and of those allowed for the different Troops supplied by the Board of Ordnance.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Millingar Copies of the Warrants appointing Drs. Berkeley and Ferguson, as Medical Officers to the Lunatic Asylum at Millingar, and of all Correspondence and Documents relative to their Appointments:—And, Return of the greatest Number of Patients in that Asylum on the 1st day of July 1853, and of any time previous to that Date, showing the Date of Admission of each Patient, distinguishing such Patients as have died or been discharged since their Admission, with the Date of such Discharge or Death.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Comparative Population of the Boroughs contained in the Schedule to the Municipal Corporations Act, 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 76, distinguishing the Wards of each Borough.
Ordered, That the said Message from Her Majesty be read, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) (Advances) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Inverness Bridge Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Public Health Act (1854) Continuance and Amendment Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Diseases Prevention Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Crimes and Outrage (Ireland) Act Continuance Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

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The Lords have agreed to the Despatch of Business (Court of Chancery) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Charitable Trusts Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Justice Bill.

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The Lords have agreed to the Chinese Passenger Ships Bill.

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The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which Amendments the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Dwelling for Labouring Classes Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Dwelling for Labouring Classes Bill.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendments to the Metropolis Local Management Bill; to which this House hath disagreed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Health (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Lords disagree to certain of the Amendments Union of the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Union of contingent Benefices Bill, and the same were twice read.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon their Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed; and agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Burials Bill, the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Burials Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon their Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed; and agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Burials Bill, the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Burials Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
in every respect of Refined Sugar:—Of the same in every respect of Melasses:—Of the same in every respect of the aggregate of Unrefined and Refined Sugar and Melasses, converting Melasses into Sugar at the Rate of Three pounds of Melasses to One pound of Sugar:—Of the same in respect of Rum:—Of the Amount of Duty received on Refined and Unrefined Sugar and on Melasses in each of the above years: distinguishing the Amounts paid on Foreign and Colonial Produce, and the Rates of Duty chargeable in each year:—Of the Amount of Duty received on Rum in each year, and the Rate at which it was charged:—And, of the Average Prices per cwt. of Muscovado Sugar, exclusive of Duty, from the London Gazette; and the Average Prices per cwt. of Hawaiian Sugar (ordinary Yellow), exclusive of Duty, from the London Mercantile Prices Current, for each of the above years (in recapitulation and continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 429, of Session 1854).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugar, &c., be printed.

National Gallery, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits (Scotland), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Tea, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Chicory, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Chemical Establishment (Excise Department), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (showing for each Railway Company the Capital and Loan), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (Number and Description of Persons employed), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Balaklava Harbour, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Civil Service) (Civil Service), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Assistant Surgeons), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Church Convocation (Nova Scotia), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Pilotage, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Tuesday next.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of May Naval Prizes list, for a Return of all Vessels seized or captured, whether under the Russian, Neutral, Allied, or British Flags, and against which Proceedings have been taken in the High Court of Admiralty of England, from the 29th day of March 1854 to the Date of making the Return, showing the Name of the Prize, her Master's Name, her Tonnage, the Nature of her Cargo (if any), and under what Colours she was captured, the Names of the Capturing Ship and its Commanding Officer, the Date of the Capture, the grounds upon which she was captured, the Date when Proceedings were commenced, the Date of Adjudication, the Decretal part of Sentence, the Particulars and Amount of the Gross Proceeds, and of the Payments thereout; distinguishing the Fees of the Adjudicator, and the Decretal part of the Sentence; and the Balance for Distribution, and the Date when Notice of the Distribution was published in the Gazette, in each case respectively.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Mr. Peel also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of April No. 517. last, for a Return showing the Militia Regiments embodied in England, Scotland and Ireland; the Strength of such Regiments on the 14th day of March and the 14th day of April 1855, respectively; and the Names of such Regiments as have given their Quota to the Regular Army.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of July last, for Returns showing the Strength of each English Regiment of Militia on the 30th day of June last; specifying the Number of each Rank, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers and Privates, present upon that day:—And, of the Number of each Rank absent without leave from their respective Regiments upon the same day.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to the Militia be printed.

Petitions relating to Cambridge University Bill:—Public Brixton Prisons;—Intoxicating Liquors;—and, War Petitions, with Russia, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Viscount...
Commissariat (Crimea.)

Bristol Port.

Viscount Palmerston, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies or Extracts of Reports of an Inquiry into the state of the Commissariat in the Crimea, by Sir John M'Neil and Colonel Talbot, and of the Evidence taken by them.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Kensington Gardens, &c.

No. 521.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for Returns of the Extent in Acres of Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, St. James's Park, the Green Park, Regent's Park, and Victoria Park, showing also, as regards Victoria Park, the Quantity of Land which, by the Act 4 & 5 Vic. c. 21, the Commissioners of Works were authorized to purchase for the purposes of the Park, and the proportion of such Land which they were by that Act empowered to appropriate for Building purposes; also, showing the Quantity of Land which was actually purchased by them, and the Portions thereof which, by the Act 14 & 15 Vic. c. 46, were placed under the Management of the Commissioners of Land Revenue, and were directed to be leased by them; exhibiting the Quantities within and without the Park Fence; — Of the Monies expended upon Victoria Park up to the 10th day of October 1854, distinguishing the Outlay incurred in the Purchase of Land from that incurred in Works and Maintenance, and of the Monies expended respectively by the Commissioners of Land Revenue in each year since the 10th day of October 1851, upon the Portions of the Park placed under their Management, and by the Commissioners of Works in each year in the same Period in the Payment of Salaries, and in the Maintenance of the Residue of the said Park; — And, of the Sources from which the Money so expended has been derived, whether from the Sale of York House, from the Income of the Land Revenue, Vote of Parliament, or other Sources.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sierra Leone.

Sir William Moleworth presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Further Papers relative to Admissions to the British Colonies, or Subject to the War with Russia (Statement of all the Remittances received up to the present time from the Colonies, on account of the Patriotic Fund), (in continuation of Papers presented 8th March and 7th June).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Coasting Trade (Foreign Countries.)

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies of Despatches from Her Majesty's Ministers Abroad, announcing the Opening of the Coasting Trade of various Foreign Countries to British Vessels.

Public Libraries (France.)

No. 522.

Mr. Wilson also presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of July last, for Returns transmitted by Lord Conyngham to the Foreign Office, relating to the Public Libraries of France.

Bristol Port.

No. 523.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Copy of the Report of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, on the Application from the Authorities at Bristol, that Bristol should be made a Government Emigration Port.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Public Libraries (France), and, Bristol Port, be printed.

Inns of Court Commission.

Sir George Grey presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Commissioners Vol. 110.

appointed to inquire into the Arrangements in the Inns of Court, &c. &c.

Abstract of the General Statements of the Income Turnpike and Expenditure of the several Turnpike Trusts in 
England and Wales, for the year 1853.

Abstract of the General Statements of the Income Turnpike and Expenditure of the several Turnpike Trusts in 
Scotland, for the year 1853.

Sir George Grey also presented, — Further Return Population, to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of March last, for Returns of the Population, according to the last Census, of every Union, and of every Parish not in a Union, in England, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854: — Of the Population of every Parish in Scotland, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854: — And, of the Population of every Union in Ireland, showing the Amount of Workhouse Accommodation in each, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1854.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Convocation, 5th day of this instant August, for Copy of any Address from the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, praying for Her Majesty's License to Convocation to consider and agree to any Canon or Constitution, and of the Answer to such Address.

Sir George Grey also presented, — Further Return Population, to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Conseil de la Préfecture à l'Examen et le Cabinet, — Conseil de Prud'hommes, on the 25th day of March 1854 and 1855, at the Cost of other Parties.

Sir George Grey also presented, pursuant to the Poor Law Directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Six (Ireland.) General Orders issued by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Population, &c. ; Convocation; and, Conseils de Prud'hommes (France and Belgium), be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Children in the Clerk of the House, — Return to an Order, dated the 2d day of March last, for an Abstract of Return of the Number of Children in the Workhouses in England and Wales, for the year 1854 (in continuation of Former Returns).

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of May Pauper last, for Returns, showing the Number of Children between Three years and Fifteen years of Age, who shall be chargeable to the Poor Rates of the several Parishes and Unions in England and Wales (but who shall not be Inmates of Workhouses, or of any Schools for Pauper Children), on the 25th day of March 1854 and 1855; distinguishing the Number of such Children who shall then be attending Day Schools at the Cost of their Parents or Relatives; The Number of such Children who shall then not be attending any Day School; and distinguishing, also, the Number of such Children who shall then be in Work: — And, of the Number of such Children who were attending Day Schools on the 25th day of March 1854 and 1855, at the Cost of other Parties
than their Parents or Relatives (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 355, of Session 1854).

Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of June last, for a Return of all New Places created and Appointments made since the 6th day of April 1848, whether under any Act of Parliament, or by any other authority: stating separately the Salaries of each, and the estimated Annual Expenses of the Establishments in connexion with such Appointments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 633, of Session 1848).

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of June last, for a Return for the years ending the 20th day of March 1854-55, of the several Classes of Deductions, Abatements and Allowances made to the Bishops and Clergy of the Established Church in Ireland, out of their Ecclesiastical Incomes and Profits, in estimating the Amount for which they would be respectively chargeable to Income Tax.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for Returns of the Names of the several Persons employed in the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax and Land and Assessed Taxes in the City of London, during the year ended on the 4th day of April 1855; the Amount of Salaries or Allowances received or receivable, as far as can be ascertained, by each; also stating whether any and which of such Persons are occupied in other Duties not connected with the Assessment or Collection of Taxation—Of the Rate of Pounding allowed to the several Officers for the Assessment or Collection by Act of Parliament:—And, Account showing the Total Amount of the Assessment of Income Tax by the General Commissioners for the City of London, as well as the Amount of the Assessment for Land and Assessed Taxes for the City of London during the year ended on the 5th day of April 1855.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Public Appointments; and, Income Tax, &c. (London), be printed.

Mr. Dacsor reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented from the 6th to the 14th days of this instant August, both inclusive; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Exchequer Bills (L7,000,000) Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Militia Pay Bill, without any Amendment: And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the School Grants, Security for Application Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table;

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Population, Population, &c., which was presented upon the 17th day of April &c. last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Bills, Civil Bills, &c. (Ireland), which was presented upon the 23rd day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to New Churches, New Churches, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative Fees (Clerks to Fees (Clerks of Assize, &c.), which was presented of Assize, &c.) upon the 26th day of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to High Cor-High stables, which was presented upon the 22d day of Constabulary. May last, be printed.

A Message by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Royal Assault. Usher of the Black Rod:

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, do desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Consolidated Fund, and the Surplus of Ways and Means, to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:

An Act for raising the Sum of Seven millions by Exchequer Exchequer Bills and Exchequer Bonds, for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and bill.

An Act for the Amendment and Consolidation of the Customs Tariff Acts Amend- amends:

An Act to consolidate certain Acts, and otherwise amend the Laws of the Customs, and an Act to regulate the Office of the Receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster:

An Act to impose increased Rates of Duty of Excise Duties Excise on Spirits distilled in the United Kingdom; Bill, to allow Malt, Sugar and Molasses to be used Duty free in the distilling of Spirits, in lieu of Allowances and Drawbacks on such Spirits, Sugar and Molasses respectively; and to amend the Laws relating to the Duties of Excise:

An Act to enable Her Majesty to carry into effect Turkish Loan a Convention made between Her Majesty, his Bill, Majesty the Emperor of the French, and his Imperial Majesty the Sultan:
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An Act to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons:

An Act to abolish certain Payments charged on the Consolidated Fund, in favour of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and of certain Professors in the said College; and to repeal the Stamp Duties payable on Matriculations and Degrees in the University of Dublin:

An Act to facilitate the Erection of Dwelling-houses for the Working Classes in Scotland:

An Act for securing the Liberty of Religious Worship:

An Act for carrying into effect the Engagements between Her Majesty and certain Chiefs of the Sherbro Country, near Sierra Leone, in Africa, for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade:

An Act to amend the Act for the better Care and Reformation of Young Offenders, and the Act to render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Scotland more available for the Benefit of Vagrant Children:

An Act for the Payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in Matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits in the Court of Exchequer:

An Act to facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854:

An Act to continue certain Acts for regulating Turnpike Roads in Ireland:

An Act to amend the Law concerning the Qualification of Officers of the Militia:

An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Convention between Her Majesty and the French Government, concerning the Fisheries in the Seas between the British Islands and France:

An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to provide additional Offices for the Public Service in or near Downing-street, Westminster:

An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain:

An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, relating to the Sale of Spirits by uninlisted Persons, and Illicit Distillation in Ireland; and also to repeal so much of an Act of the third and fourth years of his late Majesty as requires Persons applying for Licenses for the Sale of Beer, Cider or Spirits by Retail in Ireland to enter into a Bond, with Sureties:

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made under an Act of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty, to facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts:

An Act to amend the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, and the Acts passed in the ninth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty, for the Regulation of the Care and Treatment of Lunatics:

An Act to suspend the making of Lists and the Appointment of Commissioners of General Control and Correspondence:

An Act to authorize the Application of certain Navigation Sums granted by Parliament for Drainage and other Works of Public Utility in Ireland, towards the Completion of certain Navigations undertaken in connexion with Drainages, and to amend the Acts for promoting the Drainage of Lands and Improvements in connexion therewith in Ireland:

An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Ordinance Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates Board vested in the principal Officers of the Ordinance:

An Act to repeal the Act of the seventeenth and Sale of Beer, eighteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, for further regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's Day, and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof:

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Carriage of Passengers by Sea:

An Act for the better Local Management of the Metropolis:

An Act to consolidate and amend the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts, 1848 and 1849:

An Act for the Regulation of Chinese Passenger Ships:

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Construction of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood:

An Act to make further Provision for the more speedy and efficient Despatch of Business in the High Court of Chancery, and to vest in the Lord Chancellor the Grounds and Buildings of the said Court, situate in Southamptown-buildings, Chancery-lane, with Powers of Leasing, and Sale thereof:

An Act to amend the Charitable Trusts Act, 1853:

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty, for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Nesson at Inverness:

An Act for diminishing Expense and Delay in Criminal Administration of Criminal Justice in certain Justice Bills:

An Act for the Transfer of Licenses of Public-houses in Ireland:

An Act to continue and amend the Public Health Act (1854):

An Act for the better Prevention of Diseases:

An Act to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons:

An Act to abolish certain Payments charged on the Consolidated Fund, in favour of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and of certain Professors in the said College; and to repeal the Stamp Duties payable on Matriculations and Degrees in the University of Dublin:

An Act to facilitate the Erection of Dwelling-houses for the Working Classes in Scotland:

An Act for securing the Liberty of Religious Worship:

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An Act to facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854:

An Act to continue certain Acts for regulating Turnpike Roads in Ireland:

An Act to amend the Law concerning the Qualification of Officers of the Militia:

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Her Majesty commands us to say, that She has been deeply gratified by the zeal for the success of Her Majesty's Arms, and by the sympathy for Her Soldiers and Sailors, manifested throughout Her Indian and Colonial Empire; and Her Majesty acknowledges with great satisfaction the generous contributions which Her Subjects in India, and the Legislatures and Inhabitants of the Colonies, have sent for the relief of the sufferers by the casualties of War.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty commands us to convey to you Her cordial thanks for the readiness and zeal with which you have provided the necessary Supplies for carrying on the War in which Her Majesty is engaged.

Her Majesty laments the burthens and sacrifices which it has become necessary to impose upon Her faithful People, but She acknowledges the wisdom with which you have alleviated the weight of those burthens by the mixed arrangements which you have made for providing those Supplies.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty has commanded us to say, that She has seen with sincere regret that the endeavours which, in conjunction with Her Ally the Emperor of the French, She made at the recent Conferences at Vienna to bring the War to a conclusion on conditions consistent with the honour of the Allies, and with the future security of Europe, have proved ineffectual. But, those endeavours having failed, no other course is left to Her Majesty but to prosecute the War with all possible vigour; and Her Majesty, relying upon the support of Her Parliament, upon the manly spirit and patriotism of Her People, upon the never-failing courage of Her Army and Her Navy, whose patience under suffering and whose power of endurance Her Majesty has witnessed with admiration, upon the steadfast fidelity of Her Allies, and, above all, upon the justice of Her cause, humbly puts Her trust in the Almighty Dispenser of Events for such an issue of the great contest in which She is engaged as may secure to Europe the blessings of a firm and lasting Peace.

On your return to your several counties you will have duties to perform little less important than those which belong to your attendance in Parliament. Her Majesty trusts that your powerful influence will be exerted for the welfare and happiness of Her People, the promotion of which is the object of Her constant care, and the anxious desire of Her heart.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under Parliament, the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and prorogued now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the 23d day of October next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 2d day of October next.
Martis, 23° die Octobris;

Martis, 11° die Decembris;

THE House being met, pursuant to the last prorogation; and Mr. Speaker being in the country;

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly the House, with the Second Clerk Assistant, went up to the House of Peers; where the Commission was read, for the further proroguing of the Parliament until Tuesday the 11th day of December next; and the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the 11th day of December next.
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- For Public Education in Great Britain (to complete) - - - - - - - 296,921
- For Public Education in Ireland - - - - - - - 215,200
- Salary of Secretary, and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland - - - - - - - - 605
- Departments of Science and Art, Geological Surveys, Meteorological Observations, and Royal Dublin Society - - - - - - - 79,854

21 July:

- For the University of London - - - - - - - 3,858
- Scottish Universities - - - - - - - 7,992
- For the Queen's University in Ireland - - - - - - - 9,552
- For the Queen's Colleges in Ireland - - - - - - - 647
- For the Royal Irish Academy - - - - - - - 300
- For Theological Professors, &c. at Belfast, and Retired Allowances to Professors of the Belfast Academy - - - - - - - 2,600
- For Salaries and Expenses of the British Museum Establishment - - - - - - - 9,318
- For the Purchase of Objects of Art from the Bernal Collection - - - - - - - 4,000
- For New Buildings and Fittings at the British Museum - - - - - - - 27,520
- For Rooms for the Royal Geographical Society - - - - - - - 500
- For Magnetic Observations, &c. - - - - - - - 6,499
- For Public Infirmaries in Ireland - - - - - - - 2,985
- For the Foundling Hospital, Dublin - - - - - - - 1,215
- For the House of Industry, Dublin - - - - - - - 11,719
- For the Female Orphan House, Dublin - - - - - - - 500
- For the Westmoreland Union Hospital, Dublin - - - - - - - 1,215
- For the Living-In Hospital, Dublin - - - - - - - 500
- For Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin - - - - - - - 795
- For the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Dublin - - - - - - - 1,900
- For the Hospital for Incorruptibles, Dublin - - - - - - - 250
- For Non-conforming and other Ministers in Ireland - - - - - - - 38,953
- For Charitable Allowances, &c. in Ireland - - - - - - - 6,094

1 August:

- For the General Board of Health - - - - - - - 10,945
- For the Ecclesiastical Commissioners - - - - - - - 3,498
- For the Charity Commission - - - - - - - 12,399
- For Professors in the University of Cambridge - - - - - - - 1,053
- For Fees, Salaries and Compensation under the Patent Law Amendment Act - - - - - - - 22,572
- For the Incumbered Estates Commission (Ireland) - - - - - - - 15,413
- For Expense of Commission to superintend the Publication of the Ancient Laws and Institutions of Ireland - - - - - - - 900
- For Process Servers in Ireland - - - - - - - 9,600
- For the Office for the Registration of Joint Stock Companies - - - - - - - 2,770
- For Pensions, &c. (Merchant Service) - - - - - - - 69,115
- For Battersea Park - - - - - - - 25,350
- For the National Gallery - - - - - - - 17,646
- For the Chelsea Embankment and Public Roadway - - - - - - - 25,000
- For Lighthouses Abroad - - - - - - - 10,700
- For Expense of checking the Ravages of Cholera (West Indies) - - - - - - - 1,811
- For collecting Agricultural Statistics - - - - - - - 10,300
- For Board of Manufacturers (Scotland) - - - - - - - 9,000
- For Board of Fisheries (Scotland) - - - - - - - 14,000
- For Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges - - - - - - - 5,000
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| For Difference of Does payable under Treaties of Reciprocity | 68,500 |
| For Remuneration to Reviving Barristers | 17,850 |
| For Salaries of Inspectors of Corn Returns | 3,800 |
| For Expenses connected with Quarantine Arrangements | 3,500 |
| For New Consular Offices, &c. at Constantinople | 5,755 |
| For the British Ambassador’s Residences at Constantinople and Therapia | 5,578 |
| For Courts of Law, &c. (Isle of Man) | 1,650 |
| For the General Repository for Public Records | 6,000 |
| For the Purchase of a Site, &c. of Office for Foreign Department | 40,000 |
| For the Irish Census | 9,000 |
| For the Expenditure of the Mint for Medal Services | 54,500 |
| For American Claimants | 68,131 |
| To repay Townley’s Escate | 34,218 |
| For Distressed British Seamen Abroad | 17,600 |
| For the Gallery of Arts (Dublin) | 3,000 |
| For Expenses under Metropolis Interment Acts | 9,647 |
| For Galleries of Art (Edinburgh) | 6,000 |
| For Public Works, &c. (South Africa) | 49,000 |
| For Purchase of a Piece of Ground for the continuation of Pall Mall to the Green Park | 5,800 |
| For Inverness Bridge | 3,000 |
| For Purchase of Lease of Buckingham House, Pall Mall | 11,000 |
| For Windsor Improvements | 3,718 |
| For Arctic Discoveries (Rewards) | 10,000 |
| For Monument to Captain Sir John Franklin and others | 800 |

**3 August:**

| For the Statute Law Commission | 3,711 |
| For Compensation to Dr. Southwood Smith | 300 |
| For Erecting a Museum at Kensington Gore | 15,000 |

**£. 10,978,413**

**CIVIL CONTINGENCIES:**

**1 August:**

**For Civil Contingencies**

**£. 100,000**

**EXCHEQUER BILLS:**

**22 February:**

| To pay off and discharge Exchequer Bills | £. 17,183,000 |

| NAVY | £. 21,394,416 |
| ARMY | £. 14,778,049 |
| ORDNANCE | £. 10,047,103 |
| MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS | £. 4,010,283 |
| RUSSIA: VOTE OF CREDIT | £. 3,000,000 |
| CIVIL SERVICES | £. 10,976,413 |
| CIVIL CONTINGENCIES | £. 100,000 |
| EXCHEQUER BILLS | £. 17,183,000 |

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£. 81,490,264
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