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A MESSAGE was delivered by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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 Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers — 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 Eastern Division of the County of Suffolk, in the room of Sir Edward Sherlock Gooch, Baronet, deceased: For the Shire of Lanark, in the room of William Lockhart, Esquire, deceased: For the Borough of Salford, in the room of Joseph Brotherton, Esquire, deceased; And also 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 to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Limerick, in the room of the Right Honourable William Monsell, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the office of Vice-President of the Committee of Privy Council for Education.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Limerick to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new County Writ, for the election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Shire of Bute, in the room of Sir Richard Bethell, Knight, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the office of Her Majesty’s Attorney General.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Aylesbury for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Aylesbury, in the room of Sir Richard Bethell, Knight, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the office of Her Majesty’s Attorney General.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Southampton 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 Town and County of the Town of Southampton, in the room of Sir Alexander James Edmund Cockburn, who, since his Election for the said Town and County of the Town, hath accepted the office of Chief Justice of Her Majesty’s Court of Common Pleas.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Newport for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Newport, in the room of William Biggs, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty’s Manor of Hempholme.
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 elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, and 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, or any other Peer or Prelate not being a Peer of Ireland, who, as a member 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 witnesses hath been tampering with any Witness, in respect of 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 misdemeanor; 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.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Police of Metropolitan the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session Police, 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 Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Orders and Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this Vote and House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker. Proceedings, 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 Committee of Privileges be ap-P. Privileges, pointed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Public Income and Expenditure. Account of the Public Income for the year ended the 30th day of September 1856, together with the Balances 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:—And, like Account for the year ended the 1st day of December 1856.

Mr. Hayter accordingly presented the said A. 1857.

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

Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty’s War with Command,—Copy of Protocol, signed at Paris, Russia, January 9, 1856, for carrying out the Provisions of the Treaty of March 30, 1856.

Papers relating to the Proceedings of Her Ma- Papient. to His Royal No. 1. Copy of Treaty of Friendship and Commerce be tween Her Majesty and the Kings of Siam, signed at Bangkok, April 18, 1856; with an Agreement supplementary thereto, signed at Bangkok, May 13, 1856.

Copy
Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians, enabling their respective Post Offices to make Postal Arrangements; signed at Brussels, January 8, 1857.

Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Communication by Post; signed at Paris, September 24, 1856.

Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Treaty of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the neighboring Coasts; signed at London, January 14, 1857.

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

Postal Arrangements (Belgium.)
Postal Arrangements (France.)
Newfoundland Fishery.

Customs Bounty.
Queen Anne's Bounty.

of all Receipts and Disbursements by the Governments of Queen Anne's Bounty, during the year ending on the 31st day of December 1855.

Copies of Treasury Minutes granting Special Subscriptions or Allowances.

Copy of a Certificate from the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, in regard to the necessity of retaining Five Masters in the said Court.

Statement of the Advances for Metropolitan Improvements out of the Consolidated Fund to the Improvement Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works, &c.; and of the Monies paid into the Consolidated Fund, between the 1st January and the 31st December 1855.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th December Court of Exchequer (Scotland.)

Copy of a Treasury Minute, granting a Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Charles V. White, late First Clerk in the Office of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Return of Appointments made to Collectorships Land Tax in Scotland, of Persons not holding (Scotland.)

the situation of Distributor or Sub-Distributor of Stamps in that Country.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of July 1856, for Copies of any Letters written by Captain Long to the Council of Bombay in reference to the Claim of the Rajah of Edir to the Raj of Ahmednuggur:—Of the Minute of Lord Ellenborough in Council, or any Order by the Governor General, Lord Hardinge, on such Memorial:—Of any Order of the Court of Directors or the Governor General, Lord Hardinge, on such Memorial:

—Of any Order of the Court of Directors of the Bombay Council altering or varying such Minute:—Of the Authority to Mr. Willoughby to inquire into the situation of Distributor or Sub-Distributor of Stamps in that Country.

of any Memorial forwarded by the Maha Rajah of Jodhpore to the Bombay Council, the Governor General, Lord Hardinge, on such Memorial:—Of the minutes of the Governor General, Lord Hardinge, on the subject of the Payment, out of Public Monies, to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of April 1856, for Returns of the Number of Cotton, Woollen, Worsted, Flax and Silk Factories subject to the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 100, during the year ending on the 31st day of December 1855.

The several Rooms and Premises occupied by any Factory, except the Owners or Occupiers constituting the Firm:—And, that the preceding Returns shall be followed by a General Summary thereof, embracing the whole of the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 745, of Session 1850).

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Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 15th December Court of Exchequer (Scotland.)
Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of May 1856, for Returns of the Amount that has been collected in the case of every Bankruptcy that has been wound up in the course of the years 1853, 1854 and 1855.—Of the Amount that has been expended in each case in the Collection of the Assets distinguishing therein, the Amount of Solicitors’ Charges; the Amount of Official Assignees’ Commission; the Amount of his Fees or other Charges, whether for Stationery, Postages or other Matters; and the Amount in all other Charges made to or paid by the other Officers of the Court, and charged to the Estate;—Of the Amount distributed as Dividends in each case:—And, of the Rent of Court Premises, and List of Officers, in each District; with their Salaries; or, if by other mode of Payment, the Amount received by them during the years above named.

Returns to several Addresses to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of June, and, 11th day of July 1856, for a Return of the Length of Highways in the following Parishes, as far as it can be obtained, not being part of the Metropolis Roads: the Amount of the last Assessment to the Poor; and the Amount of Rate in the Pound levied for Highway Rate during the last year:—Chiswick, Ealing, New Brentford, Isleworth, Twickenham, Teddington, Crowthorne, Hazlemere, Great Stanmore, Little Stanmore, Kingsbury, Bushey, Edgware, Wood, Tottenham, Hornsey, Essexfield, Edmonton, Walthamstow, Leyton, Woodford, Wanstead, Saint Margaret’s and Saint John’s Westminster, Chelse, Kensington, Saint George’s Hanover-square, Fulham, Hammeheart, Paddington, Hampstead, Saint Marybone, Saint Pancras, Islington, Clerkehew, Saint Luke’s, Saint Leonard’s Shoreditch, Stuke Newington, Hackney and Bethnal Green:—And, for a Return similar to that moved for on the 20th day of June last, for the remaining Parishes in the County of Middlesex.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of July 1856, for a Return of the Annual Numbers of Passengers passing between this County and France, showing the Port of Embarkation and Disembarkation, and of the Annual Value of Exports and Imports to and from France, during the years 1852 to 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 402, of Session 1853).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of July 1856, for a Return from the Metropolis Police, of the Markets of London and Middlesex and Horsemen-jar, showing how often the same individual has been committed (by his initial Letters), with the Dates of such Commitments and their Duration; the Sum due on each Commitment, and the Place during the Conferences at Paris, and which you, Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, entertaining a confident expectation that an honourable and satisfactory settlement of the matters in dispute, and Her Majesty entertains a confident expectation that an honourable and satisfactory arrangement will be concluded.

In consequence of certain discussions which took place during the Conferences at Paris, and which are recorded in the Protocols that were laid before you, Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French caused Communications to be made to the Government of the State of the Two Sicilies, for the purpose of inducing him to adopt a course of policy calculated to avert dangers which might disturb that Peace which had so recently been restored to Europe.
Her Majesty has directed that Papers relating to this subject shall be laid before you. Her Majesty commands us to inform you, that she has been engaged in negotiations with the Government of the United States, and also with the Government of Honduras, which she trusts will be successful in removing all cause of misunderstanding with respect to Central America.

Her Majesty has concluded a Treaty of Friendship and Commerce with Siam, which will be laid before you. Her Majesty commands us to express to you Her regret that the conduct of the Persian Government has led to hostilities between Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia.

The Persian Government, in defiance of repeated warnings, and in violation of its engagements, has besieged and captured the important City of Herat. We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you, that a British Naval and Military Force, despatched from Bombay, has taken possession of the Island of Karrack, and of the Town of Bushire, with a view to induce the Shah to accede to the just demands of Her Majesty's Government.

Her Majesty has seen with satisfaction that the Naval and Military Forces employed on this occasion have displayed their accustomed gallantry and spirit.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that acts of violence, insults to the British Flag, and infractions of Treaty Rights, committed by the local Chinese Authorities at Canton, and a pertinacious refusal of redress, have rendered it necessary for Her Majesty's Officers in China to have recourse to measures of force, to obtain satisfaction. These measures had, up to the date of the last accounts, been taken with great forbearance, but with signal success as regards the conflicts to which they had led.

We are commanded to inform you that Her Majesty trusts that the Government of Pekin will see the propriety of affording the satisfaction demanded, and of faithfully fulfilling its Treaty engagements.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty has directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you. They have been prepared with every attention to economy, and with a due regard to the efficient performance of the Public Service at home and abroad.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that Bills will be submitted to your consideration for the consolidation and the amendment of important portions of the Law; and Her Majesty doubts not that you will give your earnest attention to matters so deeply affecting the interests of all classes of Her Subjects.

Her Majesty commands us to recommend to your consideration the expediency of renewing for a further period the privileges of the Bank of England, the conditions imposed on the issue of Bank Notes in the United Kingdom, and the state of the Law relating to Joint Stock Banks. Her Majesty commands us to express the gratification which it affords Her to witness the general well-being and contentment of Her People, and to find that, notwithstanding the sacrifices unavoidably attendant upon such a war as that which has lately terminated, the resources of the Country remain unimpaired, and its productive industry continues unchecked in its course of progressive development.

Her Majesty commends with confidence the great interests of the Country to your wisdom and care, and She fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your deliberations, and prosper your councils, for the advancement of the welfare and happiness of Her loyal and faithful People.

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and infraction of Treaty Rights committed by the local Chinese Authorities at Canton, and a pernicious refusal of redress, have rendered it necessary for Her Majesty's Officers in China to have recourse to measures of force to obtain satisfaction.

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that those measures had, up to the date of the last accounts, been taken with great forbearance, but with signal success as regards the conflicts to which they had led; and to assure Her Majesty that we concur with Her Majesty in trusting that the Government of Peking will see the propriety of affording the satisfaction demanded, and of faithfully fulfilling its Treaty engagements,

To thank Her Majesty for having directed that the Estimates for the ensuing year shall be laid before us, and for the assurance that they have been prepared with every attention to economy, and with a due regard to the efficient performance of the Public Service at home and abroad;

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for acquainting us that Bills will be submitted to our consideration for the consolidation and the amendment of important portions of the Law; and to assure Her Majesty that we will give our earnest attention to matters so deeply affecting the interests of all classes of Her Subjects,

To assure Her Majesty that we will take into our careful consideration the expediency of renewing for a further period the privileges of the Bank of England, the conditions imposed on the issue of Bank Notes in the United Kingdom, and the state of the Law relating to Joint Stock Banks:

That wc participate in the gratification which it affords Her Majesty to witness the general well-being and contentment of Her People, and to find that, notwithstanding the sacrifices unavoidably attendant upon such a War as that which has lately terminated, the resources of the Country remain unimpaired, and its productive industry continues unchecked in its course of progressive development;

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that Her Majesty commits with confidence the great interests of the Country to our wisdom and care, and, in common with Her Majesty, we fervently pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our and, in common with Her Majesty, we fervently pray that Her Majesty commits with confidence the great

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

Mercurii, 4° die Februrii. 1 8 5 7 :

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

Orders:—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 Sir John Ramsden, Sir Andrew Agnew, Viscount Palmerston, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir George Grey, Mr. Secretary Labouchere, Sir Charles Wood, Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Baines, Mr. Horner, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Bouverie, the Judge Advocate, Sir Benjamin Hall, Mr. Hopting, and Mr. FitzRoy, or any five of them—and they are to withdraw im-

Ordered, That the Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

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

Mercurii, 4° die Februrii ;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae. 1 8 5 7.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from East Kent 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 Gre, &c. Orderd, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Formartine one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and Buchan in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Formartine and Buchan Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Mid-Kent one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Railway (Croydon Extension) Orders in the case of the Petition for the Mid-Kent Railway (Croydon Extension) Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Aberdeen one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and Peterhead and Fraserburgh Railway Orders in the case of the Petition for the Aberdeen, Peterhead and Fraserburgh Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Finsbury 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 Finsbury Park Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Newry and one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Enniskillen Railway, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Newry and Enniskillen Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Southampton, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Bristol and South Wales Railway, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Southampton, Bristol and South Wales Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Stockport, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Didsbury and Didsley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Stockport, Didsbury and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Eastern one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Railway, in
in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Eastern Counties Railway 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 the Clyde Navigation 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 the North Eastern Railway (Lancaster Valley Branch) Bill.

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

A Petition of the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Company to alter the Line and Levels of portions of their authorized Line, and abandon portions thereof, to construct new Branches and other Works; to authorize working Arrangements with the East Kent Railway Company; to amend "The Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Act, 1856," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lushington and Mr. Philip Martin.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Hartlepool, in their corporate capacity, and as the Local Board of Health for the District of Hartlepool, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of the Borough and District of Hartlepool; to authorize the division of the Borough into wards; to enable the Corporation to construct Sea Walls for the protection of the Headland of Hartlepool; to enable the Local Board to make and improve Streets; to confer other Powers on the Corporation and the Local Board; Amendment of Acts, and other purposes, was presented, and read, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lushington and Mr. Philip Martin.

A Petition of the Stockton Gas Company, and also of the Stockton Gas Consumers' Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill to unite and amalgamate the Stockton New Gas Company, and the Stockton Gas Consumers Company (Limited), and to authorize the united Company to raise additional Capital, and to sell their Undertaking to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgess of the Borough of Stockton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Furrer and Mr. Atherton.

A Petition of the Tyne Improvement Commissioners for executing the Acts thereafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and enlarge the Provisions of the Acts relating to the River Tyne, and to enable the Tyne Improvement Commissioners to construct Docks at Coble Dean, and certain Works for the improvement of such River, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Liddell and Mr. Headlam.

A Petition of the Wrexham, Warrington and Rossett Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Wrexham, Warrington and Rossett Railway Company to extend their Railway.
at Neavy and at Warrenpoint, and to enter into arrangements with the Neavy and Embskillefe Rail-
way Company, was presented, and read; and, a Bill
was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr.
Kirk and Mr. Greenall.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Board of Works,
for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Metropo-
litan Board of Works to open certain new Streets in
the City and Liberties of Westminster, and in the
Borough of Southwark, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly,
by Sir John Shelby and Mr. Pellatt.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Bur-
gesses of the Borough of Sunderland, for leave to
bring in a Bill to repeal the Provisions of the Acts
relating to the Bridge and Ferries across the River
Wear, in the Borough of Sunderland, and to grant
further Powers for the maintenance and improve-
ment of such Bridge and Ferries, and the Ap-
proaches and Landing-places connected therewith;
or for the erection of a new Bridge in lieu of the
existing Bridge across such River, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Fenwick.

A Petition of the Sunderland Corporation Gas
Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for more
effectually supplying with Gas the Town and Bo-
rth of Sunderland, and the neighbouring thereof,
in the County of Durham, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly,
by Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Mowbray.

A Petition of the Whitehaven and Furness Junc-
tion Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill
to enable the Whitehaven and Furness Junction
Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and
for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a
Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by
Mr. Hildyard and Mr. Irton.

A Petition of Subscribers to and Promoters of
the railway undertaking hereinafter mentioned, for
leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway com-
encing by a Junction with the Haggarleazes Branch
of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, near Todd
Collier, in the County of Durham, and terminatin
by a Junction with the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway at or near Tebay, in the
County of Westmoreland, and for making arrange-
ments with the Stockton and Darlington, the Dar-
lington and Barnard Castle, the Lancaster and
Carlisle Railway Companies, and for other purposes,
was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to
be brought in accordingly, by the Earl of Newbuser, Colonel
Wilton Potten and Mr. Heywood.

A Petition of the Staines, Wokingham and Woking
Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill
to empower the Staines, Wokingham and Woking
Railway Company to make a Railway to connect
the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway with
the Great Western Railway, and for other purposes
connected with their Undertaking, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in
accordingly, by Vacant Burrington and Mr. Hoyter.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates and Town
Council of the Royal Burgh of Dumbarton, for
leave to bring in a Bill for supplying the Burgh of
Dumbarton, and places adjacent, with Water, for
embanking and reclaiming the Broad Meadow there,
and for extending the Municipal Boundaries of said
Burgh, was presented, and read; and a Bill was
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr.
Bowerie and Mr. Smollett.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto
inhabited, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a
Railway from the Edinburgh and Dundee Railway at Markinch Station, to the Town of Leslie,
with Branches to Banchory Mills, Leven Bank
Mill, and Priorhaux Lower Mills, and other pur-
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fergus
and Mr. Edward Ellice.

A Petition of the Peebles Railway Company, for Peebles
leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Peebles Rail-
way Company to create additional Shares in their
Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in
accordingly, by Sir Graham Montgomery and Mr.
Cowan.

A Petition of the Whitehaven, Cleator and Egrem-
mont Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont
Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and
for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a
Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr.
Elliot and Mr. Alexander Hastie.

A Petition of the City and Suburban Waterworks
Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the
Water Act, and enable the City and Suburban Gas
Company of Glasgow to amend their Act, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in
accordingly, by Mr. Owen Stanley and Earl Gru-
senior.

A Petition of the Inverness and Nairn Railway Com-
pany, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the
Inverness and Nairn Railway Act, 1854; to enable
the Inverness and Nairn Railway Company to create a Preference Stock, and to raise further Sums of Money, and for other purposes, was pre-
sented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cumming Bruce and Mr. Matheson.

A Petition of the Taff Vale Railway Company, Taff Vale
for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Taff
Railway Company to construct new Lines of Railway, to alter, widen and improve portions of
their existing Railway, and for other purposes, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Gore Lang-
ton and Mr. Hutchins.

A Petition of the Exeter and Ecmouth Railway Com-
pany, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for parts of the Exeter and Ecmouth Railway, and to extend the Time for completing such Railway, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Dyke Acland
and Mr. Palk.

A Petition of the South Devon Railway Com-
south Devon
pany, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Railway,
South Devon Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Yorke Butler and Mr.
Collier.

A Petition of Price's Patent Candle Company, Price's Patent
Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to re-incor-
porate Price's Patent Candle Company, Limited, and
and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Glyn and Mr. Raikes Currie.

A Petition of the North Level Commissioners, being the Commissioners for the Drainage of the Lands lying in the North Level part of the Great Level of the Fens, called Bishopsbourne, and in Great Portland, in the Manor of Crowland, for leave to bring in a Bill for improving the North Level Drainage, and for other purposes relating to the Level, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hastings Russell and Mr. Byng.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to cancel uninsured and forfeited Shares, to create new Shares in lieu thereof, and raise authorized Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Smyth and Sir William Milner.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make a Railway from the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway to affford further assistance towards the completion of the Birkenhead Docks Act, 1855, for extending the time for the completion thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Michael Williams, Viscount Barrington and Mr. Henry Berkeley.

A Petition of a Body of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leaving out the expression "the Town of Neath," in a Bill for improving, repairing and regulating the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to Great Portland, in the Manor of Crowland, for raising a further Sum of Money to construct other Sewers at Hertford, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hobart and Mr. Hardy.

A Petition of the Blackburn Railway Company, Blackburn for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Blackburn Railway Company to make and maintain Extensions of their Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wilson Patten, Mr. Heywood and Mr. Starkie.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burghers of the Borough of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill for carrying into effect certain Provisions of "The Birkenhead Docks Act, 1855," relating to the Management of the Birkenhead Docks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horsfall and Mr. Joseph Esquire.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burghers of the Borough of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Blackburn Railway Company to make and maintain Extensions of their Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wilson Patten, Mr. Heywood and Mr. Starkie.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make Railways from Romiley, New Mills, Bugsworth, Grist Quarry, and Hadfield for enabling the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make and maintain Extensions of their Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hurstings Russell and Mr. Byng.

A Petition of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway, in the Parish of Kendal, in the County of Westmoreland, to the North Western Railway at or near Ingleton, in the West Riding of the County of York, with a Branch therefrom, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Louthier, Mr. Howard and Mr. Marshall.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company to make Railways from Romiley, New Mills, Bugsworth, Crast Quayry, and Hadfield, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hobsted and Mr. Hindley.

A Petition of the Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Company to construct Railways to, and a Dock and other Works on or adjoining the South West Bank of the River Ely, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Craseway Bailey and Mr. Cline.

A Petition of the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company to purchase or hire Steam-boats, to stop up part of Canning-street, in Birkenhead, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Philip Egerton and Mr. Tollenache.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, the Bristol and Exeter Railway Company, and the South Devon Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Great Western, Bristol and Exeter, and South Devon Railway Companies to afford further assistance towards the completion of the Cornwall Railway between Plymouth and Truro.
A Petition of Subscribers to a proposed Company, to be called "The Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier Company," for leave to bring in a Bill for constructing and maintaining a Pier at Great Yarmouth, in the County of Norfolk, to be called "The Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Rumbold and Sir Edmond Lunou.

A Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George in the 3rd year of our Lord, An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for lighting and watching, and preventing nuisances and annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate through Maiden-lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish, and for providing a Chapel of Ease and an additional Burial-ground for the same, and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Victoria (London) Dock Company to make a new Cut eastward of their Dock, 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. Moffatt, Mr. Kinnaird, Mr. Cobbold and Sir Samuel Bignold.

A Petition of the East Kent Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Act, 1855, to be continued or renewed, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Right honourable the Earl of Lucan, and Sir Samuel Bignold, for leave to bring in a Bill to construct their Railway as far as the City of Armagh, and changing the Name of the Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Mid-Kent Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mid-Kent Railway Company to make certain Railways (Croydon and Croydon Extension,) from their Terminus at Beckenham to Croydon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to extend their Railway to Burton, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Aberdeen to Peterhead and Fraserburgh, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Parliamentary Trustees of the River Clyde Navigation, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue or renew the Powers conferred on the Trustees on the River Clyde and Harbour of Glasgow; to take Lands and execute Works for the improvement of the Navigation; to confirm a Conveyance of the Green Ferry and adjoining Ground to the said Trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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 Railway from Stroud, to join the Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary's Cray) at Saint Mary's Cray, and to make a Branch Railway to Chatham Dockyard, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Southern and Western Great Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to make a Railway from Tullamore to Athlone, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brown and Mr. De Vere.
A Petition of the Waterford and Tramore Railway Company for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Provisions of "The Waterford and Tramore Railway Act, 1851," and to enable the Waterford and Tramore Railway Company to make a Deviation or Extension of their Line of Railway; to revive and extend their Powers, and increase their Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grogan and Mr. Alexander.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, and of the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Caledonian Railway near Moss- band Hall, in Cumberland, to Hawick, with Lines to Canobie Colliery, and to the Hawick Station of the North British Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Earl of Dalkeith and Mr. Elliot.

A Petition of Persons thereunto subscribing, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway and Branch Railways to connect the Towns and Mineral Districts of Batgate, Airdrie and Coatbridge, in the Counties of Linlithgow and Lanark, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cockrane, Mr. Baird and Mr. George Dundas.

Public Petitions.

A Petition of the Glasgow Gas-Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Glasgow Gas-Light 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. Alexander Hostie and Sir James Anderson.

A Petition of Commissioners for executing the Acts thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for further regulating the Fishery on the River Tweed, and the Streams running into the same, and at the Mouth or Entrance of the said River, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Marjoribanks and Mr. John Forster.

Ordered, That Sir Edward Daring have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health.

Sir John Ramsden reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to Her Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:

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 thanks for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has commanded to be made to both Houses of Parliament:

We thank Your Majesty for assuring us that Your Majesty has granted the increase thereunto again to the advice and assistance of Your Parliament:

We beg to express our thanks to Your Majesty for informing us that those difficulties, which arose in regard to some of the provisions of the Treaty of Paris, delayed the complete execution of the stipulations of that Treaty, but that those difficulties have been overcome in a satisfactory manner, and the intentions of the Treaty have been fully maintained:

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that an insurrectionary movement which took place in September last in the Swiss Canton of Neuchâtel, for the purpose of re-establishing in that Canton the authority of the King of Prussia as Prince of Neuchâtel, led to serious differences between his Prussian Majesty and the Swiss Confederation, threatening at one time to disturb the general Peace of Europe:

We also thank Your Majesty for informing us that, in concert with Your august Ally the Emperor of the French, Your Majesty is endeavouring to bring about an amicable settlement of the matters in dispute, and that Your Majesty entertains a confident expectation that an honourable and satisfactory arrangement will be concluded:

We beg to convey to Your Majesty our humble thanks for informing us, that in consequence of certain discussions which took place during the Conferences at Paris, and which are recorded in the Protocols that were laid before us, Your Majesty and the Emperor of the French caused Communications to be made to the Government of the King of the Two Sicilies, for the purpose of inducing him to adopt a course of policy calculated to avert dangers which might disturb the Peace which had been so recently restored to Europe:

We learn with regret that the manner in which those friendly Communications were received by his Sicilian Majesty was such as to lead Your Majesty and the Emperor of the French to consider that the measures of force to be employed on this occasion have displayed their accus- tomed gallantry and spirit:

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that acts of violence, insults to the British Flag, and infringement of Treaty Rights committed by the local Chinese Authorities at Canton, and a pertinacious refusal of redress, have rendered it necessary for Your Majesty's Officers in China to have recourse to the measures of coercion appropriate to the exigencies of the case:

We beg to express our thanks to Your Majesty for informing us that those measures had, up to the date of the last accounts, been taken with great for- bearance, but with signal success as regards the conflicts to which they had led; and we assure Your Majesty that we concur with Your Majesty in trusting that the Government of Pekin will see the pro-
A Petition of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Manchester Commercial Association, and also of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conveying the Docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead into one Estate, and for vesting the control and management of them in one Public Trust, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milner Gibson, Mr. Ollier and Mr. Milligan.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County County Elections, which was presented upon the 12th day of Elections, June 1856, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Customs Customs Duties, which was presented upon the 3d day of Duties, of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Grants for Religious Purposes, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Queen Anne's Anne's Bounty, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Metropolitan Metropolitan Improvements, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Factories, Factories, which was presented upon the 3d instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Highways Highways, (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 3d day (Metropolis,) of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Traffic Traffic with France, which was presented upon the 3d day of France, this instant February, be printed.

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thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts for the more effectual preservation and increase of Salmon, and the regulation of the Fisheries in the River Tweed, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Davie, Mr. Elliot and Mr. Edward Ellice.

A Petition of the British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of this Kingdom, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the British Fisheries Society to enlarge, improve and maintain Pulteney Harbour, in the County of Caithness, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Traill, Mr. Leving and Mr. Archibald H Astie.

North Western Railway.

A Petition of the North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the North Western Railway Company to divert a portion of their Railway; and to enter into arrangements with other Companies, and for other purposes with relation to their said Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milligan and Mr. Oliveira.

A Petition of the Burslem and Tunstall Gas-Light Company, and for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Burslem and Tunstall Gas-Light Company, and extending their Powers, and for authorizing additional Works, and the raising of further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Child and Mr. Leeson Gower.

Fife and Kinross Railway.

A Petition of the Fife and Kinross Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Fife and Kinross Railway Company to devise part of their Main Line, and to make an Extension from Milnthorpe to Lumphinans, with a Branch to Kelty, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Graham Montgomery and Mr. Johnstone.

Hereford Cathedral Restoration.

A Petition of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Hereford, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Dean and Chapter of Hereford to raise Money for the repair of the Cathedral Church of Hereford, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. King King and Mr. Clifford.

Dublin and Wicklow Railway.

A Petition of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the incorporation of the Undertaking of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company with that of the Dublia and Wicklow Railway Company; to dissolve the former Company, and to extend the Railway in the City of Dublin, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Gregory and Mr. Whiteside.

Monkland Railways.

A Petition of the Monkland Railways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Monkland Railways Company to make and maintain certain Railways in the Counties of Lanark and Linlithgow, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alexander H Astie and Sir Archibald Campbell.

Kidsgrove Market, Town Hall, &c.

A Petition of William Cooper, of Port Hill Villa, in the Parish of Wolstanton, in the County of Stafford, for leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment and regulation of a Market and Town Hall in Kidsgrove, 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. Leeson Gower.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Donfermaline Branch of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway, to Kinross, with a Branch to Kingsport, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Ellice and Mr. Fergus.

A Petition of the Blyth and Tyne Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and enlarge some of the Provisions of "The Blyth and Tyne Railway Consolidation and Extensions Act, 1854;" to authorize the relinquishment of a Branch Railway authorized by that Act, and the construction of other Railways and Works in connexion with the Blyth and Tyne Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Liddell and Mr. Beaumont.

A Petition of the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and enlarge the Powers of the Acts relating to the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Company, and to enable that Company to extend their Railway to the Town of Omagh, in the County of Tyrone, and to enter into certain arrangements with the Ulster and other Railway Companies with respect to the Working and Leasing of the Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Claud Hamilton, Mr. Corry and Mr. Stuart Knox.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Mallow and Fermoy Railway Company, and of the Mallow and Fermoy Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Lease or Sale of the Mallow and Fermoy Railway to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. French and Mr. Beamish.

A Petition of the Electric Telegraph Company, Electric for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the Electric Telegraph Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Marquis of Stafford and Lord Alfred Paget.

A Petition of the Great Western and Brecon Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Western and Brecon Great Western Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Grosvenor and Mr. Osbourne.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway, from the Llantrissant Station of the South Wales Railway, to Penicuik, in the Parish of Llantrissant, in the County of Glamorgan, with Branches to Glaminychyd and Mynydd Gelligrhaidd, both in the said Parish of Llantrissant, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Tyler and Mr. Henry Bruce.

A Petition of the Dorset Central Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing a Railway, Extension of the Dorset Central Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Dorset Central Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ker Seymer, Mr. Feyer and Mr. Sturt.

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A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Cork and Bandon Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Company of Proprietors of the Cork and Bandon Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Beamish and Mr. Denso.

A Petition of the Cork and Bandon Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to revise and extend the Lines and Powers of the Cork and Bandon Railway Company, for the compulsory Purchase of Lands, for the purposes of the Bandon Extension Railway, and to extend the Powers of that Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the purposes of the Skibbereen Branch Railway, and to extend the respective Periods now limited for the construction of those Railways; and to alter the Provisions of "The Cork and Bandon Railway Act, 1858," with respect to Contributions by certain portions of the County of Cork, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Philip Egerton and Mr. Tolleman.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Southern and Western 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. Beamish and Mr. Denso.

A Petition of the Right honourable Francis Egerton, Earl of Ellesmere, the Right honourable George William Frederick Earl of Carlisle, George Granville Egerton, Viscount Brauchley, Francis Egerton, Algernon Egerton, Arthur Frederick Egerton, Lord Robert Grosvenor, and the North Staffordshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the North Staffordshire-Railway Company the Duke of Bridgewater's Canal, and the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, and the Runcorn and Weston Canal, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Grosvenor and Mr. John Lewis Ricardo.

A Petition of Persons theretoe-mentioned, and of the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to construct Branch Railways from their Line near Edinburgh to Granton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Earl of Dalkeith, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Black.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Wilmslow and Lawton Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Terms, and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Wilmslow and Lawton Turnpike Road, in the County of Chester, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Philip Egerton and Mr. Tolleman.

A Petition of the Portmouth Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Portsmouth Railway Company to construct new Railways, and to revolve and vary their Lines and Powers, and to use a portion of the London and South Western, and London, Brighton and South Coast Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maunde and Mr. Bonham Carter.

A Bill for the Maintenance, Regulation and Improvement of Water, &c. for the County Palatine of Chester, and the Cleeve Branch, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for exempting Vessels resorting to Docks Liverpool and in the County Palatine of Chester, and the Cargoes Birkhead Docks. thereof, from the Payment of certain Duties the Trustees of the Liverpool Docks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Glasgow Gas-Light Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill for amending the Inverness and Nairn Railway Act, 1834; to enable the Inverness and Nairn Railway Company to create a Preference Stock, and to raise further Sums of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Whitehaven, Cleator and Whitehaven, Egremont Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the West Somerset Mineral Railways, was engaged, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Whitehaven and Furness Railway Company to raise further Sums of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company to make the Minehead Extension and the Cleve Branch, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the Stratford-upon-Avon, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Whitehaven, Cleator and Whitehaven, Egremont Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Whitehaven and Furness Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for improving, repairing and regulating Watchet Harbour, in the County of Somerset, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Act, 1856, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the London and South Western Railway Company and others to make Deviations from their authorized Lines of Railway and other Works, and for authorizing divers other Bills matters affecting that Company and other Companies and Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the New River Company to raise a further Sum of Money, to construct other Sewers Company Bill at
at Hertford, and to amend the Acts relating to the Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Leaves to Uckfield, all in the County of Sussex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Company to pur chase or hire Steam Boats; to stop up part of the Birkenhead, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Great Western, Bristol and Cornwall Railway Company to make Railways to Woking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Blackburn Railway Company to make and maintain Extensions of their Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Com- Vol. 112. pany, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Time for the compulsory Pur chase of Lands for Parts of the Exeter and Exmouth Railway, and to extend the Time for completing such Railway, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill to establish Markets and Fairs in the Parish of Kidsgrove, in the County of Stafford, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for improving the North Level Drainage, and for other purposes relating to the Level, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend and extend the Provisions of “The Waterford and Tramore Railway Act, 1851,” and to enable the Waterford and Tramore Railway Company to make a Deviation or Extension of their Line of Railway; to revive and extend their Powers, and increase their Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for consolidating the Docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead into one Estate, and for vesting the Control and Management of them in one public Trust, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend and enlarge the Provisions of the Acts relating to the River Tyne, and to enable the Tyne Improvement Commissioners to construct Docks at Coble Dean, and certain Works for the Improvement of such River, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for a Minute of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, on Judicial Establishments in India: Extracts from a Minute of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, dated 30th April 1856, on the Administration of Criminal Justice, and on the Age and Inexperience of the Magistrates:—And, Copy of Memorials from the Missionaries to the Government of Bengal on the state of that Province, with the Reply of Government.

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 setting forth, in Columns—the Names of the Parishes in Schedule (A) of the Act 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120; the Names or Numbers of the Wards into which each Parish has been divided under the Provisions of the said Act; the Number of Parochial Representatives for each Ward; the Number of Ratepayers entitled to vote at the Parochial Election of November 1856 in each Ward; the Names of the Persons who voted at that Election; (if there was not any Contest, the Column to be filled up “No Contest;”) and, the Number not voting:—And, Similar Return for Parishes in Schedule...
duly (B); in case any Parish has not been divided, the Returns are to be set forth the Name of the Parish; the Number of Ratepayers entitled to vote at the Parish Electoral (in the said Office of the late Chief Commissioner); the Number of Persons who voted at that Election; (if there was not any Contest, the Column to be filled up "No Contest"); and, the Number not voting.

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 showing, by Counties, the Total Number of Paupers (In-door and Out-door) in receipt of Relief on the 4th day of December 1856, and not disposed of by the said late Chief Commissioner.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the state of those British Possessions in North America which are under the Administration of the Hudson's Bay Company, or over which they possess a License to trade.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Subjects of the Ionian States to hold Military and Naval Commissions.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, to extend the remedies of Creditors, and to punish fraudulent Debtors: And that Mr. Peilott and Mr. Hadfield do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as complain of undue Returns, or relate to Private Bills; 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 direct their Opinion and Observations therupon to the House:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Bonham Carter, Mr. Thornely, Admiral Jones, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Aderyer, Mr. Owsen Stanley, Mr. Henry Austrick Bruce, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Grogson, Mr. De Vere, Mr. Lloyd Davies, Mr. Abel Smith, Mr. Wise and Mr. Dillergy.

Ordered, That Three 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, Copies of all Memorials or Addresses to the Secretary of State for the Home Department from any Public Bodies, in reference to the criminal state of the Country, during the year 1856 and up 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.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of the Lords Commissioners 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.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented a Bill to enable the Subjects of the Ionian States to hold Military and Naval Commissions under the Crown:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented a Bill to amend so much of an Act, intituled, "An Act 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," as relates to the Ecclesiastical Government of Norfolk Island;

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

A Petition of the Nene Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Commissioners, and of Owners or Occupiers of Lands subject to taxation under the Acts thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the Nene Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Commissioners for the completion of the Works in the third District of Drainage, and for authorizing them to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Honkey and Mr. Oliveira.

Mr. Hafafeld presented a Bill to amend the Law of Imposition for Debt, to extend the remedies of Creditors, and to punish fraudulent Debtors:

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.

Veneris, 6° die Februarii; Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

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 then they withdrew.

And the said Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead, so far as relates to the City of London, and the Liberties thereof," was read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Duke and Mr. Masterman.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant herefor 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 Hereford, in the room of Sir Robert Price, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

A Petition of the West of Fife Mineral Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mineral Railway Company to construct Branch Railways to Roscobie and Braehead, and for certain other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Samuel Dingold and Mr. Cobbold.

A Petition of William Baird, Esquire, of Elie, Fife, for leave to bring in a Bill for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Elie, in the County of Fife, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Baird.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Cwn Amman purposes thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring a Railway in a Bill for making a Railway from the Aberdare Railway into and along the Amman Valley, in the County of Glamorgan, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Philips.

A Petition of Directors and Promoters of the Herne Bay and Faversham Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Herne Bay to Faversham, and for other purposes connected
connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Leicester Vernon and Mr. Lushington.

A Petition of Persons interested in the Lands thereafter-named mentioned to be drained, for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually draining the Mordon Corts and other Lands in the County of Durham, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Farrer and Mr. Atherton.

A Petition of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company to make a Railway to Tullamore, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Timothy O'Brien and Mr. Blake.

A Petition of the Class A. Shareholders of the Saint Andrews and Quebec Railroad Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for repairing the Roads from Prestwich to Bury and Radcliffe, and for making and maintaining as Turnpike certain other Roads in connection therewith, all in the same County, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Peel and Lord Stanley.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Andover Canal Navigation, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Andover Canal Navigation to sell their Undertaking, and enabling them to discontinue the same Navigation, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Coles and Mr. Alderman Cobbold.

A Bill to alter the borrowing Powers of the Tralee Barry, of Dockhead, Bermondsey, in the County of Surrey, Wharriers, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Amendment of Acts, and other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Napier and Mr. Oliveira.

A Petition of the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension Company, Clapham to Norwood, for leave to bring in a Bill for the abandonment of the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension, Clapham to Norwood, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alcock and Mr. Pellatt.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Carrigain, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Carrigain to provide a Market-house, and establish and regulate Markets and Fairs, and to regulate the supply of Water within the Borough, and to pave, light, cleanse, regulate and improve the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lloyd Davies and Mr. Saunders Davies.

A Petition of the Fraserburgh Harbour Commission, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Harbour Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company to abandon the formation of part of a Branch Railway at Sutton, to increase and regulate the Capital of the Company, and to relieve from Liverpool Town and Dock Dues the Commerce resorting to the Docks and Canal of the Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wilson Patten and Mr. Greenall.

A Bill to alter the borrowing Powers of the Tralee Barry, of Dockhead, Bermondsey, in the County of Surrey, Wharriers, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Amendment of Acts, and other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Napier and Mr. Oliveira.
A Bill to enable the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Company to alter the Line and Levels of Portions of their authorized Line, and abandon Portions thereof; to construct New Branches and other Works; to authorize Working Arrangements with the East Kent Railway Company; to amend "The Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Act, 1856," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to unite and amalgamate the Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Company (Limited); and to authorize the United Company to raise additional Capital, and to sell their Undertaking to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stockton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Dunfermline Branch of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway to Kirkcaldy, with a Branch to Kingsgate, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Portsmouth Railway Company to construct New Railways and execute other Works, and to use a Portion of the London and South Western, and London, Brighton and South Coast Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Great Western and Bristol Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Llantrissant Station of South Wales Railway to Penkriefe, in the Parish of Llantrissant, in the County of Glamorgan, with Branches to Glanmynydd and Myndyd Gelliwrachd, both in the said Parish of Llantrissant, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the Extension of the Dorset Central Railway, for regulating the Capital of the Dorset Central Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to construct Branch Railways from their Line near Edinburgh to Granton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Scottish Central Railway Company to make and maintain certain Extensions of their Denny Branch, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Monkland Railways Company to make and maintain certain Railways in the Counties of Lanark and Linlithgow, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to revive and extend the Powers of the Cork and Bandon Railway Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the purposes of the Bantry Extension Railway, and to extend the Powers of that Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the purposes of the Skibbereen Branch Railway, and to extend the respective Periods now limited for the Construction of those Railways, and to alter the Provisions of "The Cork and Bandon Railway Act, 1853," with respect to Contributions by certain Portions of the County of Cork, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to vest in the North Staffordshire Railway Company the Duke of Bridgewater's Canal and the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, and the Runcorn and Weston Canal, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Lease or Sale of the Mallow and Fermoy Railway to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Great Southern and Western Great Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for continuing the Term and amending and Wilmslow extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Second Lawton Road Bill.

A Bill to alter, amend and consolidate the Acts Norfolk relating to the Company of Proprietors of the Norfolk Estuary Acts, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the Dean and Chapter of Hereford to raise Money for the repair of the Cathedral Church of Hereford, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the British Fisheries Society to enlarge, improve and maintain Patiencey Harbour, in the County of Caithness, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Burslem and Tunstall Burslem and Gas-Light Company, and extending their Powers, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Tweed Fisheries Bill.

A Bill to enable the Fifes and Kinross Railway Fifes and Kinross Railway Company to deviate part of their Main Line, and to lease Railway make an Extension from Mintlaw to Dunblane, with a Branch to Kelty, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confirm the Incorporation of the Under-Dublin and taking of the Dublin and Bray Railway Company with that of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company, to dissolve the former Company, and to extend the Railway in the City of Dublin, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend and enlarge some of the Provisions of the Blyth and Tyne Railway Company the Act, and the Construction of other Railways and Works in connection with the Blyth and Tyne Railway, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making Railways between the City of Bristol, Bristol and the South Wales Railway, in the County of Monmouth, with a Steam Ferry across the River Severn, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Severn, in connection therewith, for the purpose of improving the Railway communication between South Wales and Bristol, Southampton, and the South Western Districts of England, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend and enlarge the Powers of the Acts relating to the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Company, and to enable that Company to extend their Railway to the Town of Omagh, in the County of Tyrone, and to enter into certain arrangements with the Upper and other Railway Companies with respect to the working and leasing of the Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the Electric Telegraph Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill authorizing the North Western Railway Company to divert a portion of their Railway, and for other purposes with relation to their said Railway, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the New Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Commissioners, for the completion of the works in the third District of Drainage, and for authorizing them to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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 Fraserburgh Harbour Bill.

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

Petitions relating to Sunday Desecration;—Property and Income Tax;—Wine;—Adulteration of Food;—China;—China and Persia;—Civil Service;—Grand Jury (Ireland) Act;—And, Land Transport Corps, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Copy of General Abstracts Relative to Agricultural Statistics in Ireland, showing the Acreage in each County and Province, for the year 1856.

Ordered, That Her Majesty, having been at Address. Tended with their Address of Wednesday last, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:—I have received with much satisfaction your loyal and dutiful Address.

I shall gladly avail Myself of your assistance in My endeavours to advance the best interests of the Country, and to promote the prosperity and happiness of My People.

A Bill of the Petitioners of Inhabitants of the Town of Milford and the Neighbourhood thereof, for establishing the Gas Companies, in the United Kingdom, for the improvement of the Roads in the said Town and the Neighbourhood thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the Electric Railway, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Town of Milford and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the Parish of Stock in each County, and to promote the prosperity and happiness of My People.

Ordered, That Lord Elcho have leave of absence to leave till Easter, on account of ill health.

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

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mand, Copy of General Abstracts Relative to Agric.-Statistical Returns of the Acme in England and Wales, 1856, showing the Acreage under the several Crops, and the Number of Live Stock in each County and Province, for the year 1856.

Copy of Report on the Condition and Progress of the Queen's University in Ireland, from 1st Sep, University in Ireland.

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

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mand, Return of the Number and Nature of the Accidents, and the Injuries to Life and Limb which have occurred on all the Railways open for Traffic in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland respectively, from the 1st July to the 31st December 1855.

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

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The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Copy of Treasury Warrants Establishing Rates of Postage.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration (North American Colours) be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty; the Committee was appointed of Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Mr. John Greene, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Divett, Mr. Gaskell, Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Eccourt and Mr. Bunham Carter.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration (North American Colonies), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant February, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Operation of the Bank Act of 1844 (7 & 8 Vic. c. 32), and of the Bank Acts for Ireland and Scotland of 1845 (8 & 9 Vic. c. 37 and 38); also to inquire into the Law relating to Joint Stock Banks:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House was moved, That the several Acts relative to Passing Tolls, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was adjourned till Monday next.
A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company and of the Hartlepool and Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for amalgamating the Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company with the North Eastern Railway Company, and for vesting the Undertaking of the former Company in that of the latter, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Robert and Mr. Francis William Russell.

A Petition of the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company to make additional Waterworks, and raise additional Capital, and to lease their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Mither and Colonel Smyth.

A Petition of the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company to make additional Waterworks, and raise additional Capital, and to lease their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Henniker and Mr. Child.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company and of the Hartlepool and Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for amalgamating the Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company with the North Eastern Railway Company, and for vesting the Undertaking of the former Company in that of the latter, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Robert and Mr. Francis William Russell.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act thereinbefore mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Lounde National and Leek 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. Adderley and Mr. Child.

A Petition of the London and Southsea Improvement Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the London and Southsea Improvement Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Villiers and Mr. Thorneby.

A Petition of the Midland Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway Company to make Extension Line of Railway to Sligo, with Branches therefrom, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Timothy O'Brien and Mr. Blake.

A Petition of the Midland Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland Company to make an Extension Line of Railway to Sligo, with Branches therefrom, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Timothy O'Brien and Mr. Blake.

A Petition of the Sadlerfield and Yeoell Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Sadlerfield and Yeoell Railway Company to make Deviations from the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Bill enabling the Company of Proprietors of Andover Canal the Andover Canal Navigation to sell their Undertaking, and enabling them to discontinue the same Navigation, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension, Clapham to Norwood and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for lighting with Gas the Borough of South Shields and Neighbourhood thereof, in the County of Durham, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the New Brunswick and New Brunswick Railway and Land Company, and for other purposes relating to the said Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company to abandon the formation of part of a Branch Railway at Sutton, to increase and regulate the Capital of the Company, and to relieve from Liverpool Town and Dock Duty the Owners of Proprietors of the Docks and Canal of the Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a Market-house, and establish and regulate Markets and Fairs, and to regulate the supply of Water within the Borough; and to pave, light, cleanse, regulate and improve the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Regulation of certain Public Sufferance Wharves in the Port of London, known as "Meriton's Sufferance Wharf," and "Hagen's Sufferance Wharf," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
improving certain Roads leading to, through, and from the Towns of Langport, Somerset, and Castle Cary, in the County of Somerset; and for making and improving other Roads in the said County, and granting more effectual Powers in lieu thereof, and for making and improving New Lines of Road, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Norfolk Railway Company to subscribe to the Wells and Fakenham Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to make a Railway from the North Kent Railway, near Greenwich, to Dartford; and also to make or complete a Short Line of Railway at Tunbridge; and to authorize the Company to purchase additional Property for the purposes of their Londonbridge Station; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Elie, in the County of Fife, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for repairing the Road from Hastings to Tonbridge, and several Branches therefrom, all in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for repairing the Roads from Preston to Bury and Radcliffe, in the County Palatine of Lancaster; and for making and maintaining Turnpike certain other Roads in connexion therewith, all in the same County, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to require the Assessors relating to the Selby and Market Weighton Turnpike-roads, in the East Riding of the County of York, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the Conservation of the Rivers Thames and Medway, and for the Regulation, Management and Improvement thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend an Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, "to prevent the Mischief that arise from driving Cattle within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Liberties thereof, and Bills of Mortality," and also to amend "The Metropolitan Market Act, 1851," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for abolishing the Court of Hustings, and certain Jurisdiction of the Sheriffs' Courts of the City of London, and for amending the Process, Practice and Mode of Pleading in the Mayor's Court, and for extending the Jurisdiction thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in the Metropolis, so far as relates to the City of London and the Liberties thereof," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the West of Fife Mineral Railway Company to construct Branch Railways to Roscobie and Braehead, and for certain other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Aberdare Own Amman Railway into and along the Amman Valley, in the County of Glamorgans, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Herne Bay to Herne Bay and Faversham, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for more effectually draining the Morden Carrs and other Lands in the County of Durham; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company to make a Railway to Tullamore, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Improvement of the Town of Middleton, and the Neighbourhood thereof, for establishing Gasworks, Waterworks and a Cemetery there, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Property and Income Tax; Public. — China;—Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—PETITIONS. — Poor Law;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Turkish Con- tingent Engineers;—Turnpikes, &c.;—and Weight and Measures, were presented, and read; and or- dered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Manufacturers of Salt and Dealers Weaver on the River Weaver, and Exporters of Salt from Navigation. Liverpool to Foreign Countries, for leave to bring in a Bill for reducing the Dues levied by the Trustees of the River Weaver Navigation on Coal and Salt, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thornely and Mr Ershine Perry.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report made to the First Commissioner of Works by Commander Burstan, &c., on the state of the River Thames from Putney to Rotherhithe, dated the 27th day of January 1857. — Sir Benjamin Hall 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 Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Electors in every County and Division of a County in Great Britain, according to the Register of Electors for 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1866, and as they appear in the Register of Electors for 1856 and 1857; distinguishing the different Qualifications under which they are registered in 1856 and 1857, with the Population of each County and Division of a County, according to the Census of 1851.—And, of the Names of all Cities and Boroughs in Great Britain, showing the Number of Electors on the Register of 1855 and 1856, and the Population of each City and Borough, according to the Census of 1851.

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 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 1855 to the 31st day of December 1856, and the Excess of Payments 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. 26, of Session 1856).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Value of the Coinages of Silver at the Mints of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, respectively, in each year from 1845-46 to the latest Date for which Statements of the same have been received.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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, the Quantities remaining in Bond on the 31st day of December 1856, distinguishing London from the Country (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 26, of Session 1856).

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Imprisonment for Debt, &c. Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant February.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders was nominated of Colonel Wilson Patten, Sir William Heathcote, Mr. Thomas Greene, Mr. Thomas Newton, Mr. Evelyn Denison, Sir Robert Ferguson, Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Braiston, Mr. Thorneby, Mr. Eliot Lockhart, and Mr. Deedes.

The Committee of Selection was nominated of Sir William Heathcote, Mr. Thomas Greene, Mr. Robert Ferguson, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Bosham Carter, and the Chairman of the Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Bedale and Leyburn Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Capital of the Bedale and Leyburn Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cayley and Mr. Wrayll.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Paper Mills at work in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively, in each year from 1836 to 1856.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of July 1856, for a Return relating to Savings Banks, for the year ending the 29th day of November 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 207, of Session 1856).

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of July 1856, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, for the year ending the 29th day of November 1855 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 208, of Session 1856).

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 Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, for the year ended 31st March 1856, with the Report of the Commissioners of Audit, dated 31 January 1857, in regard thereto.

Copy of an Account of the Naval Receipt and Expenditure, for the year ended 31 March 1856.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, to the Consolidated Fund, 31st December 1856.

An Account, made up to the 31st December 1856, of the Sums which have been paid and applied within the year 1856, by virtue of an Act 55 Geo. 3, c. 115, intituled, "An Act for carrying into effect a Convention between his 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-men- tioned, 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 the Total Sums issued up to the Sardinian Loan, 31st December 1856, out of the Consolidated Fund, and advanced to his Majesty the King of Sardinia, by virtue of the Acts 18 & 19 Vic. c. 20; and also of the Sums received from the Sardinian Government for Interest and Sinking Fund in respect thereof, in the same period.

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 which is 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.

Copies of Orders in Council applying the Public Public Health Act (1845) to the Districts of Smethwick (1847), (Staffordshire), and Bradford (Lancashire).

Ordered, That the Paper relative to County Courts, Courts, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Army Services, to the 31st day of March 1857, 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 Estimate.

Ordered, That a Bill to amend the Act for the Government of the Royal Marine Forces in Great Britain which have received the largest Amount of the Parliamentary Grant under heading "Capitation Money," for the year ending December 1856; specifying the Sums received by each; the Number of Scholars in Average Attendance at each during the last year; the Number of Scholars on whom the Grant was allowed; and the Population of each Parish, be brought 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 Names of the Six Schools which have received the smallest Amount of "Capitation Money," for the same year; stating the Sums received by each; the Number of Scholars in Average Attendance at each during the last year; the Number of Scholars on whom the Grant was allowed; and the Population of each Parish.

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Naval Services, to the 31st day of March 1857, 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 Estimate.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the limitation of the Time of Service in the Royal Marine Forces, and to stop up, divert or purchase certain Lands in the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Kent, and to give directions, that there be laid before this House the said Bill, and for other purposes relating thereto.

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 Report upon the Private Bills for the years of Her Majesty, to substitute in certain cases other Punishment in lieu of Transportation; and that Sir George Grey and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Establishment of Reformatory Schools in England; and that Sir George Grey and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners of the Admiralty to purchase certain Lands in the Parish of Chatham, and to substitute in certain cases other Punishment in lieu of Transportation; and that Sir Charles Wood and Sir Maurice Berkeley 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 several Barracks and Encampments occupied by Troops on the 1st day of January 1857, with the Number of Rank and File they are each calculated to contain; stating, in a Tabular Form, if the Barrack Rooms and Passages are lighted with Gas; if separate Quarters are provided for Married Private Soldiers, as distinguished from Families in Barrack Rooms; if Ovens, or means of Roasting are provided in the Kitchens; and if Ovens for instructing Soldiers in Baking Bread are attached; if Five Courts, Skittle Grounds, or means of practising Gymnastic Exercises are provided for Soldiers; if any Cricket Ground is attached to the Station or provided at the Expense of Government; and also the Amount of Accommodation.
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 authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales: And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring in.

Reformatory Schools Bill.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to facilitate the Establishment of Reformatory Schools in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Servitude Bill.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Act of Settled Estates, and to provide for the establishment of Reformatory Schools in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23d day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to enable the Company to establish and work Telegraphs between Great Britain, Ireland and Wales, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grogan and Mr. Alexander.

Referring the Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Company to make a Railway at Reading, from the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway, to the Great Western Railway, and to afford facilities for the interchange of Traffic between those Railways, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brockman and Mr. Rich.

A Petition of the Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make a Railway at Reading, from the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway, to the Great Western Railway, and to afford facilities for the interchange of Traffic between those Railways, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brockman and Mr. Rich.

A Petition of the Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make a Railway at Reading, from the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway, to the Great Western Railway, and to afford facilities for the interchange of Traffic between those Railways, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brockman and Mr. Rich.

A Petition of the Shrewsbury Gas-Light Company, Shrewsbury for leave to bring in a Bill for lighting with Gas the Borough of Shrewsbury and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the County of Salop, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Toadcire and Mr. Bullock.

A Petition of Trustees of the Mansfield and Mansfield  
Workhouse Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill and Workhouse Turnpike Road, in the County of Nottingham, was presented, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Clinton and Viscount Galway.

A Petition of the Atlantic Telegraph Company Atlantic (limited), for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Telegraph Company and regulate the Atlantic Telegraph Company, and to enable the Company to establish and work Telegraphs between Great Britain, Ireland and Wexford, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Brown and Sir James Anderson.

A Petition of Trusties for the Mansfield and Mansfield  
Workhouse Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill and Workhouse Turnpike Road, in the County of Nottingham, was presented, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Clinton and Viscount Galway.

A Petition of Trustees for the Workhouse and Workhouse  
Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Telegraph Company and to enable the Company to establish and work Telegraphs between Great Britain, Ireland and Wexford, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Herbert Maddock and Mr. Montagu Chambers.

A Petition of the Australian Agricultural Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting additional Powers to the Australian Agricultural Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edlett and Mr. Maqgribanks.

A Petition of Managers of the Co-partnership, Guildford styled "The Guildford Gas-Light and Coke Company," and Suitors for a Bill for effecting the purposes hereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Guildford Gas-Light and Coke Company, and to confer upon them further Powers for the Supply of Gas to Guildford and the vicinity, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mangles and Mr. Bell.

A Petition of Trustees of the Workhouse and Workhouse  
Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Telegraph Company and to enable the Company to establish and work Telegraphs between Great Britain, Ireland and Wexford, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Robert Clinton, Mr. Rooke and Mr. Hoefield.

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Norwich and Spalding Railway.

A Petition of the Norwich and Spalding Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Construction of the Railway between Spalding and Sutton-bridge, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cobbold and Mr. Cayley.

South Staffordshire Water.

A Petition of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company to alter and extend their Works, and obtain an additional supply of Water, and to make certain Arrangements with respect to their Undertaking, and the Works connected therewith, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stafford Northcote and Mr. Charles Forster.

Lowestoft and Bergh Saint Peter Ferry and Roads.

A Petition of Promoters of the establishment and maintenance of the theretofore mentioned Ferry and Floating Bridge across the River Waveney, and of the Works and Approach Roads in connection therewith, for leave to bring in a Bill for establishing and maintaining a Ferry and Floating Bridge across the River Waveney, near Bergh Saint Peter Stallte, in the Parish of Oulton, in the County of Suffolk, and Bergh Saint Peter, in the County of Norfolk, with proper Works and Approach Roads thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Hen- sker and Mr. Burroughes.


A Petition of Directors of the Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association, for leave to bring in a Bill for the making and maintaining of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway.

A Petition of the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Company to make certain Deviations and Alterations in their Line and Works, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Claud Hamilton, Mr. Knight and Mr. Luce.

Stratford-upon-Avon Railway.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for the making and maintaining of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Newquay Pier and Harbour Railway.

A Petition of James Henry Meredith, of Fowey, in the County of Cornwall, Esquire, Edward John Treffry, of Fowey aforesaid, Clerk in Holy Orders, and Henry Barter Willocks, for leave to bring in a Bill for confirming the Title to Lands acquired for the purposes of the Newquay Railway, part of "The Treffry Estates," in the County of Cornwall, and for regulating the Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Bachgate, Airdrie and Coatbridge Railway Bill.

The Bachgate, Airdrie and Coatbridge Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Birkenhead Docks (Construction) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Birkenhead Docks (Management) Bill.

Ordered, That the Birkenhead Docks (Management) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Kidsgrove Market Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Leslie Railway Bill was read a second time; Leslie Rail- way Bill.

The Leves and Uckfield Railway Bill was read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed.—And the Debate being adjourned till To- morrow.

The London and South Western Railway Acts 1857. The London and South Western Railway Acts 1857. Amendment Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mersey Conservancy and docks Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The New River Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Birthday, Hove and Preston Constant Service Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Carlisle and Humeich Railway Bill was read Carlisle and Hawick Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Chester Water Bill be read a Chester a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Cornwall Railway Bill was read a second Cornwall Railway Bill.

The Dumbarton Water, &c. Bill was read a Dumbarton second time; and committed.

The East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill was read a Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill.

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

The Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill was Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill.

The Great Southern and Western Extension Great Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Inverness and Nairn Railway Bill was read Inverness and Nairn Railway Bill.

The Kidsgrove Market Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Leslie Railway Bill was read a second time; Leslie Rail- way Bill.

The London and South Western Railway Acts London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mersey Conservancy and docks Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The New River Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
North Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill.

Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railways Bill.

Peebles Railway Bill.

Portsmouth Water Bill.

Price's Patent Candle Company Bill.

South Devon Railway Bill.

South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway Bill.

Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill.

Sunderland Gas Bill.

Taft Vale Railway Bill.

Tweed River Fisheries Bill.

Victoria (London) Docks Bill.

Watchet Harbour Bill.

Watchet Harbour Trust Bill.

Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill.

Wearmouth Bridge, Ferries and Approaches Bill.

West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Bill.

Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Bill.

Cork Gas Bill.

Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Ropeway Bill.

Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Bill.

Cannock Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill.

The North Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Price's Patent Candle Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Tweed River Fisheries Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Victoria (London) Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The Wearmouth Bridge, Ferries and Approaches Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for more effectually empowering the United General Gas-Light Company to light the City of Cork and the Suburbs thereof with Gas, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Turnpike-roads, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company to make additional Waterworks, and raise additional Capital, and to lease their Undertaking, and, for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Cannock Mineral Railway Company to make Extension Lines to Coalwich and Wolverhampton; to abandon part of their authorized

Line, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting certain Powers to the Sunken Vessels Recovery Company (Limited), for better and more effectual enabling such Company to raise Sunken Vessels and Company their Cargoes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Amalgamation of the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Company and the North Eastern Railway Company, to authorize further Capital, and the Conversion of Shares and Stock, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for regulating the Capital of the Bedale Bedale and Leyburn Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for amalgamating the Hartlepool Dock North Eastern and Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company, and for vesting the Undertaking of Railway Company the former Company in that of the latter, and for raising other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Midland Great Railway of Ireland Company to make an Extension Western Rail- Line of Railway to Sligo, with Branches therefrom, (Sligo Extensi-and for other purposes, was read the first time; and order) Bill. ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Briton Ferry Floating Dock Company to raise Money, and for other pur-pose connected with their Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Improvement of Londonderry and Londonderry Southern, and the Neighbourhoods, in the Parishes and Towns of Portsmouth and Portsea, in the County of Southam-pton, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Willenhall Gas Com-pany, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Dundalk and one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Enniskillen Railway. in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Or-ders in the case of the Petition for the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railways Bill.

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

Petitions relating to Property and Income Tax; Public —China and Persia; —Civil Service Superannuation Petitions. Fund; —Emigration ;—Opium Trade; and, Settle- Vide. Third ment and Removal,—were presented, and read; and Report. ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Income Tax. Return showing the Number of Persons charged to the Income Tax for the years ended the 5th day of April 1855 and 1856, under Schedule (D); dis-tinguishing the Number charged in each of the following Classes: eir., under £. 100 a year; £.100 and under £.150 a year; £.150 and under £.200; £.200 and under £.250; £.250 and under £.300; £.300 and under £.400; £.400 and under £.500; £.500 and under £.600; £.600 and under £.700; £.700 and under £.800; £.800 and under £.900; £.900 and under £.1,000; £.1,000 and under £.1,500; £.1,500 and under £.2,000; £.2,000 and under £.3,000; £.3,000 and under £.4,000; £.4,000 and under £.4,500; £.5,000 and under £.6,000; £.6,000 and under £.7,000; £.7,000 and under £.8,000; £.8,000 and under £.9,000; £.9,000 and under £.10,000, £.10,000 and under £.50,000; £.50,000 and up-wards; and the Amounts of Tax received from each
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that before this House, Returns of the Names and Rank of the several Officers of the Army and Navy now holding Civil Appointments in the Public Service within the United Kingdom—Of the Date, Description and Annual Salary and Emolument of each such Civil Appointment—and, of the Annual Amount of Half-Pay (if any) which each such Military or Naval Officer respectively receives, in addition to the Salary and Emolument of each such Civil Appointment.

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 there be laid before this House, Sir George Goodman have leave of absence till Easter, on account of ill health.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions Bank of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending the 5th day of January 1857, showing what Amount of such Bills, before the making up of this Account, has been paid off and discharged, and the Amount of such Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills, or other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1857.

An Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due, and not demanded, and for the Payment of Lottery Prizes or Benefits, which had not been claimed, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, on the thereunder-mentioned days, being those next before the Issue from the Exchequer of Money for the Payment of Dividends on account of the National Debt, for each of the four preceding Quarters respectively.

An Account of the Receipt and Expenditure of £ 27,310. 1. 3. in one year, from the 6th January 1856 to the 31st December 1856, by the Commissioners, as appointed by the 26 Geo. 3, for the Reduction of the National Debt.

A Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputies of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government authorized by Parliament, from the 5th January 1856 to the 4th January 1857; with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

Resolved, That the Return relative to Savings Banks (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 267, of Session 1853), which was presented upon the 6th of this instant February, be printed.

Resolved, That the Return relative to Savings Banks (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 232, of Session 1854), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Resolved, That Sir Maurice Berkeley presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the holding of State Officiers of the Army and Navy.
Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, which were presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Receipt and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Russian Dutch Loan, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Sardinian Loan, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Greek Loan, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Lunacy, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Report, in pursuance of a Resolution to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That whereas the Act of Parliament [18 Vic. c. 29] contains a Proviso, which, by its technical construction, would inflict in execution of this Act, a material and heavy burden on the poor subjects of Her Majesty, this House is of opinion that the Provisions of the said Act should cease and determine from the 3d day of April next, and the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill : And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Hardy, Mr. William Brown and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Principles adopted for the regulations of the Public Departments, and the effect which the present system has upon the Expenditure of Public Money.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill further to provide for the Mode of securing and paying Fixed Incomes to Ecclesiastical Corporations, Aggregates and Sole: And that the Marquis of Hamburgh and Mr. George Butt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider so much of the Second Report of the Statute Law Commissioners as relates to the proposition therein made for the adoption of Means to improve the Manner and Language of Current Legislation, and to report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Appointment of Chief Constables to settle, with the Consent of the Local Authorities, the Amount of Circulation of such Banks respectively: Of the Amount of Bank of England Notes in circulation, and the Amount of the Circulation of such Banks respectively, since the Date of the said Act; And, of the Banks of Issue, if any, which have ceased to issue their own Notes, and of the Amount of Circulation of such Banks respectively since the Date of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 32, for replacing the Amount of Circulation thus withdrawn, and up to the Date of the Bank of Issue, and, of the Banks of Issue, if any, which have ceased to issue their own Notes, and the Amount of Circulation of such Banks respectively, since the Date of the above Issue of Bank of England Notes (in continuation of a former Return).

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Rating of Mines do consist of Seventeen Members: A Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Kentall, Mr. Michael Williams, Mr. Deedes, Mr. George Carendish, Mr. Child, Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Phillips, Colonel Pennant, Mr. Ridley, Viscount Monch, Mr. Spenor, Mr. Hussey Vician, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Home, Mr. Henry Herbert, and Mr. Colete; with Power to send for papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

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 amend the Laws relating to the general Sale of Beer and Cider in England, and to regulate certain places of public resort, refreshment and entertainment:—And be move the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Hardy, Mr. William Brown and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Principle adopted for making Public Contracts for the supply of the Public Departments, and the effect which the present system has upon the Expenditure of Public Money.

Ordered, That the Marquis of Hamburgh and Mr. George Butt do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Ordered, That the several Acts relating to the general Sale of Beer and Cider in England, and to regulate certain places of public resort, refreshment and entertainment might be read: And the said Motion was, as follows: —

The House, That leave be given to bring in an Act to facilitate the Appointment of Chief Constables for the prevention of vagrancy, destitution and disorderly children, and to improve the Manner and Language of current Legislation, and to report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the several Acts relating to the general Sale of Beer and Cider in England, and to regulate certain places of public resort, refreshment and entertainment:—And he move the House accordingly.
Mercurii, 11° die Februario;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAESENS.

M. Boughan-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th day 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.

A Petition of Directors of the Reversionary Interest Society, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the Reversionary Interest Society, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr John Lewis Ricardo and Mr. Butler.

A Petition of the Bury Gas-Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for lighting with Gas the Town of Bury, and other Townships and Places in the Parishes of Bury, Middleton, Prestwich-cum-Oldham and Radcliffe, respectively, all in the County of Lancaster, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Peel, Colonel Wilson Patten, and Mr. Cheetham.

A Petition of several Persons whose names are West Somer and elsewhere subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Tunstall to the Harbour of Watchet, and for other purposes relating to the said Railway and Harbour, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

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

The Caledonian Railway (Lines to Granton) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Cork and Banndon Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

The Electric Telegraph Company Bill was read an electric Company Bill.

The Ely Valley Railway Bill was read a second time Ely Valley Railway Bill.

The Fife and Kinross Railway Bill was read a second Kinross Railway Bill.

The Great Southern and Western Railway (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Kinross-shire Railway Bill was read a second Kinross-shire Railway Bill.

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

The Metropolitan New Streets and Improvements Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Monkland Railways Bill was read a second Monkland Railways Bill.

The Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Level Drainage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Staffordshire Railway (Bridgewater) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Reading Railways Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Tralee and Killarney Railway Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant February.

The Tweed Fisheries Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wimslow and Lawton Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Birkenhead Docks (Construction) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Birkenhead Docks (Management) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant February, That the Levens and Uckfield Railway Bill be committed: And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right: The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Brand, Colonel Harcourt: 82.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly committed.

A Bill to enable the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company to alter and extend their Works, Vol. 112.

and obtain an additional Supply of Water, and to make certain Arrangements with respect to their Undertaking, and the Works connected therewith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Time for the Construction of the Railway between Spraling and Sutton-bridge, Spraling was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill for establishing and maintaining a Ferry and Floating Bridge across the River Waveney, near Burgh Saint Peter Staithe, in the Parishes of Oulton, in the County of Suffolk, and Bulgh Saint Peter, in the County of Norfolk, with proper Works and Approach Roads thereto, be read the first time To-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate and regulate the Atlantic Telegraph Company, and to enable the Company to establish and work Telegraphs between Great Britain, Ireland and Newfoundland, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting additional Powers to the Australian Agricultural Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Colcutta and South Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the Guildford Gas-Light and Coke Company, and to confer upon them further Gas Bill. Powers for the Supply of Gas to Guildford and the Vicinity, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize a Deviation in the Line of the Bagnoldstown Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway; and to provide Wexford vide for guaranteeing Interest on a portion of the Capital of the Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway Company by means of Rates on certain Portions of the County of Wexford, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to make a Railway at Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway, to the Great Western Railway, and to afford Facilities for the Interchange of Traffic between those Railways, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for lighting with Gas the Borough of Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the Gas Bill. County of Salop, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Army. Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services, for 1857-58.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

A Petition of the East Somerset Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Railway. East Somerset Railway Company to extend their Railway from Shepton Mallet to Wells, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heyter and Captain Tollefit.

A Petition of the Wycombe Railway Company, Wycombe for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Wycombe Railway. Railway Company to extend their Railway to...
Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Bank of England, which were presented upon the 10th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Judgments Execution, &c. 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. Joseph Excert;]
[M. Henry Hughes;]
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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 Wednesday next.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Lookoutery to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out Writs for the electing of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lookoutery, in the room of Thomas Bateson, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the office of Steward of the Manor of Hempholme.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Receipt, Issue and Audit of Public Money in the Exchequer, the Pay Office, and the Audit Department.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 12° die Februarii; Anno 20° Victoriae Regini, 1857.

Pray ers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Belfast 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 Belfast Improvement Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from West Somerset 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 West Somerset Railway Bill.

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

A Petition of Provisional Directors of the Boaff, Boat, Portway and Stratthila Railway Company, for leave and Strathila to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Graustation Station of the Great North of Scotland Rail- way to the Harbour of Boaff, with a Branch to the Harbour of Portway, was presented, and read ; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Duff and Mr. Cunning Bruce.

A Petition
Orkney Roads.

A Petition of Trustees for executing the Act for regulating and converting the Statute Labour of the Stewartry or Sheriffdom of Orkney, and for more effectually making, repairing and maintaining the Highways and Bridges within the same, for leave to be heard, and to effect the Act for making, repairing and maintaining the Highways, Roads and Bridges within the Sheriffdom of Orkney, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Frederick Dunbar and Mr. Laing.

Chatham District Water.

A Petition of Subscribers to the Undertaking therein mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying Water to Chatham, Rochester, Brompton, Gillingham, and their neighbourhood, in the County of Kent, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Herbert Mochworth and Mr. Wykeham Martin.

National Assurance and Investment Association.

A Petition of Directors of the National Assurance and Investment Association, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to "The National Assurance and Investment Association," and for changing the Name of the Association to the Name of "State Life Association," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kinnaird and Mr. Atherton.

Medical, Legal and General Mutual Life Assurance Society and the New Equitable Life Assurance Company, by the amalgamation of "The Medical, Legal and General Mutual Life Assurance Society" and "The New Equitable Life Assurance Company," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Hotham and Mr. Repton.

Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool.

A Petition of the Reverend Charles Henry Barton, Clerk, Master of Arts, for leave to bring in a Bill for uniting the Offices of Minister and Chaplain of Saint Philip's Church in Liverpool, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horfall and Mr. Joseph Eccart.

Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, and Scottish Central Railway Companies.

A Petition of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway Company, and of the Scottish Central Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, and Scottish Central Railway Companies to enter into Agreements for the joint-management and working of their Undertakings, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Ellis and Mr. Kinnaird.

Ringwood, Christchurch and Bourne- mouth Railway.

A Petition of Squires for a Bill for effecting the purposes thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the London and South Western Railway, near Ringwood, to Christchurch, in the County of Southampton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Compton and Admiral Walcott.

Keith and Dufftown Railway.

A Petition of Provisional Directors of the Keith and Dufftown Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Keith to Dufftown, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary Cray) (Extension to Gravesend.)

A Petition of the Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary Cray) Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary Cray) Company to extend their authorised Line to Saint Mary Cray, to join the North Kent Railway at Dartford, in the County of Kent, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Right Honourable Sir Francis Thornhill Controversied Baring, Baronet, the Right Honourable Spencer Baring, Esquire, William Dredge, Esquire, and Chichester Samuel Fortescue, Esquire, being five 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.

The Cork and Bandon Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered.

The Lowestoft and Bury Saint Peter Ferry and Roads Bill was, according to Order, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to "The Reverendry Interest Society," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the East Somerset Railway Company to extend their Railway from Shepton Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorize the Wymcombe Railway Company to extend their Railway to Princes Risborough, and to Thame, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Bank of London and National Bank of Provincial Insurance Association to sue and be sued; and to confirm certain Agreements entered into by them or on their behalf, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Workes and Attercliffe Turnpike We stock Road, in the County of Nottingham, and the West and Attercliffe Riding of the County of York, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Mensfield and Workes Turnpike Mansfield Road, in the County of Nottingham, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Married Public Women;—Paper;—Property and Income Tax;—Army and Navy;—Civil Service Superannuation;—Third Fund;—Intoxications;—Licenses (Beer-houses) reports.

Newspapers;—Opium Trade;—Public Health Act (1845);—Public Houses (Scotland) Act;—and, Turnpikes, &c., were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

A Petition of the Westminster Improvement Commissioners, by the time granted to the Westminster Improvement Commissioners, by "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1845," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1847," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1850," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1853," and "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1855," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and the Completion of Works, and for facilitating the Completion of the Improvements, and the Sale of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Macnichon, Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Warner.

A Petition.
Accounts respecting the Territorial Revenues and East India Disbursements of the East India Company for the years 1854-55, with an Estimate of the same for the succeeding year, and Appendices containing (metals) comparative Statements for the years 1852-53, 1853-54, 1854-55, and Estimate 1855-56.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Public to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously Justice, pleased to take into consideration, as an urgent measure of Administrative Reform, the formation of a separate and responsible Department for the Affairs of Public Justice.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Church Rates abolish Church Rates: And that Sir William Clay, Abolition. Mr. Aust and Mr. Miill do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence relating to the Removal of Sir George Pollock, c. c. n., from the Direction of the Honourable East India Company.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Weights and Measures throughout England and Wales: And that Mr. Lloyd Davies and Mr. Adderley 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 a Copy of the Treaty concluded by his Majesty the Emperor of Austria with the Sublime Porte, on the 14th day of June 1854, relative to the Military Occupation of the Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia. And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bank Acts. be a Committee of Secrecy, and do consist of Twenty-two Members: The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Disraeli, Sir James Graham, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Mr. ThwIDDLE, Mr. W. W. Glyn, Mr. Hildyard, Mr. Glyn, Mr. Beckett and Mr. Hankey were nominated Members of the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that Mr. Pollard-Urquhart 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. Pollard-

Upright, and inserting the name of Mr. "Vose," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the name of Mr. Pollard-Urquhart stand part of the Question: The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Pollard-Urquhart be one other Member of the said Committee.

Then Mr. John Lewis Ricardo, Sir Charles Wood, Mr. Cogley, Sir Francis Baring, Mr. Martin Tucker Smith, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Forges, were nominated other Members of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have 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 Convictions and Sentences within
within the Police Districts of the Metropolis, during the
year 1856, under the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 30,
for the better Prevention and Punishment of Ag-
graveat Acts upon Women and Children.
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 Salaries and Allowances for Travelling
Expenses, &c., paid to each of the Seven Classes of
Surveyors of Stamps and Taxes in England, Scot-
land and Ireland respectively:—And, similar Re-
turn of the Salaries and Allowances of the Three
Classes of Inspectors of Taxes in England, Scotland
and Ireland respectively.

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

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

Sir William Clay presented a Bill to abolish
Church Rates: And the same was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time upon
Wednesday the 25th day of March next; and to be
printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 13° die Febrarui;
Anno 20° Victoriae Reginis, 1857.

PRayers.

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select
Committee on Public Petitions; That they had
examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th,
11th and 12th 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.

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 Or-
ders in the case of the Petition for the Mid-Kent
Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary Cray) (Extension
to Dart-
ford.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Se-
lect Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from
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Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Se-
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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from
one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in
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ders in the case of the Petition for the Caledonian
Railway (Running Powers.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Se-
lect 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 Or-
ders in the case of the Petition for the South York-
shire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Se-
lect Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Trustees of the Besselsleigh Turnpike Road, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the
Road Acts relating to the Besselsleigh Turnpike Road, in the County of Berkshire, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Vis-
count Barrington and Mr. Robert Palmer.

A Petition of Subscribers to the thereafter men-
tioned Undertaking, for leave to bring in a Bill for
better supplying with Water the Inhabitants of the Parishes of Saint John the Baptist (including Marg- gate), and Saint Peter the Apostle (including Broad-
stairs), in the County of Kent, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in ac-
cordingly, by Mr. Brodhun and Mr. Mackinnon.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto
subscribe, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a South Kent Railway from the Caterham Railway to the East
Croydon Station of the London, Brighton and South
Coast Railway, and another Railway in connexion therewith, both in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Acock and Mr. Alderman Chats.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto
subscribe, for leave to bring in a Bill for uniting the Parish of Alva from the County of Stirling, and
uniting it to the County of Clackmannan, was pre-
seated, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Lockhart.

A Petition of Promoters of the Wimbledon and Dorking Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the London and South Western Railway at Wimbledon to Epsom, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mangles and Mr.
Bonham Carter.

A Petition of the Times Fire Assurance Com-
pany, for leave to bring in a Bill for Amalgamating the Business of the said Companies and Society, except as far as the Business of the last-named Com-
pany relates to Assurances of Lives, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bulkeley Hughes and Mr. Olicia.

A Petition of the Stamford and Essendine Rail-
way Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to emp-
power the Stamford and Essendine Railway Com-
pany to raise Money, to sell or let their Undertaking, and for other purposes connected therewith, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederic Theiger and
Lord Robert Cecil.

A Petition of the Chepstow Gas and Coke Con-
sumers Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a
Gas Bill to incorporate a Company for supplying Gas to
Chepstow, and the neighbourhood, was presented,
and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Octavius Morgan and Colonel Somerset.

A Petition of Proprietors of the Guildford Water-works, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the
Water Proprietors of the Guildford Waterworks, and to confer further Powers for the supply of Water to the Borough of Guildford, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mangles and Mr. Evelyn.

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Athenaeum Co-
pany, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amalgama-
tion of the Athenaeum Assurance Company, is the
Assurance Company, to which the Business of the same Companies and Societies is to be added.

A Petition of the Compagnies Beauce and Beacon Life and Fire Assurance Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amalga-
Summarized.

A Petition of Proprietors of the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Caledonian Railway and Dufftown Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonham Carter.

A Petition of Proprietors of the South Kent Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amalgama-
tion of the South Kent Railway Company and the Dorking Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonham Carter.

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A Petition of the Cork and Youghal Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for making the Cork and Youghal Railway, and to vary the borrowing Powers of the Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Isaac Butt and Mr. Talbot.

A Petition of the Charing Cross Bridge Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Charing Cross Bridge Company to alter their Bridge and Approaches, to adapt the same to the passage of Horses and Carriages, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Masterman, Sir John Shelley and Mr. William Williams.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to cancel certain forfeited Shares in the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, to be called "The Hamilton and Strathaven Railway," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cockrane, Mr. Baird and Sir James Ferguson.

A Petition of Promoters of a Railway from Pull- borough to Horsham, with a Branch to Petworth, all in the County of Sussex, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway at Horsham, through Billingshurst to Pulborough, with a Branch from Billingshurst to Petworth, all in the County of Sussex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Smollett and Sir James Anderson.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for a Railway from the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway, at or near to Barton, in the County of Lincoln, to the South Yorkshire Railway, at Thorpe, in the West Riding of the County of York, to be called "The South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway," was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Right honourable the Earl Vane and of other Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Llandinanz and Newtown Railway, in the Parish of Llandinanz, in the County of Montgomery, to the Town of Machynlleth, in the same County, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wynn and Mr. Paget.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Bridge over the River Wye, near to the Eveshamp Ferry, and Approaches thereto; for discontinuing and regulating Ferries near to the Bridge, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Blasemere and Mr. King King.

The Order for reading a second time the Hereford Cathedral Restoration Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the "National Assurance and Investment Association," and for changing the Name of the Association to the name of "Stute Life Assurance Association," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for more effectually making, repairing and conserving Roads and Canals, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for uniting the Offices of Minister and Saint Philip's Chaplain of Saint Philip's Church, in Liverpool, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for better supplying with Water Rochester, Chatham, Brompton and Gillingham, and their Neighbourhood, in the County of Kent, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for reducing the Dues levied by the Weaver Trustees of the River Weaver Navigation on Coal Navigation Bill, and Salt, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, and Scottish Central Railway Companies to enter into Agreements for the Joint Management and Working of their Undertakings, be read the first time upon Monday next.

A Bill for making a Railway from the London, Ringwood, Christchurch and Shoreham Railway Bill.

A Bill for extending the Times granted to the Westminster Improvement Commissioners by "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1846," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1847," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1850," "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1855," and "The Westminster Improvement Act, 1858," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and the Completion of Works, and for facilitating Completion of the Improvements and Sale of Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Colonel John Wilson Pattie, one of the Members Contested appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, was sworn by the Clerk at the Table.

The Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The New Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Tilbury, Maidon and Colchester Railway Bill, was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

A Bill for the Tyne Improvement Company, and to enable the Company to create new and additional Shares, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Grange Banff, Portsoy Station of the Great North of Scotland Railway to the Harbour of Banff, with a Branch to the Harbour of Portsoy, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for granting further Powers to the "National Assurance and Investment Association," and for changing the Name of the Association to the name of "Stute Life Assurance Association," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the London, Ringwood, Christchurch and Shoreham Railway Bill.
A Bill for the Establishment of the Medical Mutual Life Assurance Company, by the Amalgamation of the Medical, Legal and General Mutual Life Assurance Company, and the New Equitable Life Assurance Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill for making a Railway from the Forthbridge Station of the London and South Western Railway to Aldershot, be read the first time upon Monday next.

Public Petitions, Vide Fourth Report.

Petitions relating to the Ballot:—Church Rates;—Ministers' Money (Ireland) Act;—Paper;—Property and Income Tax;—Alcohol of Food;—China and Persia;—Civil Service Superannuation;—Metropolis Tarmique Roads;—Opium Trade;—Passing Tolls Bill;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Public Houses (Scotland) Act;—and, Settlement and Removal were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

County Courts. 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 Vic. c. 95, of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court above £ 20 and not exceeding £ 50, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court above £ 20 and not exceeding £ 50, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, under the 23rd Section of the Act 19 & 20 Vic. c. 108:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive:—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of 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Decisions of each Court, and whether such Decisions were confirmed or reversed, and the Number of Appeals dropped or remaining undecided on the 30th day of September 1856:—Of the Total Number of Days that each Court has sat, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive, and the Average Number of Hours comprised in each Sitting:—Of the Total Number of such Sittings held before a Deputy Judge:—Of the Total Number of Causes in which a Verdict has been given in favour 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, against the Goods of Defendants:—Of the Total 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 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, 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 or paid to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General.

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.
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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 or entered up in each Court during the same period, and also the Amount of such Costs, exclusive of Fees of Court.—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 Amount of Fees received in each Court during each such period, and the Amount received in each Court to the Credit of Suits, and the Amount paid out to Suits, during such period:—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 Total Number of Executions issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period against the Goods of Defendants:—Of the Total Number of JudgmentsSummonses issued by each Court during the same period:—Of the Total Number of JudgmentSummonses 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 of the Number of Persons actually taken to Prison under such Warrants.—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 Copy of any Reports addressed to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury in 1856, or the present year, on the Subject of the Fishery Board of Scotland.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of all Poor Law Unions in England and Wales where the School is maintained in a separate Building from the Union Workhouse:—And, of such Unions under the Poor Law Board as have united for the purpose of educating the Pauper Children separately; stating the Names of such Unions, and the Average Number of Children in such Union School during the year 1856.

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 "Report on Hong Kong," "Report on Chusan," and, "Minute on the British Position and Prospects in China," by Mr. R. Montgomery Martin, when Treasurer to the Queen at Hong Kong, and a Member of Her Majesty’s Legislative Council in China.

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 Charles Wood presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of July 1856, for a Return of the Number of Persons flogged in the Navy in the years 1855, 1854 and 1853:—distinguishing each year, specifying the Name of the Ship, the Offence, the Sentence, and Number of Lashes inflicted, and stating the highest and the lowest Number given in each Class:—in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 452, of Session 1853.

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

Sir Charles Wood presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of July 1856, for a Return of the Number of Persons flogged in the Army in the years 1855, 1854 and 1853:—distinguishing each year, specifying the Name of the Army, its Corps, the Number of Men of all Ranks of the Army from 1829 to 1850, both inclusive, stating the Numbers in India, for Service in the Colonies and at Home, and the Total Number voted, as in Return No. 2, in the Appendix to the Report of the Select Committee on Army and Ordnance Expenditure, with the Gross Amount voted in each year for the Army Estimates, irrespective of Credits in Aid:—Of the Number of Men voted in the same years for Ordnance Services (given in the Return No. 47, in the Appendix to the Second Report of the Select Committee on Army and Ordnance Expenditure), together with the Gross Sums voted in each year:—Of the Gross Sums voted in each year for the Army and Ordnance Services; and also the Total of the Sums voted as above in each year for Army, Ordnance and Commissariat:

And, similar Return of Men, Boys and Marines voted for the Navy, and Gross Sums voted (see Table at pages 6 and 7 of Report of the Select Committee on Navy, Army and Ordnance Estimates), irrespective of Credits in Aid, but deducting the Vote for Packets from the year 1842.

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. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Rhymney 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 Rhymney Railway Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Mid-Sussex 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 Mid-Sussex Railway Bill.

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

Mr. Mussey presented,—Return to an Order, Incumbered dated the 8th day of this instant February, for Re- Estates Court turns relative to the Incumbered Estates Court (Ireland.)

Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Poor Relief (Ireland.)

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions Court of of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Session (Scotland) Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of War- rant granting Compensation Allowances to Hector Massey and others, Assistant Clerks in the Court of Session in Scotland, and to John Barrow, Deputy Clerk of the Teind Court, Scotland, year ending 1856.

Copy of Warrant granting Compensation to Mr. Entails, &c. William Pitt Dundas, for loss of Fees sustained by him as Keeper of the Register of Entails, &c in Scotland.

Account, pursuant to Act 6 & 7 Vic. c. 63, intituled, "An Act for granting Relief to the Islands and is..."
Account, pursuant to Act 11 & 12 Vic. c. 130, intituled, "An Act for guaranteeing the Interest on such Loans, not exceeding £, 500,000, as may be raised by the British Colonies on the Continent of South America, in the West Indies and the Mauritius, for certain purposes," of all Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom during the year ending 5th January, 1857, 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 recovered and to be recovered thereon.

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, 1857.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Education, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Bullion (Bank of England), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Mint, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Railways. Returns of the Amount of Capital and Loan which each Railway Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1856, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid up on the 31st day of December 1856, 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 Rate and Amount of Dividend upon such ordinary Share Capital, as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate and Amount 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 1856, the Rates of Interest payable thereon, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; distingushing the several Sums raised by Shares or on Loan on which Dividend or Interest was not paid out of Revenue, and the Amount of such Dividend or Interest, the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1856 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 1856, distinguishing Single and Double Portions; the length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1856, the length of Line the Company is authorized to construct but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1856, and consequently the Total Length for which the Company has obtained Powers—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected other than by Purchase, Lease, or otherwise during 1856, 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, 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 1856, without the exercise of such Powers; and the Capital appropriated by Parliament for the Construction of such Lines or Branch Lines.

The Select Committee on the Statute Law Commis—Statute Law sion was nominated of Mr. Baines, Sir James Graham, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Attorney-General, Sir Frederic Thring, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Henley, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Heathcote, Sir FitzRoy Kelly, Lord Stanhope, Mr. Lowe King, Mr. Napier, Mr. Evelyn Denison, and Mr. William Bent; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Mr. James Copies of the Report of Sir Richard Magge, of the Committee 11th day of February 1857, and of the Warrant therein mentioned:—And, of the Report of the Crown Solicitor for Leinster, of the 12th day of
of February 1857, and of the several Orders and Documents therein mentioned.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Adjournment.

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

Mr. Peel presented, Return to an Address to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the Borough of Belfast, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Cavenish and Sir Joseph Paxton.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, and Trustees for executing the Act for enlarging the Market-house, and regulating the Markets within the Borough of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, for paving, cleansing, lighting and watching the Streets, Lanes and other public passages and places within the said Borough, or adjacent thereto, and for the Improvement thereof, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Markets and Fairs in Bridgewater, for making further provision for the paving, lighting and improving of Bridgewater, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Ynman and Mr. Follett.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill in making a Railway from the Essendine Station of the Great Northern Railway to Bourn, in the County of Lincoln, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Bursley and Sir John Trollope.

A Petition of the Canock or Church Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Ar

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, Metropolitan for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for Railway.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Banff, Macduff and Turriff Junction Railway Company, for the Act for extending the Banff, Macduff and Turriff Junction Railway, from Turriff to Banff and Macduff, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Duff and Mr. George Shaw Duff.

A Petition of the Slaney Navigation Company Slaney River (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Improvement. River Slaney Improvement Act, 1852, and to make better provision for the execution of the objects of that Act, and for other purposes connected with the River Slaney, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. M'Mahon and Mr. George.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill in incorpora

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Belfast, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the Acts for the Improvement of the Borough of Belfast, and for confirming things done with a view to the execution of those Acts, and to provide for the Collection of Rates in the Borough of Belfast, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for making a Railway from Clapham to London-bridge, to be called "The South London Railway," was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Ryhymney Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for consolidating the Acts relating to the Ryhymney Railway Company, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a Branch Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Caledonian Railway Company to use the Scottish Central and Stirring and Dunfermline Railways, and regulating the Owners and Lessees of these Railways to afford facilities for conveying the Traffic of that Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Swansea Harbour Trustees, for leave to bring in a Bill for the transfer of the Docks of the Swansea Dock Company to the Swansea Harbour Trustees, and for authorizing those Trustees to make further Works and raise further Monies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dillwyn and Mr. Hussey Vivian.

The Atlantic Telegraph Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Australian Agricultural Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Briton Ferry Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of London Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of March next.

The Connoch Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cowbridge and Llanybydder Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Croydon Light Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Curry, St Mary, &c. Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Darlaston Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Epping Forest Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Estuary Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern Railway Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Gwent, Usk, Ebbw Vale and Monmouth Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of March next.

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

The Morden Carre Drainage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The New Brunswick and Canada Railway and New Brunswick and Canada Railway Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Townley, Rochdale, &c. Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Workington, Broughton, &c. Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The York, Sudbury, &c. Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Line) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Prestwich, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Selby and Market Weighton Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The South Eastern Railway (Reading, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.
A Bill to cancel certain forfeited Shares in the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, and Clyde Junction Railway Company to enable the Company to create new and additional Shares, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from near Hamilton and to near Strathaven, in the County of Lanark, to be called "The Hamilton and Strathaven Railway" (including Margate), and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for better supplying with Water the Inhabitants of the Parishes of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter the Apostle (including Broadstairs), in the County of Kent, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the London Wimbledon and South Western Railway at Wimbledon to Epsom, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Bridge over the River Wyre, Furnshope and near to the Eam Pitt Ferry, and Approaches thereto; for discontinuing and regulating Ferries near to the Bridge, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the Public Justice House; that their Address of the 12th day of this instant February, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to take into consideration, as an urgent measure of Administrative Reform, the formation of a separate and responsible Department for the Affairs of Public Justice, had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:—

I have received your Address respecting the formation of a Department for the Affairs of Public Justice, and I shall give directions that the subject may receive the attentive consideration which its importance demands.

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 Colchester, in the room of the Right Honourable John James Robert Manners, commonly called Lord John James Robert Manners, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Hempole.

Petitions relating to Church Rates:—Magnus Public College Act; Paper; Property and Income Tax; Civil Service Superannuation Act; and Metro.—Vide Fifth polys Turnpike Roads, were presented, and read; Report; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the corrected Alphabetical List of Members to serve on Election Committees be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

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 Names of Poor Law Superintendents in Scotland appointed under the Act 18 & 20 Vic. c. 117, with the Dates of their respective Appointments:—And, of the Instructions given to such Poor Law Superintendents.
Order, 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.

Sole of Beer,
&c. Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednes-
nesday the 4th day of March next, the Sale of Beer,
&c. Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Wednesday the 1st day of April next.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Morons have leave of absence
for a fortnight, on account of ill health.

Exchequer Chamber (Ireland).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a
Return showing the Liabilities in respect to Debt,
Funded and Unfunded, incurred for the Service of
the War, to be redeemed in pursuance of the Acts of
Parliament, for the year 1856, and published in the 63rd
Year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen of
Great Britain, and Ireland, Empress of India.

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

Wrecks and Casualties.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command,
An Abstract of the Returns made to the Lords of
the Committee of Privy Council for Trade of Wrecks
and Casualties which occurred on and near the Coasts
of the United Kingdom, from the 1st January to
the 31st December 1856, with a Statement of the
Number of Lives lost and saved; also of the
Amounts granted out of the Mercantile Marine
Fund, as Rewards for the Salvage of Life, and for
Contributions towards the Maintenance of Life-
boats, during the same period; and a Précis of the
special Inquiries instituted into the Causes of such
Wrecks and Casualties by Order of the Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the Accounts relative to Trade and
Navigation be printed.

Local Acts.
No. 45.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Reports from the Admiralty relative to
Applications for Local Acts.

Spirits (Navy).

Mr. Osborne also presented,—Return to an Order,
dated the 13th day of March 1856, for Copies of any
Despatches addressed to the Governor General of
India, in reply to the Despatch of Lord Dalhousie,
dated the 27th day of February 1851, on the subject
of the Confiscation of the Territories of the Ameer
Ali Morad:—Of all Correspondence that has passed
between his Highness Ameer Ali Morad and the
Authorities in India, on the subject of that Confisca-
tion subsequent to the Proclamation of the 19th day
of January 1852:—Of any Correspondence that has
taken place between Ameer Ali Morad and the
Authorities in India, relative to his intended visit to
England:—Of the Depositions or other Information
on the Claims of Ali Morad, recorded by Captain
Poole, on the occasion of his visit to Khypoor, in
August 1843, as stated by Captain Poole in his
Letter to F. Thomson, Esquire, Secretary to the
Government of India, dated Sukkur, October 24th,
1843, and published in page 63 of Parliamentary
Papers, No. 75, of Session 1842.—Of all Corres-
pondence between the Magistrate of Sukkur and
the Government of Seinde, between the years 1843
and 1845, or during the same period between the
Government of Seinde and that of India, respecting
the withholding from Ameer Ali Morad of the Per-
gunnals of Meerpoor, Maltela and Meherkee, and
of any Correspondence between the same Parties
relative to their restitution to him in 1844:—Of the
Proclamation of Mr. Commissioner Freere, dated
the 15th day of January 1852, confiscating the
Territories of the Ameer Ali Morad:—And, Return
of the several Pergunnals and Districts confiscated
by this Proclamation, and of the Gross Revenue re-
ceived by the Indian Government from each of those
Districts, in each of the years since the date of the
Proclamation.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of July
1856, for Copies or Extracts of any Correspondence
relating to Encumbered Estates Court (Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July
Caroline Court
Geo. 4, granting a Pension of £ 25 per annum to
Caroline Court and Catherine Seymour, with a State-
ment of the Deductions made therefrom, and of the
Authority by which such Deductions were made;
and also, a Copy of the Warrant granting the same
Pensions in the reigns of Geo. 4, and Will. 4.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this East India
instant February, for a Copy of the Warrant in the reign of
Judas of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the
Duke of Dundee, to the Clerk of the House,—An Account
of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of
Lancaster, for the year ended 21 December 1856;
and also a separate Account of the said Duchy for
the same period.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the
Duchy of Cornwall, in the year ended on the
31st December 1856.

Return from the Accountant General of the High Court of
Chancery, showing the state of the several
Funds in his Name, called "The Suitors' Fund" and
"The Suitors' Fee Fund," and the Charges upon
the same respectively.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the In-
cumbered Estates Court (Ireland), which was pre-
sent ed upon the 13th day of this instant February,
be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief (Ireland), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Flogging (Navy), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

James Sadleir, Esquire.

Resolved, That James Sadleir, Esquire, a Member of this House, having been charged with divers Frauds and Fraudulent Practices, and Bills of Indictment for certain Misdemeanors having been found against him, and Warrants issued for his apprehension, and the said James Sadleir having failed to obey an Order of this House, that he should attend in his place upon Thursday the 24th day of July last, and having fled from justice, be expelled this House.

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

(Exchequer Bonds.)

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding 2,000,000l, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds, issued under the Provisions of the Act 17 & c. 23, and dated the 8th day of May 1854, which will be due and payable on the 8th day of May 1857.—Question put, and agreed to.

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 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 Chief Constables 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 Committee on the Commons' Inclosure 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 Royal Marine Forces 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.

Mr. Cooper presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports of the Superintending Inspectors addressed to the General Board of Health, with respect to the Places to which the Provisional Orders included in the Schedule to the Public Health Supplemental Bill (1857) relate.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health, applying the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Districts of Ipswich, Oldbury, Strand, Llangollen and Dukirk; and, for altering the Constitution of the Local Board for the Main Sewerage District of Walsche and Winche: And that Mr. Cooper and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring in:

Queen's Colleges (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Name, Date of Appointment, and Salary of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Fellows and Professors of the Queen's Colleges in Cork, Belfast and Galway respectively; if there be any Official Residence, or Allowance instead of a Residence, provided for such Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Fellows and Professors, the Number of Weeks in each year, since the opening of these Colleges for the Instruction of Students, during which such Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Fellows and Professors shall have resided elsewhere than in such Colleges or Official Residences respectively; if any of the said Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Fellows and Professors hold any other and what Public Office or Employment, and, if there be any Salary, Emolument or other advantage attached to such Office or Employment, the Nature and Value thereof, and the Date of Appointment to such Office or Employment.

The Select Committee on Public Monies was no longer continued.

Ordered, That Mr. Weygelin and Mr. Blackburn make Bills Acts to be added to the Secret Committee on the Bank Acts.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-four Members.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-four Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Vance and Mr. Laing be added to the Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to direct:

1. The provision of the Services of Foreign Legions in the time of peace, and to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men enlisted in each of the Foreign Legions during the late War; stating in Detail all Expenses incurred for,—Reenlisting, Embodying, and Concentration of each Corps; Armage, Equipping, and Clothing; Bonnity, Pay and Cost of Service; every thing relating to the Services of any Foreign Legion, whether for the Service of His Majesty, or otherwise;—Of the Date of Embodiment and of the Disbanding of each;—Of the Quantity of Land granted to each Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, and Soldier of any Foreign Legion, either at the Capes of Good Hope or elsewhere;—Of the Amount of any Grant or Gift given to each, either for the Erection of Hous or in lieu of them, or other purposes;—Of the Amount of any Pay or Allowance granted to each, and the Services they are expected to perform;—And, of the Annual Expense of Arming, Clothing, and subsisting these Soldiers; together with the Numbers of each Rank who have been thus located.

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 Board of Trade do present to this House, a Report upon the Railway and Canal Bills of this Session, in compliance with the recommendation contained in the Fifth Report of the Select Committee on Railway and Canal Bills of the Session of 1853.

The Order for reading a second time the Hartlepool Extension and Headland Improvement Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of the Borough and District of Hartlepool; to authorize the Division of the Borough intowards; to enable the Corporation to construct Sea Walls for the protection of the Headland of Hartlepool; to enable the Local Board to make and improve Streets; to confer other Powers on the Corporation and the Local Board; Amendment of Acts, and other purposes: And that Mr. Farrer and Mr. Atherton do prepare, and bring in, the Bill.

Mr. Couper presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health, applying the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Districts of Amnacht, Oldbirn, Stroud, Lincolns and Donkinfield, and for altering the Constitution of the Local Board for the Main Sewerage District of Withe and Walsoken: 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, 17 die Februarii;

Anno 20o Victoriae Reginae. 1857.

PRAYERS.

R. 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 South London Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Dessie Extension Railway.

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 Deeside Extension Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Fiskerton Drainage.

A Petition of Owners of Land in the Parishes of Fiskerton, Cherry Willingham and Gretswell, in Lincolnshire, and in the extra-parochial place called the Liberty of the Monks in the City of Lincoln, for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual Drainage of certain Lands in the Parishes of Fiskerton, Cherry Willingham and Gretswell, in the County of Lincoln, for the Liberty of the Monks in the City of Lincoln, and for the purpose of such other and further purposes as the Petitioners shall think it expedient to describe in the said Bill: And the Petition was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Heneage and Major Stilehury.

Dartmouth and Torbay Railway.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Torbay Branch of the South Devon Railway to, or near to Dartmouth, to be called “The Dartmouth and Torbay Railway,” and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Yarke Buller, Sir Thomas Herbert and Mr. Pulk.

Osbey and Skipton Road.

A Petition of a Quorum of Trustees acting in execution of the Act thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for continuing the Term and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Osbe and Skipton Turnpike-road, and 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 Mr. Edmund Denison and Mr. Wickham.

Doncaster and Wakefield Railway.

A Petition of Owners and Occupiers of Property on the Line or in the Neighbourhood of the Line of the intended Railway thereinafter referred to, or

Subscribers to the said Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Railway from the Great Northern Railway at Doncaster, to the Lancaster and Yorkshire Railway near Wakefield, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edmund Denison and Mr. Sandars.

A Petition of the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to the said Railway, for leave to bring in a a

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto Victoria Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Victoria Gas Company, and for authorizing them to acquire and enlarge the North Woolwich Gas Works, and to supply Gas, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Wickham.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto New Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the North and South Western Junction Railway, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Freeston and Mr. Sheridan.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto Richmond and New Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the South and Western Junction Railway, in the Parish of Ralston, to Richmond, and for other purposes connected with the same was read the second time, and ordered to be brought in accordingly.

A Petition of the Deeside Railway Company, for丁 leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Deeside Railway at Dunchory to Charleston of Aboyne, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Robert Palmer reported from the General Controverted 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:

John Evelyn Denison, Esquire, (Malton); Edward Christopher Egerton, Esquire, (Macclesfield); George Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, (Dublin University); Robert Ingham, Esquire, (South Shields); Henry Ker Segar, Esquire, (Dorset); The Right honourable Sir William Meredith Somerville (Canterbury).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Palmer reported from the General Controverted 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 follow:—No. 1, G; No. 2, D; No. 3, B; No. 4, E; No. 5, A.

Ordered, That the said Panels be printed.

The Bury Gas Bill was read a second time; and Bury Gas Bill.

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

The Lowestoft and Bungay Saint Peter Ferry and Roads Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Mansfield and Workhop Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Reversionary Interest Society Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Workop and Attercliffe Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Chester Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill to repeal the Acts relating to the Besselsleigh Turnpike-road, in the County of Berks, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof, be read the first time tomorrow.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Caterham Station of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, and another Railway in connection therewith, both in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate a Company for extending the Banff, Macduff and Turriff Junction Railway from Turriff to Banff and Macduff, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Essendine Station of the Great Northern Railway to Bourne, in the County of Lincoln, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill for making a Railway from Broughton to Coniston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, be read the first time tomorrow.

A Bill for regulating the Markets and Fairs in Bridgewater; for making further Provision for the paving, lighting and improving of Bridgewater, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize Arrangements between the Cannock Mineral Railway Company and the North Staffordshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to repeal “The River Stoney Improvement Act, 1852,” and to make better Provision for the execution of the Objects of that Act, and for other purposes connected with the River Stoney, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the conversion of parts of the Shropshire Canal to purposes of a Railway, and the Western Railway and Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act;—Public Fishery (England); — Petition for the Union; for the Union, and for the Union, and other Purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Marquis of Queensberry and Mr. Glyn.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Desborough Turnpike Trust, for leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal so much of the Act relating to the Road from Bready Bridge, in the County of Nottingham, to Assington, in the County of Suffolk, and for other Purposes, as relates to the said 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. Niblet Hamilton and Major Sltkhorpe.

A Petition of the Bagenalstown and Westford Bagenalstown Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Bagenalstown and Westford Railway Bill, for including in the second Clause of the said Bill the names of certain Parishes amongst those chargeable with Payments for Interest or Dividend, if on the opening of the guaranteed Line the Receipts are not sufficient, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Sasse (East Bergholt Division) 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 Eastern Division of the County ofSussex, in the room of Charles Hay Frewen, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Division of 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Reports 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 or 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 31st day of December 1856:—Of the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits (distinguishing the Sorts), on which Duties was paid for Home Consumption in each of the three Kingdoms, with the Rate per Gallon and the Amount of such Duty; also, the Total Number of Gallons and Duty in the United Kingdom, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856:—showing, under separate Heads, the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits, distinguishing the Materials from which made, imported into each Kingdom from each of the others respectively; stating also the Rate per Gallon, and the Total Amount thereof (in each case), and what Portion of such Duty was paid on removal of the Spirits from Bond, and what after their arrival in England; also, what Portion was actually warehoused under Excise Lock, distinguishing Malt from Grain Spirits, in England, for the year ending the 31st
31st day of December 1856:—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits permitted out of Distillers' Stocks in England, and the Total Number of Gallons of 'British Brandy and Spirits of Wine permitted out of Rectifiers' Stocks in England for Home Consumption; also, the Total Quantity of Proof Gallons of Rum received into Rectifiers' Stocks for Rectification, in England, Scotland and Ireland, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856.—Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits distilled in England, Scotland and Ireland; distinguishing the Quantities in each Country delivered, Duty paid, direct from Distillers' Stocks, from the Quantities put into Bond, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856:—Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of British Compounds and Spirits of Wine permitted from Rectifiers' Stocks in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports under Drawback, for the years ending the 4th day of January 1855 and the 31st day of December 1856:—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Spirits in Bonded Stores in England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, on the 31st day of December 1856:—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits (distinguishing Grain from Malt), permitted out from Distillers' Stocks in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Posts, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856:—Similar Account for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856:—And, of the Total Number of Gallons of Methyl Alcohol sold by the Excise, and the Total Number of Gallons of Methylated Spirits made by Persons licensed to sell the same, under the Act 18 & 19 Vict. c. 38, for the year ending October 31st day of 1855, and for the years ending the 31st day of December 1856: Of the Total Number of Gallons of Rum received into Rectifiers' Stocks for Rectification, in England, Scotland and Ireland, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856:—Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of Rum received into 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A Petition of Landowners on or near the Line of Railway thereinafter mentioned, or otherwise interested therein, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Castle Douglas, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, to Portpatrick, in the County of Wigton, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in by Sir Andrew Agnew and Sir John M'CTaggart.

A Petition of the Swansea Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Law as to the sea-coast 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 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Royal Marine Forces 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 Medical, Legal and General Mutual, and New Equitable Life Assurance Companies' Amalgamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Orkney Roads Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next.

The Ringwood, Christchurch and Bournemouth Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint Philip's Church (Liverpool) Bill was Saint Philip's read a second time; and committed.

The National Assistance and Investment Association Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Coniston Railway Bill was, according to Or- der, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway from the Great Northern Railway, at Doncaster, to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, near Wakefield, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Wexford Free Bridge to raise further Monies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the Conversion of Parts of the Shropshire Canal to purposes of a Railway, and for the making and maintaining of a Railway accordingly, and for authorizing Arrangements between the London and North Western Railway Company, and other Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the more effectual Drainage of certain Lands in the Parishes of Fisherton, Cherry Willingham, and Greatwet, in the County of Lincoln, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Church of Ireland;—Maynooth College Act;—Property and Income Tax;—Railways;—Tea and Sugar;—China;—China and India;—Civil Service Supersession;—Judgments Execution, &c.;—and Public Houses (Scotland) Act;—and, Turnpikes, &c., were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the North Eastern Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to make a Branch from their Bishop Auckland Branch Railway to the Coalside Iron Works, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes: And that Colonel Snyth, Sir William Miller and Mr. Mosbray do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Islington Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Islington Parish Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for lighting and watching and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate through Islington Lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish; and for providing a Chapel of Ease, and an additional Burying-ground for the same; and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof," and for other purposes: And that Lord Robert Grosvenor, Mr. Alderman Nicholls and Mr. Thomas Davecombe do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Mid-Kent Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Mid-Kent Railway (Croydon Extension) Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the Mid-Kent Railway Company to make certain Railways from their Terminus at Beckenham to Croydon, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Locke King, Mr. Withers and Mr. Brockman do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Finsbury Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Finsbury Park Bill, might be read; and the same being read, 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of a Park for the Northern Suburbs of the Metropolis, to be called "Finsbury Park;" And that Lord Robert Grosvenor, Mr. Alderman Nicholls and Mr. Thomas Davecombe do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the East Kent Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the East Kent Railway (Strood to Saint Mary's Church, &c.) Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the East Kent Railway Company to extend their Railway from Strood, to join the Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary's Church) at

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Saint Mary's Crey, and to make a Branch Railway to Chatham Dockyard, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking: And that Mr. Lushington and Mr. Masters 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 empower the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Company to extend their Railway to Buxton, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking: And that Mr. Henry Cavendish and Mr. Thorold 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 Great Northern and Western Ireland Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making Railways from Athlone to Roscommon and Castlereagh, to be called “The Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway,” and for other purposes: And that Mr. John Wynn and Colonel Higgins do prepare, and bring it in.

Notice being taken, That the Petition for the Dexthorpe Turnpike Trust Bill, which was presented yesterday, had been presented after the time allowed by Standing Order, No. 161:

The House was moved, That the Entry in the Votes of the Proceedings of the House of yesterday in relation to the Petition for the said Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

The Order, That leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer of the said Petition, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Wise have leave of absence till Easter, on account of illness in his family.

Judgments Execution, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Judgments Execution, &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 six 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. Crawford:] 127;
[M. Joseph Esqur:] 127.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Henry Hughes:] 80;
[Colonel French:] 80.

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.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Where judgment has been obtained in the Courts at Westminster, a memorial thereof registered in Ireland, and vice versa, shall have the effect of a judgment of the Court in which it is so registered).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8: After the word “respectively” to insert the words “or in the “Common Pleas of Lancaster and Durham, the “Mayor’s Court of London, the Tolsel Court of

"Bristol, the Passage Court of Liverpool, the Re-“cord Court of Manchester, in the County Court.”

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-“Roy reported, That the Committee had made Pro-“gress 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-“Supply, mittee of Supply:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Chief Com-“into a Committee on the Chief Constables Bill; and,“stales Bill, alternate time space therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the“Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the“Committee had gone through the Bill; and di-“rected him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

The Public Health Supplemental Bill (1857) was,“according to Order, read a second time; and com-“mitted to a Committee of the whole House, for“Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-“mittee of Ways and Means;

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Tipperary“to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Tipperary, in the room of James Sadlier, Es-“quire, expelled this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote Education in Corporate Cities and Boroughs“in England and Wales: And that Sir John Paking-“ton, Mr. Cobden, Lord Stanley and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-“posed, That there be laid before this House, Returns of any Communications addressed to the Com-“missioners for the Sale of Incumbered Estates in Ireland, or to any of them, relating to the Removal of Baron Richards from the office of Chief Com-“missioner, and of the Dates of said Communications, if any;—and the Order or Communication addressed to Baron Richards, containing his Removal from said Court, and of the Date of same:—And, of any Order or Warrant for the appointment of a third Commissioneer for the Removal of Baron Richards:

Ordered, 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.

Resolved, 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 any Correspondence between Her Majesty’s Government and Mr. Sheepshanks, re-“specting the Gift of his Collection of Pictures to the“National Gallery of Art.

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Sir John Pakington presented a Bill to promote Education in Corporate Cities and Boroughs in “England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wedensday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

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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 Richmond and Kew Extension Railway Bill.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Debt (Funded and Unfunded).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Chatham Lands, &c. Bill.

A Petition of the East Suffolk Railway Company, the Yarmouth and Haddiscoe Railway Company, and the Lowestoft and Beccles Railway Companies, for leaving to be brought in a Bill to authorize the Lease of the Undertakings of the East Suffolk Railway Company, and the amalgamation therewith of the Undertakings of the Yarmouth and Haddiscoe and Lowestoft and Beccles Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir F. Roy Kelly and Lord Henighan.

Southampton, Bristol and South Wales Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Southampton, Bristol and South Wales Railway 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 Railway between Southampton and Salisbury, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Newry and Ennistabillen Railway.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Newry and Ennistabillen Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enabling the Newry and Ennistabillen Railway Company to construct their Railway as far as the City of Armagh, and changing the Name of the Company: And that Mr. Wilcox and Mr. W. M. G. W. W. Coles do prepare, and bring it in.

Clyde Navigation.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Clyde Navigation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue or renew the Powers conferred on the Trustees on the River Clyde and Harbour of Glasgow, to take Lands and execute Works for the Improvement of the Navigation; to confirm a Conveyance of the Govan Ferry and adjoining Ground to the said Trustees, and for other purposes: And that Mr. A. H. Ennis, Mr. C. S. C. Cockburn, and Sir James Anderson do prepare, and bring it in.

Newport, Abercawenney and Hereford Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the Newport, Abercawenney and Hereford Railway Company to extend their Railway into the Aberdare and Bargoed Valleys in Glamorganshire, and for other purposes connected with the Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Torquay Dartmouth Branch of the South Devon Railway to or near to Torbay Railway, to be called "The Dartmouth and Torbay Railway," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for continuing the Term, and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Skipton Road Oyley and Skipton Turnpike Road, and to create a further Term therein, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Victoria Gas Company, Victoria Gas Company, and for authorizing them to acquire and en large the North Woolwich Gas Works, and to supply Gas, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend an Act made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King William Third, intituled, "An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for lighting and watching and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate through Muswell Lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish; and for providing a Chapel of Ease and an additional Burying-ground for the same; and to make some electional Provisions in lieu thereof," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Formation of a Park for Finsbury Park on the Northern Suburbs of the Metropolis, to be called Bill.

"Finsbury Park," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Time for the Purchase of Metropolitan certain Lands required for the Metropolitan railway, and to enlarge the Powers of the Acts relating thereto, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for further extending the Time for completing the Swansea Docks; for increasing the Capital of the Company; for exonerating the Docks from the Swansea Harbour Rates, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for better supplying with Water the Town of Ipswich, was read the first time; and ordered to Water Bill. to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway British and from Castle Douglas, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, to Portpatrick, in the County of Wigtown, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Bridge across the River Backwater near Weymouth, and a Turnpike Road and Bridge and other Works in connection therewith, in the County of Dorset, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making Railways from Athlone to Ros-Common and Castlerea, to be called "The Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill for enabling the East Kent Railway Company to extend their Railway from Strood, to join the Mid-Kent Railway (Bromley to Saint Mary's Cray) at Saint Mary's Cray, and to make a Branch Railway to Chatham Dockyard, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Church of Ireland;—Maynooth College Act;—Emigration;—Ministers' Money (Ireland) Act;—Property and Income Tax;—Tea;—Adulteration of Food;—Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—Judgments Execution, &c. Bill; to be laid before the Officers of Excise in Ireland, in each of the years 1843, 1855 and 1856, against Persons sporting in that Country without Game Certificates, and the Number of such Cases in which Prosecutions have been instituted for the Penalty, and the Result of such Proceedings;—And, of the Number of Game Certificates taken out in each District in Ireland, in each of the following years, namely, from 1843 to 1856 inclusive.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Informations lodged with the Officers of Excise in Ireland, in each of the years 1843, 1855 and 1856, against Persons sporting in that Country without Game Certificates, and the Number of such Cases in which Prosecutions have been instituted for the Penalty, and the Result of such Proceedings;—And, of the Number of Game Certificates taken out in each District in Ireland, in each of the following years, namely, from 1843 to 1856 inclusive.

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 how far, in the different National Collections of Works of Art, Objects of Historical Interest, or of Science (in the National Gallery, British Museum, Hampton Court Palace, and all similar public Repositories maintained or assisted by the Money Votes of Parliament, as well as in Ancient, Religious or Civil Edifices or Monuments so assisted or maintained), the rule has been observed of attaching to the Objects of Art a brief Account thereof, including their Date, their Subject, the Name, with the Date of the Birth and Death of the Artist, and the School to which he belonged; and in the case of Objects of Science or of Historical Interest, a brief Description thereof, with the view of conveying useful information to the Public, and of sparing them the Expense of a Catalogue.

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Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Report of the Committee of the House of Commons of the 26th day of May 1842 on the Address of the House of Commons of the 26th day of May 1842, (547): and the Papers presented by Command of Her Majesty to the House of Commons, in pursuance of an Address to Her Majesty that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to direct that such means as to Her Majesty shall seem most fitting and effectual, be taken to ascertain the legality of the Powers in Respects to Treaty, Trade, Taxation and Government, which are, or recently has been, claimed or exercised by the Hudson's Bay Company on the Continent of North America, under the Charter of his Majesty King Charles the Second, issued in the year 1670, or in virtue of any other Right or Title, except those conveyed by or under the Act 43 Geo. 3, c. 138, extending the Criminal Jurisdiction of Canadian Courts, and the Act 1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 6, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Fur Trade, and establishing a Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction within certain parts of North America."

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to their Service on the Staff or Regimentally; distinguishing Officers from Non-commissioned Officers and Rank and File, and specifying the Date of the Arrival and Departure of each Regiment.

Small Arms. Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of July 1856, for a Return of the Charges to the East India Government incurred in the Growth and Monopoly of Opium; specifying Salaries of all Descriptions, the Cost of Manufacture, of Sales, of Transport to Calcutta, Warehouse Rent, and other Expenditure, for Ten years, including the last year in which Returns are complete.—Like Return showing the Amount of Advances, under the following Heads,—Outstanding Balances, including Interest at the commencement of year; Sums received in Cash on Account of Balances; Sums struck off as irrecoverable; Contract Price paid to Cultivator; Advances during the year; and outstanding Claims at the end of the year.—Like Return of Losses incurred on bad or insecurely packed Opium, including Drawbacks allowed to Purchasers.—Like Return of the Value of the Houses, Stock, &c. available to Government if the Monopoly were abolished.—Like Return of the Charges to the East India Company on the Opium manufactured in Native States and transmitted to Ports of Exportation in the Company's Territories.—And, like Abstract Return of the Gross and Net Receipts received by the Company's Treasury.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Signals at—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by Sea Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to inquire into and report upon the subject of a Code of Signals to be used at Sea. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, County Leave to be given to bring in a Bill to make the Franchise in Counties in England and Wales the same as that in Boroughs, by giving the right of Voting to all occupiers of tenements of the annual value of Ten pounds; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Locke King, Local Robert Grosvenor; 179. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Howey, The Earl of Malgrave; 192. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ministers' amend the Acts 17 & 18 Vict. c. 11, with a view to the abolition of the Tax thereby imposed on (Ireland) Ministers' Money in Ireland: And that Mr. Fagan and Mr. Beannish do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, the House continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Vereensi, 20° die Februarii, 1857: And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—It passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Spooner, Yes; Mr. Kendal: 159. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sergeant O'Brien, Yes; Mr. Sergeant Shee: 167. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered,
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Grand Juries in Ireland: And that Mr. Bourke and Mr. Kennedy do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And that Mr. Headlam, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Napier do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Colonel Wilson Patten, Lord John Russell, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Napier, Sir James Graham, Mr. Monckton Milnes, Mr. Disraeli, Mr. Walpole, the Lord Advocate, Lord Nar ass, Mr. Sidney Herbert, Sir William Heathcote, Sir Thomas Acland, Mr. Mussey, Mr. Baines and Mr. Bramston.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

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 Copy of a Letter from Sir John M. Nell, c. c. b., to Lord Panmure, of the 9th day of February 1856, respecting the Services of Colonel Tulloch, and of any Reply thereto: — And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Contracts for Public Departments do consist of seventeen Members: — A Committee was accordingly nominated of Colonel Dunne, Mr. Muntz, Mr. Peel, Captain Laffan, Sir Charles Napier, Mr. Thomas Mitchell, Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Tite, Mr. Otway, Mr. Stafford, Colonel Boldero, Mr. C r y, Mr. Liddell, Coln. Mr. Lord, Mr. Dron, and Colonel Lindsay; 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 for securing the Titles of Purchasers of Estates sold under the Court of Chancery in Ireland: And that Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Napier do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Appointment of Registrars to the Masters of the Court of Chancery in Ireland; also for the safe Custody of Title-deeds and Documents lodged in the said Court; and to amend the Practice in certain particulars: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Fagan presented a Bill to amend the Act of 1852 and 1853, c. 11, with a view to the Abolition of the Office of Chief Commissioner, and of the Date of same: — And, of any Order or Warrant for the appointment of a third Commissioner since the Removal of Sir Charles Richards; And the Question being again proposed: — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Whiteside presented a Bill to make Provision for the Appointment of Registrars to the Masters of the Court of Chancery in Ireland; also for the safe Custody of Title-deeds and Documents lodged in the said Court; and to amend the Practice in certain particulars: 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, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 20 die Februarioi.

Prayer.

M. 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 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.

A Petition of the Birkenhead Improvement Commissioners, and of the Local Board of Health, of the District of Wallasey, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Birkenhead Improvement Commissioners and Local Board of Health for Wallasey, to appoint Members on the Liverpool Docks Committee, and to make better provision for the management of the Birkenhead Docks, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tollens and Sir Philip Egerton.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Eastern Counties Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Eastern Counties Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read: Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Eastern Counties Railway Company to construct Railways from the Colchester Line of the Eastern Counties Railway at Maldon and Sheffield, to the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway at Pitsea, with Branches to Berhamp, and the Chelmer Navigation Basin, and for other purposes:

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The Order for reading a second time the Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association to sue and be sued; to confirm certain Agreements entered into by them or on their behalf, and for other purposes: And that Lord Clond Hamilton, Mr. Knight and Mr. Lee do prepare, and bring it in.

The Andover Canal Sale Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bagmenstown and Wexford Railway Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of March next.

The Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Norfolk Railway Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

A Bill to authorize the Lease of the Undertaking of the East Suffolk Railway Company, and the Amalgamation therewith of the Undertakings of the Yarmouth and Holkstone and Lowestoft and Bectes Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway between Southampton and Salisbury, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill enabling the Neary and Enniskillen Railway Company to construct their Railway as far as the City of Armath, and changing the Name of the Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to continue or renew the Powers conferred on the Trustees on the River Clyde and Harbour of Glasgow to take Lands and execute Works for the Improvement of the Navigation, to confirm a Conveyance of the Gouan Ferry and adjoining Ground to the said Trustees, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make better Provision for the Burial of the Dead in the City of Manchester, and for enabling the Corporation to purchase certain Lands and effect certain Improvements in that City, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Transfer of the Docks of the Swansea Dock Company to the Swansea Harbour Trustees, and for authorizing those Trustees to make further Works and raise further Monies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Colonel Wilson Pattes reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Fraserburgh Harbour 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 East Somerset Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. In the case of the Salebury and Tewill Railway Petition, 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 Stratford-upon-Avon Railway 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 Bagenalstown and Wexford Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

6. That in the case of the West Somerset Railway Bill, 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 Keith and Dufftown Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that they deposit forthwith amended Plans and Sections; and provided also that the second reading of the Bill be deferred till after the 23rd day of March; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

8. That the Montford to Saint Mary Cray Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh 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 Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of Railway, the Petition for the West Somerset Railway 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 Railway from Tanton to the Harbour of Watchet, and for other purposes relating to the said Railway and Harbour:

And that Mr. William Wyndham, Mr. Moody and Sir John Ransden do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of Railway, the Petition for the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the making and maintaining of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes: And that Lord Gurney and Mr. Shirley do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of Railway, the Petition for the Salebury and Tewill Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Company to make the Deviations from the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking: And that Mr. William Wyndham and Mr. Ker Seymer 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 Keith and Dufftown 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 Keith to Dufftown: And that Mr. George Skene Duff and Mr. Cumming Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Petitions relating to Church of Ireland; Maynooth College Act; Bengal; Property and Income Tax; Sugar; China and Persia; Civil Service Superannuation Fund; Metropolis Turnpike Roads; Newspapers; Opium Trade; Poor Law (Ireland); and Settlement and Poor Laws. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Keith to Dufftown: And that Mr. George Skene Duff and Mr. Cumming Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Total Number of Quarters of Malt made in the United Kingdom in the years ending respectively the 1st day of October 1855 and the 1st day of October 1856; distinguishing the Quantity made, and the Quality used by Brewers, and by Villanists, and by Retail Brewers, in each year in each Country (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 75, of Session 1855).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Total Number of Acres of Land in the United Kingdom under the Cultivation of Hops in the year 1856; distinguishing the Number of Acres in each Parish; and the Number of Pounds weight charged with Duty in each Collection; and the Number of Pounds weight charged with Duty in each Parish of the Canterbury and Rochester Collections. Of the Amount of Duty charged on Hops in each Collection of the Growth of the year 1856, distinguishing the Districts, and the Old from the New Duty in each District; showing the Average Amount of Duty per Acre in each Collection of the Quantity of British Hops exported from the United Kingdom to Foreign Countries, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively; 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 Hops were Grown: Of the Quantity of Foreign Hops exported from the United Kingdom to Foreign Countries, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively; distinguishing the Countries to which the same have been exported, and also the Quantities to each Country: Of the Quantity of Foreign Hops imported into the United Kingdom from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively; distinguishing the Countries to which the same have been received, and the Quantities to each Country; Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Foreign Hops charged with Duties for each Port, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively: And, of the Quantity of Foreign Hops in bond on the 1st day of January 1857, stating the Ports at which they are bonded (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 105, of Session 1856).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders and Culm, and Patent Fuel, exported from the several Ports of England, Scotland and Ireland, to Foreign Countries, and the British Settlements Abroad, in the year 1856; distinguishing the Countries to which the same were sent, and comparing the same with the year 1855; also, distinguishing the Ports of the United Kingdom from which the same were shipped: Of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders and Culm, and Patent Fuel, exported from the United Kingdom in the year 1856, with the Rate and Amount of Duty thereon: And, of the Quantities of Coals and Patent Fuel brought Coastways and by Inland Navigation into the Port of London during the year 1856, comparing the same with the Quantities brought during the year 1855.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Correspondence relative to the Operations in the Canton River (in continuation of Papers presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 17th February 1857).

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

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

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Correspondence relative to the elections of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Northern Division of the County of Leicester, in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Cecil John Manners, commonly called the Marquis of Granby, now Duke of Rutland, called up to the House of Peers.

Ordered, That Mr. Wyndham have leave of absence till Easter, on urgent business.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give the said leave before this House, a Copy of the Report on Smyrna, prepared at the request of, and addressed to, the Secretary of State for War, by George Rolleston, M. D.

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 the Number of Ships belonging to English Owners captured by Riff Pirates off the Coast of Morocco since the 1st day of January 1850; distinguishing the Name and Tonnage of each Vessel; Captain's Name, and Number of each Crew; Date of Capture of each Ship; how many of each Crew killed or taken; and other persons (where ascertained); estimated Value of each Ship and Cargo; Amount of Ransom (if any) paid for Ships' Crews, or Survivors of Crews; and Date and Place of Compensation for any Ships or Cargo (or both) received from the Emperor of Morocco or others, distinguishing the same for each Ship; and, what captured

Ordered, That the Return relative to Small Arms, Small Arms, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Barracks, Barracks, &c., which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Opium), which was presented upon the 19th day (Opium.) of this instant February, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mitlee of Ways and Means:

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 Income Tax. Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it would be expedient, before sanctioning the financial arrangements for the ensuing year, to adjust the estimated Income and Expenditure in the manner which shall appear best calculated to secure the Country against the risk of a deficiency in the years 1858-59 and 1859-60, and to provide for such a Balance of Revenue and Charge respectively, in the year 1860, as may place it in the power of Parliament at that period, without embarrassment to the Finances, altogether "to remit the Income Tax," 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:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords request, that this House will give leave to Thomas Erskine May, Esquire, Clerk Assistant (Lords.) of their Lordships on the Minutes and Journals of their Lordships' House, and to give Evidence before the Select Committee.

Resolved, That Thomas Erskine May, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Thomas Erskine May, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships:

And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Reformatory Schools Bill was, according to a Reformatory Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 13th day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ionian Subjects Commission 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 second reading of the Norfolk Island (Ecclesiastical Government) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply mitlee of Supply:

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

The
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Supplemen
Bill (1857); 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.

Mr. Bowper presented a Bill to amend the Law
relating to Grand Juries in Ireland: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of March;
and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
amend an Act of the ninth year of King George the
Fourth, Chapter eighty-two, intituled, "An Act to
make Provision for the Lighting, Cleansing and Wa-
ting of Cities, Towns Corporate, and Market
Towns in Ireland, in certain cases." And that Mr.
Maguire and Mr. Deasy 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 Non-com-
missioned Officers of the Army who were promoted
to Commissions while serving in the Field with the
Army of the East, between the 1st day of May
1854 and the 1st day of August 1856; stating the
Regiment to which they belonged and the Regiment
or Corps to which they were promoted; and specific-
ingly if they received Appointments as Adjutants
or Quartermasters; and it now serving on Full or
Half Pay.

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. Maguire presented a Bill to amend an Act of
the ninth year of King George the Fourth, Chapter
eighty-two, intituled, "An Act to make Provision
for the Lighting, Cleansing and Watching of Cities,
Towns Corporate, and Market Towns in Ireland, in
certain cases." And the same was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Mon-
day next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday
next.

Lunae, 23a die Februarii;
Anno 20a Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select
Committee on Public Petitions; That they had
examined the Petitions presented upon the 19th
and 20th 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 to be printed.

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 Or-
ders in the case of the Petition for the Torquay and
Saint Mary Church Gas 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,
that in the case of the Petition for the Additional
Provision in the Bagshot and Wexford Railway
Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com-
mmittee on the Bill, that they have Power to make
Provision therein, pursuant to the prayer of the said
Petition.

Ordered, That the following additional Document be
referred to the Select Committee on the Hudson's Company,
Bay Company:—

Return to an Address of the Honourable the House
of Commons, dated the 9th day of February
1849, for Copies of any Memorials presented to the
Colonial Office by Inhabitants of the Red River
Settlement, complaining of the Government of the
Hudson's Bay Company; of the Instructions given
to the Governor General of Canada for the investi-
gation of those Complaints; of the Reports of the
Officers appointed by Lord Elgin, or by the Colonial
Office, for the purpose of such investigation; and of
any Correspondence which has passed between the
Colonial Office and the Hudson's Bay Company, and
the Inhabitants of the Red River Settlement respect-
ively, upon the subject of the above Memorial.
(Sessional Paper, No. 227, of 1849).

A Petition of the Birkenhead and Clifton Gas
Birkenhead District Gas and Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to
district Gas and Water, under the name of "The Bir-
kenhead District Gas and Water Company," to en-
large and extend their Powers, to authorize them to
raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Sir Philip Egerton and
Mr. Tollemache.

A Petition of the Cork Gas Consumers Company, Cork Con-
sumers' Gas
limited, for leave to bring in a Bill enabling the Cork Gas Consumers Company, limited,
to supply Gas for the purpose of Lighting the Bor-
ough and Vicinity of Cork, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. Fagan, Mr. Beamish and Mr.
Maguire.

The House was moved, That the Report from the
Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of
the Bill for the Fraserburgh Harbour Bill, might
be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
enable the Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners to
purchase Lands, and to borrow a further Sum of
Money; And that Lord Haddo and Mr. Thompson
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 Fraserburgh Harbour Bill,
might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
enable the Dundalk and Ennisteen Railway
Company to make certain Deviations and Alterations
in their Line and Works, and for other purposes
connected with their Undertaking: And that Mr.
Maguire and Mr. Bowper do prepare, and bring it
in.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com-
mmittee on the Bill, that they have Power to make

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Ordered, That the Chatham Lands, &c. Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

Ordered, That the Cork and Youghal Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Fowehope and Homle Lecy Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Shropshire Union Railways and Canal, London and North Western Railway, and Shropshire Canal Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Stamford and Essendine Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Times, Athenæum and Beacon Assurance Companies' Amalgamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Warrer Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Westminster Improvements Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next.

The Westford Free Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Mayor's Court of the City of London Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Tenfent to the Harbour of Watchet, and for other purposes relating to the said Railway and Harbour, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Birkenhead Improvement Commissioners and Local Board of Health for Walsay to appoint Members on the Liverpool Docks Committee, and to make better Provision for the Management of the Birkenhead Docks, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Eastern Counties Railway Company to construct Railways from the Colchester and London Line of the Eastern Counties Railway at Shenfield, to the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway at Pitsea, with a Branch to the Chelmer Navigation Basin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the making and maintaining of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Salisbury and Yeovil Rail-bahnay Company to make Deviations from the Line of the Salisbury Railway Bill, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Stockport, Diley and Middleton Railway Company to extend their Railway to Euston, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Keighley to Dewsbury, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association to sue and be sued, and to confirm certain Agreements entered into by them, or on their behalf, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of John Boulderson Barkworth, of Kingstone-Cottingham Castle, in the County of York, was, according to Order, read; setting forth, That at an Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, helden in the month of July in the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-two, James Clay, Esquire, and James Clay, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Goderich, John Bramley Moore, Esquire, and Charles Lennox Butler, were Candidates to represent as Burgesses the said Borough in this present Parliament; that a poll having been demanded, the same was taken by the Returning Officer for the said Borough on the Eighth day of July in the said year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-two; and the said James Clay and Viscount Goderich were, by the said Returning Officer, declared to have a majority of votes at the said Election, and to have been duly elected, to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull; that, nevertheless, the said James Clay and the said Viscount Goderich, before and during the said Election, were, and each of them was, by their or his agents guilty of bribery, with a view to procure their Election and Return to serve as Burgesses duly elected, to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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Clay and Viscount Goderich to serve in this present Parliament as Burgesses for the said Borough
of Kingston-upon-Hull; and by reason of such acts
of bribery they the said James Clay and the said
Viscount Goderich did procure their Election and
Return to serve as Burgesses as aforesaid, and by

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jesty, in reference to the before-mentioned Report of

the Select Committee of the House appointed to
try the Petition of the said Electors, complaining of
an undue Election and Return for the said Borough,
Her Majesty was graciously pleased to give directions for the appointment of Commissioners, for the

reason of such several acts they the said James purpose of making the inquiry prayed for by the
-Clay and Viscount Goderich were and are, and said Address; that a Commission was thereafter
each of them, was and is, disabled and incapacitated issued under Her Majesty's royal sign manual of
to serve in this present Parliament as Burgesses the Seventh day of May in the year One thousand
for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull ; that eight hundred and Fifty-three, wherein ederick
further, the said James Clay and Viscount Gode- Sally Flood, John Deedes and William naliol Brett,
rich, being Candidates as aforesaid, and so elected Esquires, were appointed Commissioners for the
to serve as Burgesses in this present Parliament for purpose of making inquiry into the existence of
the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, before corrupt practices at Elections for Members to serve
and during the said Election were, and each of them in Parliament for the said Borough of Kingstonwas, by their and his agents guilty of treating with upon-Hull ; that upon the Thirtieth day of August
a view to procure their said Election and Return in the same year One thousand- eight hundred and

to serve as Burgesses in this present Parliament for Fifty-three, John Deedes, Esquire, and William Ballot
the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, inasmuch Brett, Esquire, two of the said Commissioners,
as they and each of them did, by their and his made their Report under the said Commission of
agents acting for and on their respective behalves, their proceedings had thereon, and of the evidence
give or provide, or cause or allow knowingly to be taken by them, and of what they had found congiven or provided, wholly or partly at the expense cerning the several matters within the scope of the
of them the said James Clay and Viscount Goderich, said Commission so given to them ; that in their
or pay wholly or in part certain expenses incurred said Report the said Commissioners reported, inter
for meat, drink, entertainment or provision to or for alia, as follows :"We find that at the Erection of
certain persons for the purpose of corruptly influ- One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-two, systeencing such last-mentioned persons to give, or to matic bribery was committed on behalf of James
refrain from giving, their votes at such Election, or Clay, Esquire, and with his knowledge and assent ;"
for the purpose of corruptly rewarding such last- that the Report of the said Commissioners, together
mentioned persons for having given, or refrained with the Minutes of Evidence, were presented to both
from giving, their votes at such Election, and by Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty;
such acts of treating they the said James Clay and that thereafter new Writs were issued for a new
the said Viscount Goderich did procure their Elec- Election of Burgesses to serve in the said present
tion and Return to serve as Burgesses as aforesaid, Parliament for the said Borough of Kingston -upon-

and by reason of such several acts they the said Hull, in the room of the said James Clay and
James Clay and Viscount Goderich were and are, Viscount Goderich, whose Election had been so deand each of them was and is, incapable of being termined to be void ; and at such new Election Wilelected or sitting in this present Parliament as Bur- liam Henry Watson, Esquire, and William Digby
gesses or Burgess for the said Borough of Kingston- Seymour, Esquire, were duly returned to serve as
upon-Hull ; that the said James Clay and Vis- Burgesses in this said Parliament for the said Bocount Goderich having been thus by their agents or rough ; that upon the Fifth day of February in this

such other persons guilty of bribery and treating at present year One thousand eight hundred and Fiftyseven, a new Writ was issued for the Election of a
Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the.
said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, in the room
of the said William Henry Watson, now Sir William
Henry Watson, a Baron of the Court of Exchequer;
selves and their agents, was presented to the House that at the Election of a Burgess so to serve in theon the Nineteenth day of November One thousand room of the said Sir William Henry Watson, which
eight hundred and Fifty-two, and the same was took place on the Eleventh day of February in this
referred to a Select Committee of the House to exa- present year One thousand eight hundred and Fiftymine into and to report on the allegations therein seven, the said James Clay, notwithstanding his diss
contained, and the said .Petition came on in due qualification and incapacity to be returned and tocourse to be heard and tried before the said Select sit for the said Borough as aforesaid, was a CandiCommittee; that at the hearing of the said Petition date to represent the said Borough as one of the.
before the said Select Committee, evidence was ad- Burgesses thereof, at which Election Charles Spitduced on behalf of the said last-mentioned Peti- man Todd, Esquire, the Sheriff of Kingston-upontioners of divers acts of bribery and treating com- Hull aforesaid, was the Returning Officer, and the
mitted by certain persons being- the agents of the said James Clay having been proposed and seconded
said James Clay and Viscount Goderich at the said as a fit person to serve as aforesaid, and no other
last-mentioned Election ; and that the said Com- Candidate being proposed, the said James Clay was
mittee, after duly considering the same, came to declared by the said Charles Spilman Todd to be
certain Resolutions, which were in substance as duly elected, and was accordingly returned to serve
follows :" That James Clay, Esquire, and Viscount as one of the Burgesses in this present Parliament
Goderich were not duly elected Burgesses to serve for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull; that
in this present Parliament for the Borough of King- before and during the said Election so held on the
ston-upon-Hull; that the last Election for the said said Eleventh day of February One thousand eight
Borough is a void Election ; that the said James hundred and fifty-seven, the disqualification and inClay, Esquire, and Viscount Goderich were, by their capacity of the said James Clay was notorious and
agents, guilty of bribery and treating at the last well known to the Electors of the said Borough of
Election ;" that the determinations and- resolutions Kingston-upon-Hull; that at and during the Elecaforesaid of the said Election Committee in the tion last-mentioned and so made on the Eleventh
matter of the said Petition were reported to the day of February One thousand eight hundred and
House on the Seventh day of March One thousand Fifty-seven, the Petitioner was a registered Elector
eight hundred and Fifty-three, and were duly entered of the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, and

the said Election, a Petition of Jonathan Pulleyn
and Henry Whytall Walker, Electors of the said
Borough, complaining of such acts of bribery and
treating at the said Election on the part of the said
James Clay and ViscOunt Goderich, and by them-

on the Proceedings and Journals of the House ; had a right to vote at the Election as held on the

that thereafter, upon an Address of the two Houses Eleventh day of February One thousand eight hunof Parliament presented to Her most Gracious Ma- dred and Fifty-seven, and is still a registered Elector
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of the said Borough; that at the time of the said Election and Return on the said Eleventh day of February in the present year, the said James Clay was, and now is by law, and by reason of the before set forth acts of corrupt bribery and treating at and during the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, held on the Eighth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, as aforesaid, and by reason of the aforesaid Resolutions and Report of the said Select Committee, incapacitated and disabled to serve, and is incapable of being elected or of sitting, in this present Parliament as Member for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, and the Election and Return of the said James Clay at the said Election of the Eleventh day of February in the present year were and are wholly null and void; that the said James Clay, having been declared by a Committee of the House to have been guilty of bribery and treating at an Election for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, in this present Parliament, at which he was a Candidate and elected to serve, was incapacitated and disabled to serve, and incapable of being elected, at any subsequent Election for the same Borough in this same present Parliament, and in particular at the said last Election, held on the Eleventh day of February in the present year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven; and praying that the House will take the premises into consideration, and will declare that the said James Clay was not duly elected, and ought not to have been returned at the said Election held as aforesaid on the Eleventh day of February in the present year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven, as one of the Burgessess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull; that the said James Clay was and is incapacitated and disabled to serve, and is incapable of being elected or sitting, in this present Parliament as a Burgess for the said Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, and that the said last-men tioned Election and Return were and are wholly null and void; and that the Petitioner may have such other relief in the premises us to the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Glasgow Writ.

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 Commissioner to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Glasgow, in the room of John Mc Gregor, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act;—Bengal;—Paper;—Property and Income Tax;—Tea;—Tea and Sugar;—Burghs (Scotland);—China and Persia;—Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—Newspapers;—and, Public-houses (Scotland) Act—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions against the Passing Tolls Bill,—were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee of last Session, on Contracts for Public Departments, be referred to the Select Committee on Contracts for Public Departments.

Accidents on Public Works (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the several Coroners of Ireland, since the year 1846, of all Accidents occurring to Labourers or others employed in the construction of Railways or other Public Works, where Death has been occasioned by the falling in of embankments of earth or other materials.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wed. Imprisonment in Debt Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March 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, Copies of any recent Communications to or from the Foreign Office, Colonial Office, Board of Trade, and any other Department of Her Majesty's Government, on the subject of Mortality on Board the "Duke of Portland," or any other British Ships carrying Emigrants from China.

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 Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting Insults in China.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Iron imported and exported from the United Kingdom in the years 1855 and 1856; of British Iron exported, including unwrought Steel, in the same periods; and of the Quantity of British Hardware exported during the above period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 288, of Session 1855).

Lord Edward Howard presented, pursuant to Arundel Port, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—The Report and General Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Monies which have been received and paid by the Commissioners of Arundel Port, since the 31st day of December 1855, up to and including the 31st day of December 1856.

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

Mr. Lowe presented, pursuant to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant February, Further Reports from the Board of Trade relative to Harbour, &c., Bills.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Fishery Board (Scotland).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Supplementary Return to an Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending
the 5th day of January 1857; showing what Amount of such Bills before the making-up of this Account has been paid off and discharged, and the Amount of such Exchequer Bills or Treasury Bills, or other Government Securities which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1857 aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Medical Museums, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Banks of Issue, &c., which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 20th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Ways and Means), and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "in the Opinion of this House, it would be expedient, before sanctioning the financial arrangements for the ensuing year, to adjust the estimated Income and Expenditure in the manner which shall appear best calculated to secure the Country against the risk of a deficiency in the years 1858-59 and 1859-60, and to provide for such a balance of Revenue and Charge respectively in the year 1860, as may place it in the power of Parliament, at that period, without embarrassment to the Finances, altogether to remit the Income Tax," 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 a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the Debate be now adjourned.

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

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. And the Question being put: The House divided.

. The Yeas to the Right;

. The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bentinck, Yeas, [Mr. Neeld; 25. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Hogter, Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave: 477.

So it passed in the Negative. 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. Hogter, Yeas, [The Earl of Mulgrave : 226.

Tellers for the [Colonel Taylor, Noes, [Sir William Jolliffe : 206.

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.)

Income Tax. Motion made, and Question proposed, that, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be raised annually, during the term of Three years from the 5th day of April 1857, in lieu of the Rates and Duties chargeable during the same period, under the several Acts now in force relating to the Income Tax, for and in respect of all Property, Profits and Gains, chargeable under the said Acts, the Rate and Duty of Seven-pence for every Twenty shillings of the annual value or amount of all such Property, Profits and Gains respectively.

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 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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commons' Income 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 Ionian Subjects' Commissions 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 of Supply:

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

The Public Health Supplemental Bill (1857) 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 Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, Amendment Bill.

The Select Committee on the Bribery at Elections Bill was nominated of Lord John Russell, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Colbon, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Borrow, Sir FitzRoy Kelly, Mr. Berkeley, Mr. Deedes, Mr. George Batte, Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Kece Seymour, Sir William Somerville and Mr. Titie; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Petition. Copy of the Correspondence, showing the proportion of the Expenses incurred in sending an Expedition against Persia, which is to be defrayed from the Revenues of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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.

A PETITION of the Great Yarmouth Water-Great Yarmouth Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Company to raise a further Sum of Money, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edmund Lecoq and Mr. Rumbold.
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Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Aldershot Railway Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Backwater Bridge and Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Bridgewater Markets and Fairs Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Charing Cross Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The East Kent Railway (Strood to Saint Mary's, Croy, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Islington Parish Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Eastern Railway (Lancaster Valley Branch) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Otley and Skipton Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Chatham Lands, &c., Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed; to Sir Maurice Berkeley, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Philip Wykeham Martin, Mr. Masters Smith, Sir Robert Peel, Sir Herbert Modich, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Fitz-Hyde and Five Members to be added by the Committee of Selection. Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The Stamford and Essendine Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to enable the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Company to make certain Deviations and Alterations in their Line and Works, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners to purchase Lands, and to borrow a further Sum of Money, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Selection (First Report, No. 64. Vol. 112.)
Bill Office; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on one Report of the Bill.

6. That in the case of the Deserted Extension Railway 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 Richmond and Ken Extension Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

8. That in the case of the Deserted Railway Trust Petition of John Shepherd, for dispensing with Standing Order 101, and for leave to present Petition for Bill; the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to present their Petition.

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 Deserted Extension 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 the Deserted Railway at Bunchory, to Charleston of Aboyne: And that Lord Haddo and General Arbuthnott 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 Pilotage Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for consolidating the Acts relating to the Pilotage Railway Company, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a Branch Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes: And that Sir George Tyler and Mr. Henry Bruce 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 Mid-Sussex 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 the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway at Horsham, through Billingshurst, to Pulborough, with a Branch from Billingshurst to Petworth, all in the County of Sussex: And that the Earl of March and Mr. Henry Wyndham 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 South London Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for making a Railway from Claypath to London-bridge, to be called "The South London Railway:" And that Sir James Duke and Mr. William Williams 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 showing the Number of Reformatory and Industrial Schools certified and sanctioned by the Secretary of State under the Acts 17 & 18 Vict. c. 86, 17 & 18 Vict. c. 74, respectively: And, of the Number of Children (distinguishing Boys from Girls) which each of such Schools is capable of accommodating, and the Number contained in such a Return; and in the latest Date for which the Return can be given.

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 Rates Return of the Amount raised for Rates for the Relief (Metropolis.) of the Poor in each of the Parishes of the Metropolis during the years 1855 and 1856 respectively.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Two of the clock To-morrow.

Mr. Massy presented, by Her Majesty's Command, metropolis—Copy of Report of the Right honourable William Cooper, m.r., President of the General Board of Health, on the Microscopic Examination of the Metropolitan Water Act, by Arthur Hill Russell, m.d. p.l.s.

General Haddo and Turnpike Trusts in England and Wales, by direction of the Secretary of State, under Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 80.

Mr. Massy also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Accounts showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police, Police Superannuation Fund, Public Carriages, and Police Courts, in the year ended the 31st December 1856.

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

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 Incumbencies in that City: And that Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Charles Howard, and Mr. Thomas Chambers do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Causes of Accidents on Railways, and into the possibility of removing any such Causes by further Legislation.

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 to have the Examination of Candidates for admission into the Civil Service in Ireland conducted as in England, by Examiners whose Character, Acquirements and Experience in Examinations render them peculiarly fitted for the Duty;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Dewey,

Yeaes, Mr. Napier:

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter.

Noes, The Earl of Malgrave:

So it passed in the Negative.

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 made to Her Majesty's Government, since the end of the last Session of Parliament, respecting the Franklin Expedition, and the urgent nature of the Claim for a further and complete Search — 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, a Copy of any Correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the refusal of the Bishop of the Diocese to consecrate the new Cemetery for the Borough of Swansea, without Provision being made by the Burial Board for the Conveyance to and from the Cemetery of the officiating Clergymen.

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 Registration of Long Leases in Scotland, and Assignations thereof: And that Mr. Dunlop and Sir James Shaw Stewart do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act, 1856: And to provide for the Registration of Long Leases in Scotland, and Assignations thereof: And that Mr. Dunlop and Sir James Shaw Stewart do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ferguson presented a Bill to appropriate the Carlisle Income of such one of the Canonries of the Cathedral Church of Carlisle as shall next fall vacant to the Augmentation of certain Ecclesiastical Incumbencies in that City: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

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And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
the Petition for the Richmond and Kew Extension 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 the North and South Western Junction Railway, in the Parish of Ealing, to Richmond, to be called "The Richmond and
Kew Extension Railway," and for other purposes:

And that Mr. Locke King and Mr. Aclach do prepare, and bring in it.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction 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 the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway at or near to Barton, in the County of Lincoln, to the South Yorkshire Railway at Thorne, in the West Riding of the County of York, to be called "The South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway:" And that Viscount Goderich and Mr. Digby Seymour 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 Caledonian Railway Company to use the Scottish Central and Stirling and Dunfermline Railways, and requiring the Owners and Lessees of these Railways to afford facilities for conveying the Traffic of that Company: And that Mr. Hope Johnstone and Mr. Cochrane do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time the Keith and Dufftown Railway Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Clyde Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Mid-Kent Railway (Croydon Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Airdsloch Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of March next.

The British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Travee and Killarney Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill for making a Railway from the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway at or near to Barton, in the County of Lincoln, to the South Yorkshire Railway at Thorne, in the West Riding of the County of York, to be called "The South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway," be read the first time To-
morrow.

A Bill to incorporate a Company for making a South London Railway from Clapham to London-bridge, to be called "The South London Railway," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Great Yar-

Company to raise a further Sum of Money, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Registration of Voters (Scottish land); — Representation (Scotland); — Maynooth Petitions.

College Act; — Property and Income Tax; — Sugar; Vale Ninth
Tea; — Tea and Sugar; — China; — Civil Service Report.

Supernanuation Fund; — Judgments Execution, &c.

Bill; — Opium Trade; — and, Weaver Navigation, —

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

Ordered, That Sir Thomas Winstanly have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction; and, Mr. Freshfield till Easter; and, Mr. Goodall ten days, on account of ill health.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Metro-

politan Police, which were presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sea Coast Fisheries 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 [Mr. McMahon, Yeas, [Mr. Kennedy : ]

Tellers for the [Viscount Monck :]

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.

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Newport, Newport in the Isle of Wight, was delivered in, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners were at and during the last Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Newport regis-
tered Electors of the said Borough, and had a right to vote and did vote at the said Election; that Charles Seely, Esquire, and Robert William Ken-
nard, Esquire, were Candidates at the said Election, and, a poll being demanded and taken thereat, the said Robert William Kennard was at the close thereof declared to have the majority of votes, and to be duly elected to serve in this present Parlia-
ment for the said Borough; that he, and at the said Election the said Robert William Kennard did by himself, and by others on his behalf, directly and indirectly give, lend, and agree to give or lend, and other and promise to procure, or to endeavour to procure, money or valuable consideration to divers persons, in order to induce voters to vote or refrain from voting at the said Election, and did also cor-

ruptly
ruptly do such acts as aforesaid, on account of such voters having voted or refrained from voting at the said Election; that the said Robert William Kennard did by himself, and by others on his behalf, and by his agents, friends, partisans, and others on his behalf, and by reason of the said personal disqualification of the said Robert William Kennard, and by reason of the illegal taking of the poll as aforesaid, the said Election and Return of the said Robert William Kennard is not a valid Return, and ought to be set aside; and praying that the House will take the premises into their consideration, and declare that the Election and Return of the said Robert William Kennard was and is wholly null and void; and will give the Petitioners such further and other relief as to the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Sun please issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Judgments Execution, 

Entertainment, &c. Bill.

(At the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Where Judgment has been obtained in the Courts at Westminster, a Memorial thereof registered in Ireland, and vice versa, shall have the effect of a Judgment of the Court in which it is so registered).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 8: After the word "respectively," to insert the words "or in the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster and Durham, the Mayor's Court of London, the Tolsel Court of Bristol, the Passage Court of Liverpool, the Record Court of Manchester in the County Court."

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8: After the word "respectively," to insert the words "or in the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster, or in the Court of Pleas at Durham."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13: To leave out the word "memorial" and insert the word "copy."

Question put, That the word "memorial" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Crossford, 

Yea, Mr. Dunlop: 77.

Tellers for the Mr. Attorney General for the Ireland, 

Noes, Mr. Hughes: 99.

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 the 6th day of March next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of Chan- reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Tides of Purchasers) Bill; 

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Ways and Means; 

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Savings Banks, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the establishment of Savings Banks with the security of the Government.

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, The Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Commons' Inclosure 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Horsman do prepare, and bring it in.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 26° die Februarii; Anno 20° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

THE Mid-Kent and South Kent Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Deside Extension Railway Bill at Beachy to Charlestown of Alloa, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, Brighton and South Coast Railway at Horsham, through Billingshurst, to Pulborough, with a Branch from Billingshurst to Petworth, all in the County of Sussex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for consolidating the Acts relating to the Ryhmony Railway Company, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a Branch Railway, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to reconstitute the Birkenhead and Clough-ton Gas and Water Company under the Name of "The Birkenhead District Gas and Water Company," to enlarge and extend their Powers, to authorize them to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from the North and South Western Junction Railway, in the Parish of Ealing, to Richmond, to be called "The Richmond and Kew Extension Railway," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for empowering the Caledonian Railway Company to use the Scottish Central and Striling Railway and Dunfermline and Dunbarton Railways, and requiring the Owners and Leesee of these Railways to afford facilities for conveying the Traffic of that Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Keith to Dunn- town, was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exam-iners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for better enabling the Cork Gas Con-sumers' Company, Limited, to supply Gas for the purposes of lighting the Borough and Vicinity of Cork, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill to repeal so much of the Deshore Act relating to the Road from Bewery Bridge, in Tunlipke Trust Bill, the County of Nottingham, to Hainton, in the County of Lincoln, and other Roads, as relates to the Second District of Roads therein mentioned, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, be read the first time To-morrow.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act:—Public Emigration:—Property and Income Tax:—Tea and Sugar:—China:—China and Persia:—Civil Ser-vic Superannuation Fund:—Metropolis Turnpike Roads:—Newspapers:—Opium Trade:—Passing Tolls Bill:—and Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petitions against the Passing Tolls Bill, were also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Newspaper Returns of the Number of Newspaper Stamps at One Penny issued to Newspapers in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, from the 1st day of July 1855 to the 1st day of July 1856:—And, of the Halfpenny Stamps issued during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Pa-per, No. 438, of Session 1854-55).

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exa-miners of Petitions against the Passing Tolls Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Tobacco Return of the several Seizes made, and of the Prosecution for Breach of the Laws relating to Tobacco, between the 5th day of January 1855, and the 9th day of January 1857, distinguishing those in Great Britain from those in Ireland; specifying the Places where and the Names of the Persons prosecuted or from whom the Seizes were made; the Quantities and kind of Goods seized; the precise Nature of the Offences charged or for which the Seizes were made; the Results of the Examination 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; the Amount of Fine paid or imprisonment suffered; whether the Goods seized were condemned or restored (in continuation of Parliamentary Pa-per, No. 67).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Extra-paro-chial Places of Three-wood, Black-house, Dungim Fen, Alveroe Hay, Highleigh, Nottin-ingham Park, Guildford Friary and No Man's Land (Hents), since the year 1847.

Mr. Grey accordingly presented the said Paper.
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Ordered, That the said Paper 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 what are the present Subjects of those Examinations. And 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. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of July 1856, for a Return containing a Copy of every Account registered by Assurance Companies conformably with the Provisions of the Act 7 & 8 Vict. c. 110, up to the Day of making a Copy of every Account registered by Assurance Companies, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for the year 1856.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts.

Mr. Osborne also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Baltic and Black Sea Fleets.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Receipt and Disbursement into a Committee on the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time, the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Extra-parochial Places Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time, the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Select Committee on Contracts for Public Departments do consist of nineteen Members;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House has heard with concern of the violent measures resorted to at Canton in the late affair of the "Arrow:"—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

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 which have taken place between the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Commissioners in Lunacy, and the Committee of Visitors of the Surrey Lunatic Asylum, respecting the Case of Mr. Charles Snape, Medical Superintendent of the said Asylum.

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Mayor of the said town and county of the said town their votes in favour of the said Sir Edward Butler,
of Southampton, John Heaton Hall, who claims to or of the said Richard Andrews, were prevented
be Senior -Bailiff, and James. Ricketts Weston, who from so doing ; that some of the persons appointed,
claims. to be Junior Bailiff of the said town and by the said Mayor or Bailiffs to take the said'
county of the town of Southampton, then and there poll, improperly adjourned. the said poll between
assumed to be and acted without due authority as the hours of Eight and Four of the clock on the
Returning: Officers of the said Election, and the day allotted for the taking of the poll, whereby

said John White, John Heaton Hall and James several Electors entitled to vote, and who attended at
Ricketts Weston, so acting without due authority'.
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Thomas Matthias Weguelin to be elected a Member
to serve in the present Parliament for the said town
and county of the said town, of Southampton, and
the said Thomas Matthias TVeguelin was returned
as such Member accordingly by the said persons so
acting as Returning Officers ; that the said John

such polling places in order to vote for the said Sir
Edward Butler, or for the said Richard Andrews,
respectively, were unable to vote, and did not vote
at the said Election ; that during the hours allotted
for the taking of the said poll as aforesaid, many of

the persons 'appointed by the said Mayor and

Bailiffs to take the said poll improperly and illegally
absented themselves from the said booths, or some

White, John Heaton Hall and James Ricketts or one of them, in contravention of the Statute in
Weston, so acting without due authority as. Return- that case made and provided, and in violation of

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town for the taking of the said poll, and described who were prepared to record their votes for the
respectively as No. 1 for All Saints, letters A. B. said Sir Edward Butler or for the said Richard
C. D. E. and F. ; No. 2 for ditto, letters G. H. I. Andrews were unable to vote, and did not vote ;
J. K. L. and M. ; No. 3 for -ditto, letters N. 0. P. that the said Mayor and the Magistrates acting
Q. R. S. T. W. ; No. 4 for Rolyrood and remainder in and for the said town and county of the town
of All Saints; No. 5 for the three parishes of Saint of Southampton as aforesaid, upon whom the reJohn, Saint Lawrence and Saint .Michael ; No. 6 sponsibility of keeping the peace in the said town

for Saint Mary's Parish, A. and B. ; No. 7 for and county of the town during the said Election
ditto, C. D. and E.; No. S for ditto, F. G. and P.;
No. 9 for ditto, -H. I. J. and K. ; No. 10 for ditto,
L. M. N. O.; No. 11 for ditto,. Q. R.. S. ; No. 12
for ditto, T. U. V. W. X. V. Z.;. No. 13 for the
Tything of Portswood; that at the booth No. 6,
being the place appointed for the first division of

devolved, greatly misconducted themselves in discharge of the duty so devolved upon and undertaken
by them, by not affordino sufficient protection to

the said voters in the interest of the said Sir Edward Butler and the said Richard Andrews, and
that in consequence of the want of such proper and

the parish of Saint Mary, comprising all those efficient protection certain riotous and tumultuous

voters whose names appear on the Register of Vo- proceedings ensued, whereby the polling at divers
ters in that parish, and commencing with the letters of the booths appointed for taking the said poll was
A. and B., the said Mayor and Bailiffs appointed stopped for some time, and several -of the booths
one Jacob Sulgar Bartlett to take the said poll, were pulled down and demolished before the hour
and to preside at the said booth as Deputy Re- of Four of the clock in the-afternoon of the said day
turning Officer, and such polling booth was erected of polling ; that the several persons appointed by
at South Front, Kingsland-place, between the Eagle the said Mayor and Bailiff to take the said poll as
Tavern and Middle-street; that booth No. 7, ap- Deputy Returning Officers aforesaid did not in the
pointed for the second division of the parish of interruption of the said poll in consequence of the
Saint Mary's, comprising all those voters whose riotous and improper proceedings as aforesaid adnames appear on the Renister of Voters in that journ the same, nor was the said poll so prematurely
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E., was erected in South Front, Kingsland-place, Electors who had been unable to give, or had been
near the Kingsland Tavern, and one Joseph Clark prevented from giving, their said votes for the said
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or by receiving of alms or parochial relief or otherwise, after they had been so registered as aforesaid,
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allowed to vote, and did vote; that the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, by his agents, committee, friends, supporters, managers and partisans, and by persons employed for and by him, and in his behalf, before, at and during the time of the said Election, was guilty of various corrupt acts of bribery and illegal practices, and used various threats and promises, and employed undue influence and other illegal practices, and gave and caused to be given divers sums of money, and gave and entered into divers gifts, rewards, promises, agreements and engagements to several persons having and claiming to have a right to vote, in order to procure them to vote at the said Election for the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, and to forbear to vote for the said Sir Edward Butler and Richard Andrews respectively, and in order to procure the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin to be returned to serve in the present Parliament for the said town and county of the town of Southampton; that the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, by his agents, committee, friends, supporters, managers and partisans, did at the said Election procure and obtain certain persons who had no right to vote at the said Election, to personate absent and deceased Electors, and the votes of many absent and deceased Electors thus personated were improperly taken by the said several Deputy Returning Officers aforesaid, as good votes for the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, in order to procure the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin to be returned to serve in the present Parliament for the said town and county of the town of Southampton; that the agents, committee, friends, supporters, managers and partisans, and several Electors who voted for the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, were disqualified from voting by reason of laying wagers of moneys, and entering into bets upon the issue of the said Election for the said town and county of the town of Southampton; that by the several improper proceedings and practices aforesaid the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin obtained a colourable majority, and was improperly and illegally returned to serve in Parliament for the said town and county of the town of Southampton, whereas in truth and in fact the said Honourable Sir Edward Butler, Knight, had a majority of legal votes over the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, and was duly elected Member to serve in the present Parliament for the said town and county of the town of Southampton, and ought to have been returned; and praying that the House will take the premises into consideration, and declare that the Return of the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin was an illegal Return, and wholly null and void; or will declare that the said Election and Return of the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin was wholly null and void, and that the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin ought not to have been returned at the said Election, and that the said Sir Edward Butler was duly elected, and ought to have been returned; and will cause the said Return to be amended, by erasing the name of the said Thomas Matthias Weguelin, and substituting that of the said Sir Edward Butler in its stead; and will give Petitioners such further and other relief as to the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for Warrants or such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
27th Februrii. A. 1857.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Wheat, &c., returns, in a Tabular Form, of the Quantities of Wheat in Imperial Quarters, and of Grain other than Wheat, including Indian Corn, in Imperial Quarters or Cwts., imported into this Country during the year 1856, and the Six Weeks' Average Price thereof:—And, of the Number of Head of Cattle, Sheep and Swine imported into this Country during the last year, specifying from what Countries the same have been received.

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 Dictatures sanctioned by the Government for Convicts in Gibraltar, Brazil, and the different Convict Establishments of every Class in England, Wales, and Ireland, specifying the Amount of Food provided at each Meal, and the Quality thereof, and the Quantity of Beer or Spirits allowed daily to each Convict:—Of the Dictatures sanctioned by the War Office for the different Classes of Prisoners in the Military Prisons of the United Kingdom, specifying the Amount of Food allowed at each Meal, and the Quality thereof; and the Term of Imprisonment in each Class, and whether the Guard Bed is substituted for a Hammock at any and what intervals.—And, of the Dictatures sanctioned for Prisoners in the County Gaols of the United Kingdom, specifying the Classes and the Diet of each Class on each Day of the Week:

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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 Honorable Privy Council.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the Establishment of Savings Banks with the Security of the Government: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Love presented, pursuant to Orders,—A Repeal and port from the Board of Trade, relative to Railway and Canal Bills. No. 69.

A further Report from the Board of Trade, relative to Assurance Companies, which was presented upon the 26th day of February, be printed. No. 70.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Assurance Companies, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed. No. 71.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Account relative to Liverpool and Black Sea Fleets, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed. No. 72.

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

Mr. Headlam presented a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And that Session Bill, the Bill 33.
the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the National Gallery of Art.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Swansea Cemetery.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant February, That this House has heard with concern of the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese Authorities in the Canton River; and, without expressing an opinion as to the extent to which the Government of China may have afforded this Country cause of complaint respecting the non-fulfilment of the Treaty of 1842, this House considers that the Papers which have been laid upon the Table fail to establish satisfactory grounds for the violent measures resorted to at Canton in the late affair of the " Arrow."

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, 28° die Februarii, 1857:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Marine Forces Bill, without any Amendment.

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.

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.

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

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 Norfolk Island (Ecclesiastical Government) 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 Norfolk Island (Ecclesiastical Government) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 53, of the present Session, from November 20, 1855, to November 20, 1856:—And, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of the present Session, from November 20, 1856, to November 20, 1856.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Order of Victoria. February, for a Return relative to the Order of Victoria.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Smyrna.

20th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Smyrna.

Ordered, That the said Returns 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, 2° sic Martii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857. PRAYERS.

Mr. Bosham-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 37th day of February 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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Belfast Improvement Committee on Public Petitions (Tenth Report).

That in the case of the Petition for the Belfast Improvement Bill, the Notices inserted in the Dublin Gazette of the 16th, 23d and 30th December 1856; in the Freeman's Journal of the 13th, 20th and 27th December 1856, and the Daily Express of the 13th, 20th and 27th December 1856, both being Newspapers published in the Belfast Gazette of the 16th, 23d and 30th December 1856; and in the Northern Whig of the 13th, 20th and 27th December 1856, and in the Banner of Ulster of the 17th, 24th and 31st December 1856, correctly state the objects of the intended application as required by the Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of the Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Eastern Counties Railway Bill.

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

Finsbury Park Bill.

Ordered, That the Finsbury Park Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant March.

Frasburgh Harbour Bill.

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

Great Yarmouth Water Bill.

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

Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill.

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

South London Railway Bill.

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

Stockport, Dales and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill.

The Stockport, Dales and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Swansea Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock Company Bill.

The Swansea Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

West Somerset Railway Bill.

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

Cork and Youghal Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Cork and Youghal Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill and West Somerset Railway Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Order, No. 176, be suspended in the case of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, and the West Somerset Railway Bill; and that they be referred to the Committee of Selection.

Public Petitions.

Petitions relating to Representation (Scotland); —Church Rates Abolition Bill; —Maynooth College Act; —Tithes; —Mines; —Ministers' Money (Ireland) Act; —Paper; —Tea; —Tea and Sugar; —China; —China and Persia; —Civil Service Superannuation Fund; —Game Laws; —Intoxications; —Opium Trade; —Passing Tolls Bill; —Poor Law (Ireland); —Sale of Beer, &c. Bill; —Sir John Mt Neill and Colonels Tulloch; —and, Weights and Measures, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to Bank Notes, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Secret Committee on the Bank Acts.

Railway.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Duty paid by Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the last two years on Passengers' Traffic, and distinguishing the Amount paid by each Company each year.

Revising Barristers.

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 Reports of the Chief Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, pursuant to Statute a Vic. c. 18, to the House of Commons; stating the Point of Appeal from the Courts of the Revising Barristers, and Decision of the Court of Common Pleas on each such Point, classifying the Cases according to their subject-matter (in continuation of the Returns already delivered, of which the latest was by the late Chief Justice Wilde (Lord Truro), on the 23rd day of June 1849.

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 (Volun-Returns of First Class Volunteers, Naval Cadets, and Midshipmen and Naval Instructors, for each year, from 1836 to 1856 inclusive:—

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Resolved, That a 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 following information in respect of each Parish, or part of Parish, in England and Wales, not within the Limits of any City or Parliamentary Borough, for the year ended at Lady-day 1856:—viz. 1. Name; 2. Population (Census 1851); 3. Gross estimated Rental of the Property assessed to the Poor Rate; 4. Rateable Value (i.e. the Net Sum on which the Rate was laid); 5. Number of Persons rated at £10 and under £20; £20 and upwards; 6. Number of Electors on the Parliamentary Register; and the preceding Particulars to be summarized so as to show, in regard to each Head of Information, separate Totals for each County Division, and for each County; together with a Total for the entire District returned.

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.

Mr. Massey also presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of February last, for a Return relative to Poor Law Superintendents (Scotland).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Newry Lunatic Asylum.

Turnpike Trusts (South Wales.)

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of Turnpike Trusts (South Wales), for the year 1856; and Estimates for 1857.

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, dated the 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to the National Gallery.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of February last, for Returns relative to East India (Law Expenses). The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—A Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane, on the 31st day of January 1857.

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 day of December 1856, distinguishing 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 1856 to the 1st day of January 1857; 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 1857; namely, 1st, The General Account of Bankruptcy 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, Compensations, Allowances, Annuities, Services, Travelling or other Expenses or Allowances.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of February last, That this House has heard with concern of the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese Authorities in the Canton River; and, without expressing an opinion as to the extent to which the Government of China may have afforded this Country cause of complaint respecting the non-fulfilment of the Treaty of 1842, this House considers that the Papers which have been laid upon the Table fail to establish satisfactorily the grounds for the violent measures resorted to, and the extent to which the Government of China, by its own admission, has heard with concern of the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese Authorities in the Canton River; and, without expressing an opinion as to the extent to which the Government of China may have afforded this Country cause of complaint respecting the non-fulfilment of the Treaty of 1842, this House considers that the Papers which have been laid upon the Table fail to establish satisfactorily the grounds for the violent measures resorted to, and the extent to which the Government of China, by its own admission, has heard with concern of the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese Authorities in the Canton River; and, without expressing an opinion as to the extent to which the Government of China may have afforded this Country cause of complaint respecting the non-fulfilment of the Treaty of 1842.

And the Question being again proposed, — Resolved, That the House resume the said adjourned Debate.

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.

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 Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act (1856) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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Mr. FitzRoy reported the Whithaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Bill, and be printed.

Railway and Canal Bills (First Report) No. 76. Lord Hobart reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills: That they had formed the List of Railway and Canal Bills into Groups.

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

Standing Orders. Mr. Greene reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had made certain alterations in the Bills of Private Bills already formed.

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

Belfast Improvement. A Petition of the West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing Traffic Arrangements between the West End of London and Crystal Palace, and the London, Brighton and South Coast, and South Eastern (of London and South Western Railway Companies; for Sale or Lease of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway; for extending the time for completing the said Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Acts for the Improvement of the Borough of Belfast, and for confirming things accordingly.

Belfast Improvement. The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Belfast Improvement Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Acts for the Improvement of the Borough of Belfast, and for confirming things done with a view to the execution of those Acts, and to provide for the collection of Rates in the Borough of Belfast, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Davison and Mr. Cairns do prepare, and bring it in.

Mid-Sussex Railway 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 the Brighton Improvement Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Petition be laid before the House, Returns of the Number of Huts supplied to the Principal Stations, with their Distance from the Principal Terminus on each of the said Lines; specifying the Localities of the Construction of each several Indian Railway was begun, with the Stations, and Quantities sent to each: Of the Names of the several Contractors, Amount of each Contract, Price paid per Hut, with Dimensions: —And, Number of Men now Huttered in Great Britain and Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Petition 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, Returns of the Number of Huts supplied to the Ordinance Department during the years 1834-85 and 1835-36, the Appropriation of the same, together with the Stations, and Quantities sent to each. —Of the Names of the several Contractors, Amount of each Contract, Price paid per Hut, with Dimensions: —And, Number of Men now Huttered in Great Britain and Ireland.

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 Deeside Extension Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Mid-Sussex Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Richmond and Kew Extension Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act. —Public Paper;—Property and Income Tax;—Tea;—Tea and Sugar Bill;—Civil Service Superannuation;—Vide Twelfth Fund;—Education;—Industrial Schools Bill;—Report. Opium Trade. —Poor Law (Ireland);—Probates of Wills and Letters of Administration, &c.;—Sale of Bees, &c.;—Removal and Amendment of the Act for the Amalgamation of the Thames and Medway Companies;—Additions and Alterations made to the Act for the Extension of the Thames & Medway Companies;—Sir John M'Neil and Colonel Tulloch;—and, Sublime's Collection, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition against the Passing Tolls Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Army Huts, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Huts supplied to the Ordinance Department during the years 1834-85 and 1835-36, the Appropriation of the same, together with the Stations, and Quantities sent to each. —Of the Names of the several Contractors, Amount of each Contract, Price paid per Hut, with Dimensions: —And, Number of Men now Huttered in Great Britain and Ireland.

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, East India Returns showing the whole Outlay sanctioned by (Railways.) the East India Company for the purposes of Railways in India, independently of the Cost of Land: specifying the Amount for each several Railway, and the Rates of Interest at which the different Sums have been guaranteed: —Showing the whole Amount which has been paid into the East India Company's Treasury on account of Indian Railways, and the whole Amount which has been paid out of the East India Company's Treasury on account of Indian Railways, down to the latest Period for which Accounts have been received in England: —Showing the direction of Lines of Railway sanctioned in India, sketched on a Skeleton Map of that Country, marking the Principal Stations, with their Distance from the Principal Terminals on each of the said Lines; distinguishing the Portions of the said Lines completed, to be completed within a given time, or already open for Traffic, from those Portions not yet completed or commenced upon; and specifying the Number of Miles of Railway open for Traffic in each Presidency, with the Date at which the Construction of each several Indian Railway was begun, so far as the above Particulars are already known in England: —And, showing the Number of Miles of New Roads or Navigable Canals opened for Traffic in each several Presidency of India since the year 1845, and the Total Amount of Money expended on their Construction; specifying the Localities of the above Lines of Communication, and distinguishing the Number of Miles, and the direction of each of the said New Roads as are continuously Stoned and Bridged and of the First Class throughout, and the Number of Miles and direction of such of the said Canals as are available for Steam Navigation.

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 showing the Amount of Money at the disposal of the Emigration Commissioners, for Emigration to the Australian Colonies, in each of the last Ten years, the Amount expended, and the Number of Emigrants sent out in each year; and the Average Cost per Statute Adult: —Of the Number of Applications for Passages now in the Commission Office, the Amount of unappropriated Balance
Balance in their hands, and the probable Number of Statute Adults for whom that Balance will provide:—Of the Number of Persons connected with the Building Trades sent out during the last Six Months, and the proportion which they bear to other Emigrants during the same period.—And, of the Regulations and Conditions under which Passages are 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.

Foreign Corps. 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 Places of Abode of Officers of Disbanded Foreign Corps who are in receipt of Half-pay and reduced Allowances for Service in the War which ended in 1815; of the Annual Payment made to each Officer; and of the Date when such Payment commenced:—Like Return of Pensions for Wounds:—And, like Return of Allowances for Widows and Children.

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 (Railways). Bill of Purchase, No. 1.

Poor Law Superintendents (Scotland). Bill No. 76.

Surrey Lunatic Asylum. Bill No. 77.

National Gallery. Bill No. 78.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Titles of Purchasers) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Titles of Purchasers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

Notices of Motions. Ordered, That the Notices of Motions be postponed till after the Order of the day for resuming the adjourned Debate relative to China.

China. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of February last, that This House has heard with concern of the conflicts which have occurred between the British and Chinese Authorities in the Canton River, and without expressing an opinion as to the extent to which the Government of China may have afforded this Country cause of complaint respecting the non-fulfilment of the Treaty of 1842, this House considers that the Papers which have been laid upon the Table fail to establish satisfactory grounds for the violent measures resorted to at Canton in the late affair of the "Arrow."

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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 Wednesday morning:—

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And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cobden; 
Mr. Miller Gibson; 
Mr. Horder;

Mr. B. Venn, 
The Earl of Mulgrave; 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro- posed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the practicability of reducing the Duty now paid upon Foreign Wines; to ascertain whether the Revenue may not be much increased by such reduction, a stop to the adulteration of Wines which now prevails, to the manifest injury of the Revenue and the honest importer, and our Commercial Relations with Foreign Countries producing Wines increased, through the medium of a mutual reduction of Tariffs, due regard being had to the interests of the Trade for Drawback upon Duty-paid Stock, or such a gradual diminution of Duty as would admit of those Stocks being consumed, and before the lowest point of a reduction should be arrived at, as proposed in the following plan:—

That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Foreign Wine imported into the United Kingdom, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say), upon every Imperial Gallon—

To the 5th day of April 1858, inclusive — £. s. d.

From and after the 5th day of April 1858 till the 5th day of April 1860, inclusive — 4 4 2

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From and after the 5th day of April 1860 till the 5th day of April 1861, inclusive — 2 2 5

And after the 5th day of April 1861, inclusive — 2 1 1

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number and Names of the Licensed Passage Brokers and Licensed Receivers in the Port of Liverpool, with the Addresses or Places of Business of each, under the Act of 1855.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Grand Juries amend the Act of the sixth and seventh years of King William the Fourth, chapter One hundred and and, to direct, of the same period: And, of the Regulations and Conditions under which Passages are laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, for a Return for the Number and Names of the Licensed Passage Brokers and Licensed Receivers in the Port of Liverpool, with the Addresses or Places of Business of each, under the Act of 1855.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider of the Number and Names of the Licensed Passage Brokers and Licensed Receivers in the Port of Liverpool, with the Addresses or Places of Business of each, under the Act of 1855.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Gallery, which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

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

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Mercuri, 4° die Martii;
Anno 26° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2d 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.

The Caledonian Railway (Running Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Duxthorpe Turnpike Trust Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Aldershot Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant March.

A Bill for the Amendment of the Acts for the Improvement of the Borough of Belfast, and for confirming things done with a view to the execution of those Acts, and to provide for the Collection of Rates in the Borough of Belfast, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Maynooth College Act; Tea and Sugar; China and Persia; Civil Service Superannuation Fund; Education (Cities and Boroughs) Bill; Industrial Schools Bill; Judgment Exemptions, &c. Bill; Poor Law (Ireland); Settlement and Removal; Sir John N'Neill and Colonel Tulloch; and, Ulverstone Parish, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Lascelles have leave of absence for a month, on account of a domestic affliction.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before His Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council, a Copy of Report on Foreign Military Training, &c.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Education (Cities and Boroughs) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant March.

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

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of Chancery (Ireland) (Titles of Purchasers) 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 weeks."

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 second Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That Mr. Moulton be added to the Select Committee on Contracts for Public Departments.

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 on Foreign Military Training and Education, drawn up by a Commission appointed by the Secretary of State for 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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Catalogue of Library of the Library of the House of Commons, 1857.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Roads), which was presented upon the 3d day of (Roads.) February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sarsens Swans, Cemetery, which was presented upon the 27th day Cemetery, of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Railways), which was presented upon the 3d day of (Railways) this instant March, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Jovis, 5° die Martii ;

Anno 20° Victoriae Regnis, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of Promoters of the Bill therein mentioned, and Trustees of the Todmorden and Halifax Roads, praying that Provision may be made in the Haslingden and Todmorden Roads Bill for Trustees of the Todmorden Roads certain portions of Road, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of Promoters of the Bill thereafter mentioned, and Commissioners for paving, cleansing, watering, regulating and otherwise improving the Towns of Portsmouth and Portsea, praying that Provision may be made in the Landport and Southsea Improvement Bill for the appointment of a Committee to license Hackney Carriages, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed to-morrow, on the Petition for the Liverpool Town and Dock Dues (Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company) Bill.

Colonel French reported from the Committee on the South Devon Railway Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by setting out more fully the position of the Company as regards their Capital and Debenture 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; and be printed.

Colonel French reported the Scottish Central Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Petitions relating to Representation (Scotland); Church Rates;—Church Rates Abolition Bill;—Mayoath College Act;—Ministers' Money (Ireland) Act;—Paper;—Property and Income Tax;—Tea;—Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—Dockyard Labourers;—Extra-parochial Places Bill;—Grand Juries, &c. (Ireland) Bill (1854);—Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill;—Harbours of Refuge (North-East Coast of England);—Health of Towns Act;—Imprisonment for Debt Bill;—Industrial Schools Bill;—Intoxicating Liquors;—Judgments Execution, &c. Bill;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Poor Law (Scotland);—and, Sale of Beer, &c. Bill, 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 with regard to the Ordnance Survey in each County of Scotland, showing,—1. The Scale or Scales of such Surveys, and where different Scales have been adopted, the Date when such Scales were severally commenced; 2. The present state of such Surveys, and the estimated time for their Completion upon each different Scale adopted; 3. The Expense incurred in each Survey, from the Commencement to April 1854, and subsequently in the several years ending April 1855, 1856 and 1857; 4. The estimated Cost of Completion; 5. Where no Survey has yet been commenced, the Scale or Scales on which it is intended to make the Survey, with the estimated Cost and time of Completion.

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 with regard to the Land Transport Corps, to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return with regard to the Ordnance Survey (Scotland). The following Papers, pursuant to Order, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Further Reports from the Board of Trade relative to Harbour, &c. Bills. The following Papers were also laid upon the Table Silver Coinages (Calcutta, &c.) dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return relative to Silver Coinages (Calcutta, &c.)

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return relative to Surveyors, &c. of Stamps and Taxes.

The following Papers, pursuant to the direction's Emigration of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Copy of a Return relative to the Disbandment of the Land Transport Corps.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums National received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their Commencement at 6th August 1817 to the 20th November 1856, inclusive:—Also, an Account of all Expenses incurred by the said Commissioners, for Salaries of Clerks for other Incidental Expenses, during the preceding year.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities and Long Annuities, and any other Annuities for Terms of Years transferred, and of all Sums of Money
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, 3 Will. 4, c. 14, and 16 & 17 Vic. c. 45, within the year ending 5th January 1857. 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 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1857, inclusive. Ordered, That the Paper relative to Harbour, &c. Bills, be printed.

Mr. Masey presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Second Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland.

Mr. Mosey also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return relative to Assailants upon Women and Children (Metropolis). Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of February last, for a Return relative to Assaults upon Women and Children (Metropolis). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Law Expenses), which was presented upon the 2d day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Osborne presented, Return to an Order, dated the 2d day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Dover Mails. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to afford Compensation to Tenant Farmers in Ireland for Improvements made on the Land in their Possession: And that Mr. Moore, Mr. Meguire and Mr. Kennedy do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of allowing a further Remission of Land Tax, and also whether by any other means this Tax might be made more beneficial to the Revenue of the Country, and to the Reduction of other Means this Tax might be made more beneficial to the Revenue of the Country, and to the Reduction of the National Debt: — And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Judgments Execution, &c. Bill, Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, read itself into a Committee on the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act (1856) 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.

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 o'clock. — The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.
leave to be heard on their Petition against the said Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first, second and third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection have leave to make a Special Report.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the said Committee; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:

That, under existing circumstances, they have postponed, for the present, the meeting of all Committees on Proposed Private Bills already appointed.

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

Mr. Kennedy presented a Bill to afford Compensation to Tenant Farmers in Ireland for Improvements made on the Land in their possession: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Public Dealing, for the West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for authorizing Traffic Arrangements between the West End of London and Crystal Palace, and the London, Brighton and South Coast, the South Eastern, and London and South Western Railway Companies: for Sale or Lease of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway: for extending the Time for completing the said Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Seymour and Sir Joseph Paxton do prepare, and bring it in.

Petitions relating to the Church of Ireland:—Church Rates:—Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill:—Hospitals College Act:—Property and Income Tax:—Tea:—Tea and Sugar:—Christ's Hospital:—Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Opium Trade:—Passing Tolls Bill:—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—Sale of Beer, &c. Bill:—Settlement and Removal:—and, Weights and Measures, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition relating to Bank Notes, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Secret Committee on the Bank Acts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Deposits taken at Liverpool, by order of the Board of Trade, from the Survivors of the "Yeoman," as well as from the Crew of the "Helen Heidgers."

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 (alphabetically arranged) of all Places in which, according to a Return (No. 221) made in the last Session of Parliament, Free Public Libraries had then been agreed upon or established, with a Return showing how far the institution of Free Public Libraries has since been agreed to or dissented from in the following Places: Aberdon, Dundalk, Haslington (Lancashire), Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington, Lichfield, Limerick, Maryport, Paddington, Westminster: — And, from Bristol, Greenock, Norwich, Preston, and Southampton, and the City of London: showing, 1. Whether the Corporations of those Places hold in trust any Collection of Books bequeathed for public use, with the Date, Tenor, and Number of the Testator; 2. Whether any Funds for the Maintenance of such Collections are held by the Corporations aforesaid, and to what Amount; 3. What is the present extent of each of such Collections, where they are preserved, and under what custody, and what are the terms of public access thereto; 4. Whether any steps have been taken, or are in contemplation, under the Public Libraries Act of 1850 or of 1855, for the future maintenance of such Collections, or of any of them, by Rate, or for the amalgamation of any such Collection with other Collections formed under either of the Acts aforesaid.

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 reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March, the Church Rates Abolition Bill, was read, and dischaged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Chief Constables Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health Supplemental Bill (1857), without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Ionian Subjects Commissions Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public Debts Accounts of the Amount and Denomination of all &c. Stock created since the 5th day of April 1854, in respect of Loans, Funding of Exchequer Bills, and of the Monies received in respect of both:—Of the Capital Sum which would be equivalent to the Charge of the Terminable Annuities, payable under the Act 18 Vie. c. 18. Interest being reckoned according to the present Price of Consols:—Of the Excess of Exchequer Bills (Supply) now outstanding over those outstanding on the 6th day of April 1854; and of the Amount now outstanding of Exchequer Bonds:—Of the Excess of Balance in the Exchequer on the 1st day of January 1857 over that of the 5th day of April 1854:—Of the Amount and Denominations of Public Securities standing to the Credit of the Commissioners of the National Debt, for Account of Savings Banks, on the 6th day of April 1854, and on the 1st day of January 1857; also, of their Aggregate Purchases and Sales in each Denomination within the said Dates of the Proceeds of such Sales, and of the manner in which such Proceeds have been invested or disposed of:—And, of Stock sold by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of Savings Banks, in each Quarter, from the 5th day of April 1854 to the 31st day of December 1856, together with the Quarterly Average Price at which such Stock was sold.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Accounts.

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, Copies of any Memorials received by Vice-Admiral Lords, and under what custody, and what are the steps have been taken, or are in contemplation, under any of them, by Rate, or for the amalgamation of any such Collection with other Collections formed under either of the Acts aforesaid.

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 was laid upon the Table:

Mr. Beech, in the name of Mr. Wilson,地狱, presented the Report of the Committee of Selection (Special Report). No. 92.

Tenants' Compensation (Ireland) Bill (No. 84.)

West London and Crystal Palace Railway.

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Ordered, That the Return to Committals (Metroplis), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.
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 Supply; 

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

Norfolk Island (Ecclesiastical Government) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Norfolk Island (Ecclesiastical Government) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day two months.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act (1856) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Industrial Schools 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. 

The House was moved, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Provisions of the Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations, concerning the Transfer of Powers under Local Acts: And that Mr. Mussey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the Rates of Duty on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades and Offices: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Vauxhall, Preston, and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to reduce the Rates of Duty on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades and Offices: 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 Monday next.

Lunae, 9° die Martii;

Adh. 20° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereon 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; That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Haslingden and Todmorden Roads Bill, the Petitioners had been supplied with, 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.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Newquay Pier and Harbour Railway, Bill; and Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for confirming the Title to Lands acquired for the purposes of the Newquay Railway, part of "The Treffry Estates," in the County of Cornwall; and for regulating the Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Kendall and Mr. William Mitchell do prepare, and bring it in.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Cornwall the Cornwall Railway Bill, as amended in the Railway Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Exeter and Exmouth Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont 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 Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cork and Yonghal Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Westminster Improvements Bill; 

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Bill for authorizing Traffic Arrangements between the West End of London and Crystal Palace, and the London, Brighton and South Coast, the South Eastern and London and South Western Railway Companies; for Sale or Lease of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway; for extending the Time for completing the said Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to the Ecclesiastical Corporations Public Bill;—Maynooth College Act;—Emigration;—An. Petitions. 

Civil Service Supersession Fund;—Debtor and Creditor (Scotland);—Extra-parochial Places Bill; 

Industrial Schools Bill;—Metropolis Turnpike Roads;—Opium Trade;—Poor Law (Ireland);—Sale of Beer, &c. Bill;—Settlement and Removal; 

Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch; and, Weights and Measures,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. 

A Petition against the Passing Tolls Bill, was also presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

A Message by Mr. Palmer, Yeoman Usher of Royal Assault, the Black Rod: 

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several
several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 amend the Act for fixing the Time of Service in the Royal Marine Forces:

Royal Marine Forces Bill. An Act to facilitate the Appointment of Chief Constables for adjoining Counties, and to confirm Appointments of Chief Constables in certain cases:

Chief Constables Bill. An Act to confirm the General Board of Health applying the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Districts of Ipweich, Oldebury, Strowd, Langollen and of Dukinfield; and for altering the Constitution of the Local Board for the Main Sewerage District of Wednesfield and Walton:

Public Health Bill (1857). An Act to enable the Subjects of the Ionian States to hold Military and Naval Commissions under the Crown:

Ionian Subjects' Commissions Bill. Ordered, That the Select Committee on Contracts for Public Departments, No. 92, do report to the House the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Contracts for Public Departments. No. 92. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of John Boulderson Barkworth, relating to the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, is unobjectionable.

Kingston-upon-Hull Election. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Morris Morgan, Samuel Dyer and Robert Plowbeck, relating to the Borough of Newport, is unobjectionable.

Newport Election. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Estimate and the Sum proposed to be voted “on Account” in the present Session; the Returns showing the Supply, which has been expended under the following Heads, in each year, from 1846 to 1856:

No. 90. Medical Profession Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Estimates of Revenue, the Additions thereto, and the Account of Public Expenditure.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Civil Service, Her Majesty’s Commission—A Statement of the Civil Service Estimates for the year 1857, ending 31st March 1858, in respect of which it is proposed to take Votes “on Account” in the present Session:

State of Oude, and the Amount of their respective Claims, so far as such Return can be made without reference to India.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of all Creditors on the Oude. State of Oude. The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Estimates of Revenue, the Additions thereto, and the Account of Public Expenditure.

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 a Despatch relating to the System of Police and Police Officers in the Bengal Presidency.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Estimates of Revenue, the Additions thereto, and the Account of Public Expenditure.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Exchequer Account of all Exchequer Bills raised, charged on the Aids or Supplies of 1857, unprovided for.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Estimate and the Sum proposed to be voted “on Account” in the present Session for each Service:

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of all Creditors on the Oude. State of Oude.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Hudson's Bay Company have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere reported from the said Select Committee; That they had taken Evidence with regard to the matters referred to them therein referred, which they had agreed to report to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee upon Friday next, on the Reformatory Schools Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House as followeth:

Before I call upon the Clerk to proceed with the Orders of the day, I hope the House will permit me to occupy their attention for a very few moments.

After the Statement made by the Noble Lord at the head of the Government to the House on Thursday last, it is quite evident that a Dissolution of Parliament is rapidly approaching; and I feel it to be only consistent with that respect which is especially due from me to the House, that I should inform them that it is my intention to retire from Parliament at the close of the present Session.

It is very nearly eighteen years since I first had the honour of being elected Speaker of this House, and I cannot contemplate the termination of my official career without great pain; nor can I allow it to close without offering to the House my sincere and grateful acknowledgments for that uniform confidence and support which I have received, not only from all parties in the House, but I may say, with perfect truth, from every individual Member of the House. I am quite aware that, in the discharge of the delicate, and very onerous duties of this Chair, I have had great need of that kind indulgence which has always been extended to me; especially of late, when I have been too frequently reminded of my increasing inability to do full justice to the task which has devolved upon me.

It has been my constant endeavour, as is well known to the House, to improve and simplify their forms of proceeding, but at the same time I have endeavoured to maintain unimpaired all those rights and privileges, and those rules and orders, sanctioned by ancient usage, which long experience has taught me to respect and venerate, and which I believe never can be relaxed, or materially altered, without prejudice to the freedom and independence of the House of Commons. And if I have been in the least degree instrumental in promoting objects so desirable, and so essential to the Public Interests, I am hearty aware that I owe that success to the cordial co-operation I have always received from the House, and for which I never can be sufficiently grateful.

Resolved, That Orders of the day have precedence of Notices of Motions upon Thursdays.

Public Business.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,——Copy of Twenty-second Report of the Inspectors appointed under the Provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 35, to visit the different Prisons of Great Britain——Southern and Western District.

Church Estates Commission.

Copy of Sixth General Report from the Church Estates Commissioners; with an Appendix (under the Acts 14 & 15 Vic. c. 104, 17 & 18 Vic. c. 116, and 19 & 20 Vic. c. 74.)

Ecclesiastical Commission.

Copy of Ninth General Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England; with an Appendix (under the Acts 13 & 14 Vic. c. 94, s. 26, and 17 & 18 Vic. c. 116, s. 10.)

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

Harbour, &c. Bills.

No. 19.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

As further Report from the Board of Trade relative to Harbour, &c. Bills.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of Bankruptcy, of an Act of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Returns of the Official Assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy, showing the Total Amounts of their Receipts and Payments for the year ending the 31st December 1856, upon every Estate under their Charge as such Official Assignees; and also, the Balances appearing by their Books to be then in the Bank of England, standing to the credit of the Accountant in Bankruptcy of every such Estate; and also the Balances of every such Estate then in the hands or under the power or control of such Official Assignees; together with the Returns showing the several Sums allowed to them as Official Assignees for Remuneration and for Petty Expenses, under every Estate under their Charge, during the year 1856.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Harbour, &c. Bills, be printed.

Resolved, That the Return relative to Poor Rates (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 6th day (Metropolis.) of this instant March, be printed.

No. 95.

The Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act Commission- (1856) 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Tea imported into the United Kingdom, the following Duty shall be charged, from and after 4th April 1857 to 5th April 1858, inclusive, 1s. 5d. per pound:

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2. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Sugar imported into the United Kingdom, the following Sums shall be charged, from and after 4th April 1857, to 5th April 1858, inclusive:

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3. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the Duties now chargeable on the following Articles imported into the United Kingdom, the following Duties shall be charged:

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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 Mr. FitzRoy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring them in.

The Income Tax Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

(In the Committee.)

1. £53,700 on account, for Men and Boys for Sea and Coast Guard Services, for Four Months, including 15,000 Royal Marines.
2. £890,000 on account, for Wages to Seamen and Marines.
3. £399,000 on account, for Victualling to Seamen and Marines.
4. £50,000 on account, for Expenses of Admiralty Office.
5. £500,000 on account, for New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments.
6. £30,000 on account, for Contingent Expenses of Scientific Departments of the Navy.
7. £60,000 on account, for Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home.
8. £10,000 on account, for Expenses of Naval Establishments Abroad.
9. £399,000 on account, for Wages to Artificers, Labourers and others in Naval Establishments at Home.
10. £20,000 on account, for Wages to Artificers and others in Naval Establishments Abroad.
11. £500,000 on account, for Naval Stores for the Building, Rebuilding, Purchase of Steam Machinery, and for other purposes connected therewith.
12. £200,000 on account, for New Works, Improvements and Repairs in the Naval Establishments.
13. £29,000 on account, for Medicines and Medical Stores.
14. £30,000 on account, for divers Naval Miscellaneous Services.
15. £250,000 on account, for Half-pay, Reserved Half-pay and Retirement to Officers of the Navy and Royal Marines.
16. £200,000 on account, for Military Pensions and Allowances.
17. £60,000 on account, for Civil Pensions and Allowances.
18. £80,000 on account, for Freight of Ships, Victualling and Conveyance of Troops, on account of the Army.
19. £400,000 on account, for the Packet Service.

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.

Ordered, 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 Ways and Means;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiner have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to indemnify such Indemnity Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and to be printed.

Mr. Bouverie and Mr. Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. Osborne and Sir Robert Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Osborn and Sir Robert Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to continue certain temporary Provisions concerning Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in England: And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

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 referring the Passing Tolls Bill to a Passing Tolls Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Supply of Water for the use of Vessels Harboured resorting to the Harbour of Refuge at Portland, and for enabling the Commissioners of the Admiralty to supply such Water; for vesting in the said Commissioners certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty; and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Mr. Osborn and Sir Robert Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, and for completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts: And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that before this House, a Copy of Report on the Organization of the Russian Medical Department, and the sanitary state of their Crimean Hospitals, forwarded by Sir John Hill to Dr. Andrew Smith, on the 15th day of May 1856.

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. Mossey presented 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow:—and to be printed.

Mr. Mossey presented a Bill to amend the Provisions of the Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations, concerning the Transfer of Powers under Local Acts:—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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Mr. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the "Yeoman" and "Helen Heidgers." Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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 adding, that the Capital had been converted into Stock, by omitting words stating the desirability of raising part of Money to be borrowed by a Debenture Stock, and other words stating the application of the Money to be raised, and by adding a recital stating that former Acts should be repealed, and the Provisions thereof incorporated in the present; 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. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Landport and Southsea in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Landport and Southsea Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee of Selection that they had made certain alterations in the Groups of Private Bills already formed, and directed them to report the same 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, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision according as the Committee on the Bill shall think fit; provided that they forthwith give amended notices, and make application to all the owners, lessees and occupiers on both Lines, and that they deposit amended plans, sections and books of reference, and subscription contract; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

2. That in the case of the Liverpool Town and Dock Dues (Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company) Petitions, 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 Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association (No. 2) Petition of Messrs. Tyrrell, Paine and Layton, for dispensing with Standing Order 171, and that the Bill may be read a second time, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties may be allowed to proceed, on giving three days' notice in the Private Bill Office. 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 Liverpool Town and Dock Dues (Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve from Liverpool Town and Dock Dues the Commerce connected with the Garston and Widnes Docks, and to the Sankey Canal of the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company: And that Colonel Wilson Patten and Mr. Greenall do prepare, and bring in it.

Petitions relating to the Church of Ireland:

Maynooth College Act;—Wine.—Metropolis Turnpike Roads;—Opium Trade;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer Act;—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The motion on the part of Viscount Palmerston, which Mr. Speaker's was seconded by Mr. Disraeli, and in support of which Lord John Russell also addressed the House: Resolved, Nomine Contradictive, That the Thanks of this House be given to Mr. Speaker, for his eminent and distinguished services during the period of nearly eighteen years for which he has filled the Chair of this House; that he be assured that this House fully appreciates the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of Speaker under circumstances requiring unprecedented labour and exertion, and that this House entertains the strongest sense of the firmness and dignity with which he has maintained its privileges, of his unremitting attention to its business, of the care which he has devoted to the improvement of its forms, and of the urbanity and kindness which have uniformly marked his conduct in the Chair, and which have secured for him the esteem and gratitude of every Member of this House.

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the House as followeth (all the Members being uncovered):

During the long period in which, by God's blessing, I have been enabled to discharge the duties of this Chair, I have had abundant experience of the kindness, forbearance, and indulgence of the House, which they have shown to me under all circumstances, and on all occasions. But I have not words in my command, nor can I sufficiently control my feelings, so as adequately to express my gratitude.
tude for this crowning mark of their favour and approbation, I can only assure the House, that I shall cherish to the last moment of my existence, the remembrance of the proceedings of this day, and of the Resolution to which this House has unanimously agreed,—this great and inestimable reward for public service; and in all sincerity, and from the very bottom of my heart, I thank them for the distinguished honour which they have conferred upon me.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to Mr. Speaker for what he has said this day to the House, and that the same be printed in the Votes of this day, and entered in the Journal of this House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty, that She will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal Favour upon the Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefèvre, Speaker of this House, for his great and eminent services performed to his Country, during the long and important period in which he has, with such distinguished ability and integrity, resided in the Chair of this House; and to assure Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think proper to be incurred upon that account, this House will make good 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.

Mr. Peel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, the Names of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers selected for recommendation to his Majesty the Emperor of the French to receive the Decoration of the French Military War Medal.

Mr. Peel also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of February last, for a Return relative to Army, &c. Examinations.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Camp at Colchester.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Sir John M'Neil and Colonel Tulloch.

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

Ordered, That the Petitions of the Non-commissioned Officers and Drivers of the Land Transport Corps, who served during the late War in the Crimea, which were presented upon the 6th day of February last, be referred to a Select 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, Returns of the Number of Extra Sittings of the Court of Session in Scotland, since the 1st day of January 1840 to the 1st day of January 1857, in terms of the Act 2 & 3 Vic. c. 36:—(1.) Of the whole Court or either Division thereof; and (2.) Of all or any of the Lords Ordinary; and by whose directions such Extra Sittings took place:—Of the Number of Causes standing in the Short Roll of each Division of the Court, and for Hearing, at the meeting of the Court in November, during each of the last Ten years:—And, of the Number of Cases decided at each of the Extra Sittings by each Division and each Lord Ordinary.

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 amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for repealing and re-imposing, under new regulations, the Duty on Racehorses: And that the Clause be printed in the Votes of the House im.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the Cinque Ports Act: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Slave Trade. A Return of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on the Coast of Cuba, and on the Coast of Africa, for the Prevention of the Slave Trade, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the latest date, distinguishing Steam from Sailing Vessels.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland) Bill:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Income Tax Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N. 1 (Reduced rate of Seven-pence in the pound to be charged for the year commencing from the 5th April 1857).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2: To leave out "Seven-pence" and insert "Five-pence."

Question, That "Seven-pence" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8: To leave out from the word "Twenty" to the end of the Clause.

Question, That the words "Provided nevertheless, that where under the last-mentioned enactment" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11: To leave out from the word "shall" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "not be chargeable with any Income Tax on an income less than "130L a year."

Question put, That the words "be chargeable for the year commencing as aforesaid" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer, Yeas, [Viscount Moské] 55.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams, Noes, [Mr. Pellett] 7.

Clause 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: And 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. 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply.

Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That 53,700 Men and Boys be employed for Seamen, &c. the Sea and Coast Guard Services for Four months, ending on the 31st day of July 1857, including 15,000 Royal Marines.

2. That a sum not exceeding £ 800,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.
3. That a Sum, not exceeding £300,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Victuals to Seamen and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £80,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Salaries and Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, and 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 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses 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 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the 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 1858.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £200,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Medicines and Medical Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of divers Naval Miscellaneous Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £250,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying 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 1858.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £200,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Military Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Civil Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £80,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge for the Freight of Ships, for the Victualling and Conveyance of Troops, on account of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £400,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Packet Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

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 order to secure to the Country that relief from Taxation which it justly expects, it is necessary, further reduce the Expenditure of the State, in the judgment of this House, to revise and further reduce the Expenditure of the State," 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 the said Resolutions be now read a second time:—The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Volunteer Forces while on Shore:—And that Mr. FitzRoy, Sir Charles Wood and Sir Robert Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Extra-parochial Places Bill;—The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee on the Extra-parochial Places Bill;—and the Question being proposed, that the said Resolutions be now read a second time;—That the said Resolutions be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Customs Duties Bill, was, according to Order, referred to a Committee to read a second time; and committed to a Committee, to read a second time; and committed to a Committee, to read a second time; and committed to a Committee, to read a second time;—and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Bill was, according to Order, referred to a Committee to read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Indemnity Bill was, according to Order, referred to a Committee to read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Municipal Corporations Act Amendment 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, Naval Returns of First Class Volunteers, Naval Cadets, &c., Midshipmen,
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Midshipmen, and Naval Instructors, for each year, from 1836 to 1856 inclusive:

First Class Volunteers, Naval Cadets, and Midshipmen.  Naval Instructors.

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A Bill to relieve from Liverpool Town and Dock Dues the Commerce resorting to the Garston and Widnes Docks and to the Sankey Canal of the Swint Helen's Canal and Railway Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Fitz Roy reported from the Committee on Meriton's and Hagen's Sufferance Wharves Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by altering the date of an Order of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, in order to make the same in accordance with the facts of the case; 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.

Petitions relating to Church Rates;—Church Public Rates Abolition Bill;—and, Public-houses (Scotch, Irish, and Highland) Act, were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Wheat, &c. the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for Returns relative to Wheat, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Steam Vessels, 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 1857; stating, in separate Columns, the following Particulars: 1. Vessels' Names; 2. Port of Registry; 3. Date of Build; 4. Registered Owners; 5. Dimensions of Vessels in Length and Breadth, and Depth of Hold; 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, 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. 479, of Session 1855).

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 the Cession of the Koaria Morria Islands to Great Britain by the Imam of Moscot, and to the Grant of a License from the Crown to John Ord, of Litherland, near Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, late Master Mariner, and Joseph Hindson and James Hesshall Hegen, both of Liverpool foresaid, Merchants and Brokers, to take the Guano on those Islands.

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. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th and 10th days of January last, to the House of Commons, and ordered that the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Orkney Roads Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Turnpike Trusts Abolition (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 Ecclesiastical Corporations 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 Imposition for Debt, &c. Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Ordered, That the Account of all Exchequer Bills raised, charged on the Aids or Supplies of 1857, unprovided for, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be referred to the Committee.
Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(The in the Committee.)
1. £21,049,700, to pay off Exchequer Bills.
2. £1,533,200, on account, for certain Civil Services.
3. £1,310,000, on account, for Revenue Departments.

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 had 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 Customs Duties 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 Criminal Law 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 Indemnity 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 Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction 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 Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, review itself into the said Committee.

The Rasclyhorse Duty Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Pauper Maintenance Bill was, according to Pauper Main- Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Portland one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, for Harbour Bill. That in the case of the Portland Harbour Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative Bankruptcy. to Bankruptcy, which was presented upon the 3d day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army, &c. Army, &c. Examinations, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to the Camp at Colchester, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Sir John M'Neil and Colonel Tuckock, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, review itself into the said Committee.

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

Price's Patent Candle Company Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Bill was read the third time.

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 Portland Harbour Bill;

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

Salford Borough (No. 1) Bill, and Salford Borough (No. 2), the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Promoters of every Private Bill which has been brought into this House in the present Session of Parliament, shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereupon, and to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Promoters of every such Bill shall give notice in the Private Bill Office, not later than the day prior to the close of the present Session, of their intention to suspend any further proceedings thereon; or, in the case of Bills then pending in the House of Lords, of their intention to proceed with the same Bill in this House in the next Session.

Ordered, That an Alphabetical List of all such Bills, with a Statement of the stage at which the same were suspended, distinguishing those Bills in respect of which Subscription Contracts have been deposited, shall be prepared by the Private Bill Office, and printed.

Ordered, That, not later than three clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill (in the form required by Standing Order No. 168) shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, with a declaration signed by the agent annexed thereto, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended, at the last stage of its proceedings in the House, in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bills indorsed by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, as having been duly deposited, with the agent's declarations annexed, be laid before the House, in the order in which they shall stand upon such List, but not exceeding Fifty Bills on any one day.

Ordered, That, in respect of every Bill so laid upon the Table, the Petition for the same Bill, and the order of leave to bring the same in the present Session, shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first time; and a second time (if the Bill shall have been read a second time previous to its being suspended); and (except in the case of Bills in respect of which a Subscription Contract has been deposited) if such Bill shall have been reported by any Committee in the present Session, the order for referring such Bill to a Committee shall be dispensed with, and the Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or to be read a third time, as the case may be.

Ordered, That in the case of Bills in respect of which a Subscription Contract has been entered into prior to the present Session, provided it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to which the Bill is referred that the deposits in respect thereof (see Standing Orders 63 and 64) have not been withdrawn, it shall be an Instruction to the Committee to insert a Clause enacting that such Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the present Session of Parliament; and if any such Bill shall have been reported by any Committee in the present Session, the same shall be referred to a Committee solely for such purpose.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented in the present Session against any such Bill shall not have expired at the close of the present Session, Petitioners may be heard before the Committee on such Bill, provided their Petition be presented previous to, or not later than, seven clear days after the second reading thereof in the next Session.

Ordered, That all Instructions to Committees on Private Bills in the present Session, which shall be suspended previously to their being reported by any Committee, be Instructions to the Committee on the same Bills in the next Session.

Ordered, That the said Orders be Standing Orders of this House; and be printed.

A Petition of the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Company praying that Provision may be made for Water in the Great Yarmouth Water Bill, authorizing the Company to lease the Rates for a period not exceeding Fourteen years, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Petitions relating to County Rates and Expenditure upon the Metropolis Turnpike Roads; Paper, Property said Income Tax, and Sugar; Wine; Burial Acts; Civil Service; Paper; Property and Income Tax; Tea; and Sugar; Wine; Burial Acts; Civil Service; and Superannuation Fund; &c. &c.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by Paper Mills:

Return of the state of Business in the Audit Office to the present time (in continuation of Return presented last Session).

Mr. Mossey presented, by Her Majesty's Com-Poor Law.-Return of the state of Business in the Audit Office to the present time (in continuation of Return presented last Session).

Mr. Mossey also presented, by Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of February last, for Returns relative to Bills of Exchange Act, &c.

Ordered, That the said Orders be Standing Orders of this House; and be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Paper Mills:

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Wheat, &c., which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22d day of July 1856, for a Return to the Number of Men employed in the Army in each of the years 1854 and 1855; specifying the Office, the Regiment, the Place of Station, the Time, the Sentence, and the Number of Lashes inflicted (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 294, of Session 1854).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Governor General of India in Council, in the Judicial Department, dated the 11th day of March 1857, No. 28, as to the Memorial of certain Christian Missionaries, praying for a Commission of Inquiry into the social condition of the Rural Population of Bengal (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 51, of the present Session).

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Hudson's Bay Company.

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

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to applications for Local Acts.

Mr. Osborne also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of February last, for a Return relative to Riff Pirates.

Ordered, That the said Return do 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 £21,049,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge the Exchequer Bills charged on the Aids of 1857 unprovided for.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,553,800, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charge of certain Civil Services, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,510,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charge of the Revenue Departments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

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

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

Mr. Speaker now left the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the word "and," in order to add the words "Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch ably fulfilled the duty entrusted to them of inquiring into the arrangement and management of the Commissariat Department; and that, considering the able services rendered by Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch, as Commissioners in the Crimes, and the high testimony in their favour by Her Majesty's Government, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that some especial mark of approbation be conferred upon them," be added 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.

Another 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 "Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch ably fulfilled the duty entrusted to them of inquiring into the arrangement and management of the Commissariat Department; and that, considering the able services rendered by Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch, as Commissioners in the Crimes, and the high testimony in their favour by Her Majesty's Government, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that some especial mark of approbation be conferred upon them," be added 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 "Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch ably fulfilled the duty entrusted to them of inquiring into the arrangement and management of the Commissariat Department; that, considering the able services rendered by Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch, as Commissioners in the Crimes, and the high testimony in their favour by Her Majesty's Government, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that some especial mark of approbation be conferred upon them," be added instead thereof,—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch ably fulfilled the duty entrusted to them of inquiring into the arrangement and management of the Commissariat Department; and that, considering the able services rendered by Sir John McNeill and Colonel Tulloch, as Commissioners in the Crimes, and the high testimony in their favour by Her Majesty's Government, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that some especial mark of approbation be conferred upon them.

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, immediately, re-supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

ORDERED, That the Return relative to Wheat, &c., which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

1. Land Forces, 126,796 Men (exclusive of the Men employed in the Territorial Possessions of the East India Company), Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers included.

2. £1,467,000, on account, for Pay and Allowances of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India.

3. £184,000, on account, for Miscellaneous Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India.

4. £14,000.
4. £14,000, on account, for Volunteer Corps in Great Britain.
5. £62,000, on account, for Departments of the Secretary of State for War, and of the General Commanding in Chief.
6. £125,000, on account, for Manufacturing Departments, Military Storekeepers, Barrack Masters, &c.
7. £111,000, on account, for Wages of Artificers, Labourers, &c.
8. £140,000, on account, for Clothing and Necessaries.
9. £319,000, on account, for Provisions, Forage, Fuel and Light, Barrack Furniture, Bedding, &c.
10. £198,000, on account, for Warlike Stores for Land and Sea Service.
11. £82,000, on account, for Fortifications at Home and Abroad.
12. £231,000, on account, for Civil Buildings and Works, at Home and Abroad.
13. £76,000, on account, for Educational and Scientific Branches.
14. £9,000, on account, for Rewards for Military Service.
15. £21,000, on account, for Pay of General Officers.
16. £190,000, on account, for Pay of Reduced and Retired Officers.
17. £43,000, on account, for Pensions to Widows of Officers, and of Allowances on the Compassionate List.
18. £16,000, on account, for Pensions, Gratuities and Allowances to Officers for Wounds.
19. £11,000, on account, for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals and the In-Pensioners thereof.
20. £93,000, on account, for Charge of Out-Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, &c.
21. £41,000, on account, for Superannuation and Retired Allowances.

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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement.

Viscount Palmerston acquainted the House, That their Address of the 10th day of this instant March, "That Her Majesty would be most graciously pleased to concur in the signal Mark of Her Royal Favours upon the Right Honorable Charles Shaw Lefèvre, Speaker of this House, for his great and eminent services performed to his Country during the long and important period in which he has with such distinguished ability and integrity presided in the Chair of this House; and to assure Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think proper to be incurred upon that account, this House will make good the same," had been presented to the Chair of this House; and to assure Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously; and had commanded him to acquaint this House, that Her Majesty is desirous, in compliance with the wishes of Her faithful Commons, to confer upon the said Right Honorable Charles Shaw Lefèvre some signal mark of Her Royal Favour, but as the same cannot be effectually granted and secured without the concurrence of Parliament, Her Majesty recommends to the House of Commons the adoption of such measures as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider Her Majesty's most gracious Answer.

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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 £24,000,000 Bills, be raised by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the year 1857.

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 To-morrow.

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

The Income Tax Bill was, according to Order, Income Tax 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 Extra-parochial Places Bill was, according Extra-parochial Places Bill, 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 Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill was, according Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill, 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 Customs into consideration the Customs Duties Bill, as Duties Bill, amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The Indemnity Bill was, according to Order, read Indemnity Bill, 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 Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. 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 Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Racehorse Duty Act Amendment Bill, the Provisions, Forage, Fuel and Light, Barrack Furniture, Bedding, &c. Bill, the Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

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 Bills, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time To-morrow.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Progress made in the Completion of the Maps of the Ordnance Survey (Scotland) on the Scale of 6 inches to 1 mile.—And a similar Return in respect of the Maps to be laid down on the Scale of 25 inches to 1 mile; both Returns are to be in Statute Acres, and to the Date of this Order.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr. Grenne reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow: 1. That in the case of the Birkenhead Docks (Construction) Bill, Petition of William Potter, for dispensing with Standing Order 109, and for leave to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with; 2. That in the case of the Birkenhead Docks (Management) Bill, Petition of William Potter, for dispensing with Standing Order 109, and for leave 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 Landport and Southsea Improvement Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision in the Bill, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit. 4. That in the case of the Aberdeen, Peterhead and Fraserburgh Railway (No. 2) Petition for leave to deposit Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with. The third Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 11th and 12th 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Willeshall (Wolverhampton) Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out an allegation of the expediency of capitalizing a certain sum expended by the Company on their works out of their divisible profits, and substituting an allegation of the expediency of appropriating to the existing Shareholders shares amounting to an aggregate to that sum, bearing a preferential dividend of Five pounds per centum per annum, alterations to that effect having been made in the Clauses 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Guildford Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by altering the Clauses of the Bill, and of the expediency of capitalizing a certain sum expended by the Company on their works, and in paying off part of a mortgage out of their divisible profits, and substituting an allegation of the expediency of appropriating to the existing Shareholders shares equal in the aggregate to that sum, bearing a preferential dividend of Five pounds per centum per annum, alterations to that effect having been made in the Clauses 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. FitzRoy reported the Dumbarton Water, &c. Dumbarton Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the South Shields Gas Bill, South Shields Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Sunderland Gas Bill, Sunderland Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway (Capital) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the Bill, same, by specifying the existing Powers of the Company with respect to Capital, and the extent to which they have been exercised; 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. FitzRoy reported the Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out that portion relating to the construction of an Extension Railway; 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.

A Petition of the Bury Gas-Light and Coke Bury Gas Bill Company, and of the Bury Improvement Commissioners, praying that Provision may be made in the Bury Gas Bill for transferring the Undertaking of the said Company to the said Commissioners, was presented, read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of Trustees of the Bridgewater Turnpike Roads, praying that Provision may be made in the Bridgewater Markets and Fairs Bill, for enabling the Petitioners to erect other Toll-houses and Turnpike-gates beyond the limits of the said Bill, in lieu of those now erected on the southern and eastern sides of the Town of Bridgewater, and to take Tolls in respect thereof, and to sell such last-mentioned Toll-houses, and for postponing the operation of the Towns Improvement Act, so far as affects Turnpike Roads, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment of the Dividend by the Great Northern Railway Company, and to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the said Company, was presented, and read; and 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 for connecting the West London Railway with the London and South Western Railway, and the West London and Crystal Palace Railway, and for making an Embankment on the North side of the River Thames between the New Chelsea or Ranelagh Bridge, and the Kensington Canal, 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, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the West Metropolitan Railway and Thames Embankment 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 additional Provision in the Landport and Southern Improvement 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.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for additional Provision in the Landport and Southern Improvement Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

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

The South Devon 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 Portland Harbour Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received Notice, that it is not intended to proceed with the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Southampton; —And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

We beg leave to inform you, that it is not our intention to proceed upon the Petition presented by

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Bengal), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Canada, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Hudson's Bay Company, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Bills of Exchange Act, &c., be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the East India and China Association of Liverpool, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of all British Spirits in Duty-free Warehouses in the United Kingdom, on the 1st day of January 1857:—Of all British Spirits put in Duty-free Warehouses, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits Duty-paid or removed in Bond, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits remaining in Duty-free Warehouses, on the 15th day of February 1857:

For the Session, information of which has been received since the 1st day of August 1855: giving the Foreign Weights, Measures and Monies, as well as the English equivalents, appended to the Description of each Article the Duty upon which has been altered; and, under the Heading of each State, Dependency or Possession, the Scale according to which the Reduction into such English equivalents is made; giving, further, the Dates at which such Alteration has been made, the Date of its taking effect, and a reference to the Document or Publication in which the Official Notice of such Alteration first appeared; stating also, whether or where, in each State, Dependency or Possession, any fixed Scale for the Valuation of Articles subject to ad valorem Duties is used, and the general effect of such use upon the Date of such Duties.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Articles of Agreement, dated the 15th day of December 1856, made between the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, of the first part; the Honourable Charles Alexander Gore, Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, of the second part; and the Mayor, Commonwealth and Citizens of London, of the third part, referred to in a Bill, intituled "The Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill."

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration, and Citizens of London, of the third part; and the Mayor, Commissioners included, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the said Annuity commences and takes effect upon the day upon which the Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre, Speaker of this House.

Resolved, Nomine Contradictive, That the annual Sum of £1,467,000 be Charge of the Pay and Allowances of Her Majesty's Land Forces, exclusive of India, which will come in course of payment.
payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £184,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Miscellaneous Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India), which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Volunteer Corps in Great Britain, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £62,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Departments of the Secretary of State for War, and of the General Commanding in Chief, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £125,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Manufacturing Departments, Military Storekeepers, Barrack Masters, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £13,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Wages of Artificers, Labourers, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £140,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Clothing and Necessaries, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £319,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Provisions, Forage, Fuel and Light, Barrack Furniture, Bedding, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £199,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Warlike Stores for Land and Sea Service, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £82,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Fortifications, and the Works for Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £251,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Civil Buildings and Barracks, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £76,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Educational and Scientific Branches, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Rewards for Military Service, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Pay of General Officers, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £190,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of the Pay of Reduced and Retired Officers, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £327,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Pensions, Gratuities and Allowances to Officers for Wounds, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Pensions to Widows of Officers, and of Allowances on the Compassionate List, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Chelsea and Kilarneen Hospitals.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £362,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Out-Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £41,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, towards defraying the Charge of Superannuation and Retired Allowances, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, 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. FitzRoy, Mr. Peel and the Judge Advocate do propose, and bring it in:

Viscount Monck reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, towards making good the Supply granted Exchequer 1857 to Her Majesty, the Sum of £1,049,700 be raised Bills by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the year 1857.

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, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £13,007,200, Fund, 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 Viscount Monck reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution:

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Viscount Monck 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.

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from Ways and Means, a Resolution, which was read as follows:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidated apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Fund (appropriation.) Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. FitzRoy and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Petitions.

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

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

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill. for settling and securing an Annuity on the Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre, in consideration of his eminent Services: 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 Exchequer for raising a Sum by Exchequer Bills for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Consolidated to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Fund (appropriation). Bill. Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven, 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 upon Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Sabbati, 14° die Martii; Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.

Mr. Speaker's Address.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider Her Majesty's most gracious Answer to the Address of this House of the 10th day of this instant March, relative to the retirement of the Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre, Speaker of this House, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the annual Sum of £ 4,000 net be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the said Annuity to commence and take effect upon the day upon which the Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre, now Speaker of the House of Commons, shall cease to hold the Office of Speaker of the House of Commons; to be settled in the most beneficial manner, and to continue during the Life of Him, the said Right honourable Charles Shaw Lefevre.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to, Nemine Contradictisse.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Viscount Palmerston, Mr. FitzRoy and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Lunae, 16° die Martii; Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Bridgewater Market and Fairs Bill, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Bridgewater Markets and Fairs Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Bury Gas Bill, 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 Bury Gas Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Great Yarmouth Water Bill, 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 Great Yarmouth Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Inverness and Neira Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Meriton's and Hagen's Sufferance Wharves Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Peebles Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Reversionary Interest Society Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bank of London and National Provincial Insurance Association (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Liverpool Town and Dock Dues (Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newquay Pier and Harbour and Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Metropolitain Cattle Market Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Metropolitan Railway Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of Sir John MacNeill and Colonel Tulloch, respecting a passage in the Report of General Officers of the Army in the Crimea.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bills.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

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 Bills.

Ordered, That the Bills, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply, the said Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill was, according to Mr. Speaker's Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Exchequer Bills (£21,049,700) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, Consolidated according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Mutiny Bill, and the Marine Mutiny and Marine Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

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 Bills.

Ordered, That the Bills, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Crimina Copy of Explanation of Sir Charles Trevelyan, re. Inquiry, respecting a passage in the Report of General Officers No. 117. appointed to inquire into certain Statements in the Report of Sir John M'Neill and Colonel Talloch, relative to the Army in the Crimes.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Infanticide.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that a Return be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons convicted of Infanticide during the years 1852 and 1856, inclusive, together with the Sentences passed upon each person so convicted; specifying, whether such Sentence has been modified or reversed, and specifying also, whether the verdict given at the Trial of each person has been accompanied by a recommendation to mercy, and if so, the reason or reasons, if any, alleged for such recommendation.

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 (Nawab of Surat.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between Mir Jafer Ali Khan and the Court of Directors, and between the same, and the President of the Board of Control, respecting the Property of the late Nawab of Surat.

Ameer Ali Khan.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ameer Ali Khan, which was presented upon the 16th day of February last, be printed.

Poor Law.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Poor Law, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant March, be printed.

Customs Tariffs.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Customs Tariffs, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be printed.

Army (Crimea.)

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of June 1856, for Returns of the Names, with their Rank and Regiment (or Corps), of all Officers of the Army who remained in the Crimea from the first landing there till the end of the War;—Of the Names, Rank and Regiment (or Corps), of all Officers who remained from the first landing until they died or fell in Action;—Of the Names, Rank and Regiment (or Corps), of all Officers who remained from the first landing to their Arrival, with the exception of an interval of Absence, stating such interval;—Of the Names, Rank and Regiment (or Corps), of all Officers who, arriving at any Period after the first landing, remained to the end of the War, or who died or fell in Action; with the Date of their Arrival, and of their Death;—And, of the Names, Rank and Regiment (or Corps), of all Officers who left the Crimea before the end of the War, with the Date of their Arrival and Departure, and the Causes of such Departure.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of June 1856, for Returns of the Names and Rank of the several Officers of the Army and Navy now holding Civil Appointments in the Public Service within the United Kingdom:—Of the Date, Description and Annual Salary and Emolument of each such Civil Appointment:—Of, and of the Annual Amount of Half-pay (if any), which each such Military or Naval Officer respectively receives, in addition to the Salary and Emolument of each such Civil Appointment.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Russian Medical Department.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
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A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Salford, for leave to bring in a Bill for giving further Powers to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Salford with respect to Public purposes; and to authorize arrangements with respect to Land in and near Marthorough-square in Salford, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Langworthy and Colonel Wilson Patten.

Conway Valley Railway.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking therein mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Chester and Holyhead Railway, near Conway, to Llanerst, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Controverted Elections.

Mr. Robert Palmer reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Wednesday the 8th day of April next, to choose from Panel No. 3, the Select Committees to try and determine the Kingston-upon-Hull and the Newport Election Petitions. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Printing.

No. 122.

Mr. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Printing; That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Library of the House.

No. 123.

Mr. Walpole reported from the Standing Committee on the Library of the House; That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Parliamentary Papers.

No. 124.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers, printed by Order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, in Session 1857.

Index to Sessional Papers.

No. 125.

General Index to the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers, printed by Order of the House, and presented by Command.

Divisions of the House.

No. 126.

General Index to the Divisions of the House of Commons, 1852 to 1857.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Public Petitions.

Petitions relating to the Ballot;—Civil Service Superannuation Fund;—Hyde Park;—Oath of Abjuration;—Public-houses (Scotland) Act;—Sale of Beer, &c. Bill;—and, Settlement and Poor Removal,—were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Works and Public Buildings, which were presented upon the 10th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army (Crimea), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Appointments (Army and Navy), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Russian Medical Department, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

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 any Papers relating to a Treaty to capitalise the Sound Dues, and indemnify Denmark for giving up her reputed rights:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Mr. Speaker’s Retirement Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Monck 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.

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 Commons Inclosure Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, with an Amendment: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Exchequer Bills (L. 21,049,700 Bill, and Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill), Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House 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 Bills, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time Tomorrow.

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.

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 Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index to the 112th Volume, be printed.

Ordered, That 1,000 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.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; Orders, which were read, as follow:—

1. That in the case of the Great Northern Railway and Great North- way (Capital) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Notices of the application be published in the London Gazette, and once in three successive weeks in a Newspaper of the County of Middlesex; 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 West Metropolitan Railway and Thames Embankment Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Dartmouth and Torbay Railway Petition of Messrs. H. and W. Tongue, and Torbay Railway Bill, for dispensing with Standing Orders 139 and 140, the said Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, Petition for leave to deposit their Petition accordingly.

5. That in the case of the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal, London and North Western Railway, and Shropshire Canal Companies Bill, Petition of the Shrewsbury and Shropshire Coal Company for dispensing with Standing Order 109, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

6. That in the case of the London (City) Coal Duties, Petition of Messrs. Dyson, for dispensing with Standing Order 161, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to present their Petition.

7. That in the case of the Great Yarmouth Water Great Yarmouth Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Bill, Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision in the Bill, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit; provided that amended Notices be published in a Newspaper of the County of Norfolk for three successive weeks of the intention of the Company to supply Southtown and Gorleston with Water, and to enter into certain arrangements with the Great Yarmouth Haven Commissioners; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

8. That in the case of the Bridgewater Markets Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Bill, Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision in the Bill, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit; provided that amended Notices be published in Newspapers for three successive weeks of the intention to enable the Trustees of the Bridgewater Turnpike-roads to sell certain Toll-houses, and to erect other Toll-houses in lieu thereof; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The first, third, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Supply:

1. An Account of the Sums voted in Supply, during each year from 1853 to 1856, both inclusive, under the
Coal Duties.

A Bill to authorize the Payment of Dividend by the Great Northern Railway Company, and to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the said Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to give further Powers to the Mayor, Alders- Salterford and Burgess of the Borough of Salterford, with respect to Burial purposes, and to authorize arrange- ments with respect to Lands in and near Marlbro- rough-square in Salterford, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing and requiring the Churchwardens of the Parish of Manchester, and the Over- seers of the Poor of the Township of Manchester, to sell or demise certain Property, and providing for the application of the Proceeds thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first-time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions relating to Representation (Scotland) — Public Magdworth College Act; Ministers' Money (Ire- land) Bill, and Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) — Arbi- tratory and Civil Service Superannuation Fund, tenth Report.

—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, an Account of the Total Sum expended at Bathfield Factory, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of March 1857; the Amounts under the following heads to be separately specified, viz. — Building, Machinery, Miscellaneous Stores, Salaries, and Wages.

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 Ministers' reading of the Ministers' Money (Ireland) 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 second Carliote Bill, reading of the Carliote Canoeris 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 second Registration reading of the Registration of Long Leases (Scot- land) 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 second Lunatic reading of the Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) 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 second Tenants' reading of the Tenants' Compensation (Ireland) Compensation (Ireland) 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 second Wages reading of the Com-Wages and Means; Ordered, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Com- mittee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply. mittee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, after the other

The Order of the day being read, for the select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of Capital fraudulently created in the

The Order of the day being read, for the select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Great Northern Railway Company, and to make Provision with respect to Lands in and near Marlborough-square in Salterford, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly pre- sented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 the Petition for dispensing with the Standing Order 164, in the case of the "London (City) Coal Duties, might be read, and the same being read:

A Petition of Coal Factors and Coal Merchants within the City of London, for leave to bring in a Bill to allow a Drawback on the Duties payable on Coals, Cumb, Coke and Cinders, was accordingly pre- sented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pellatt and Mr. Hutt.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Payment of Dividend by the Great Northern Railway Company, and to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the said Company: And that Mr. Edmund Denison and Colonel Duncombe do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mand,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Mercurii, 18° die Martii;

Anno 20° Victorie Regna, 1857.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Electric Telegraph Company 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 Great Southern and Western Railway (Capital) 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 Aldershot Railway Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Orkney Roads Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill.

A Bill to authorize the Payment of Dividend by the Great Northern Railway Company, and to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created Vol. 112.
Orders of the day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill

Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.
Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Bill do pass.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker addressed the House as followeth (all the Members being uncovered):
I should not do justice to my own feelings, were I to permit this Bill to pass through its last stage, without expressing most gratefully and respectfully to the House my very sincere acknowledgments for this mark of their approbation of my humble services in the Chair, and of the noble and generous manner in which those services have been rewarded.

Ordered, That what has now been said by Mr. Speaker be printed in the Votes of this day, and entered in the Journal of this House.

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

Exchequer Bills (£21,049,700) Bill.

The Exchequer Bills (£21,049,700) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty-one million forty-nine thousand seven hundred and pounds by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Ordained, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) Bill.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) 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.

Mutiny Bill.

The Mutiny 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.

Marine Mutiny Bill.

The Marine Mutiny 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.

Lighting of Towns ( Ireland ) Act Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act Amendment 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.

Ministers' Money (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Ministers' Money (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 three weeks."
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;—That the Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day three months.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act (1856) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Income Tax Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Indemnity Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, &c. Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Extra-parochial Places Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords do desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Carlisle Canonries 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 Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) 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 Lunatic Asylums (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 Tenants' Compensation (Ireland) Compensation Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Extra-parochial Places Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; 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 Lordships, with an Amendment: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Pimlico and in the Neighbourhood of Buckingham Palace: And that Sir Benjamin Hall and Viscount Monck do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Pimlico to extend the Time for enabling the Commissioners of Improvements of Her Majesty's Works to complete Improvements in Pimlico and in the Neighbourhood of Buckingham Palace: And that Sir Benjamin Hall and Viscount Monck do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Public Offices to which this House doth extend the Time for enabling the Commissioners of Improvements of Her Majesty's Works to acquire a Site for additional Offices for the Public Service near Whitehall and Her Majesty's Palace of Westminster: And that Sir Benjamin Hall and Viscount Monck do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ducan reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th 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,—Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the House of Commons.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Incorporation of Public Charities: And that Charities. Mr. Pellatt and Mr. Hindley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to Burials in Consecrated and Unconsecrated Ground: And that Mr. Pellatt and Mr. Hindley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Pellatt presented a Bill for the Incorporation of Public Charities: And the same was read Charities Bill the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Bill 49. upon this day three months; and to be printed.

Mr. Pellatt presented a Bill relating to Burials in Burials Bill. Consecrated and Unconsecrated Ground: And the Bill 49. 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 an Abstract of the Return relative Gas Works. to Gas Works, which was presented upon the 17th No. 139. day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wheat, &c., Wheat, &c. which was presented upon the 12th 139. day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India East India (Oude), which was presented upon the 17th day, Oude) No. 140. of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to British and British Foreign Vessels, &c., which was presented upon Foreign Vessels, &c. the 17th day of this instant March, be printed. No. 141.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative Trees (Ire- Trees (Ireland), which was presented upon Toos), the 17th day of this instant March, be printed. No. 142.


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

Ordered, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Saturday next.

And the House accordingly adjourned till Saturday next.

Sabbati, 21° die Martii ;
Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

VISCOUNT Duncan presented.—Return to Iron, &c., an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, No. 121. for a Retara relative to Iron, &c.

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

Petitions relating to the Church Rates Abolition Public Petitions. Bill;—East India (Madras).—Wine.—Adulteration. Petitions of Food:—China:—Civil Service Supernaru- Petition. tation Fund:—Public-houses (Scotland) Act:—and, tenth Report. Captain Peter Valentine Wood, —were presented, and Captains and to read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order for printing the Report from the Com- Order. mittee of Secrecy on the Bank Acts, was read, and charged.

Mr. Duncan reported from the Select Committee Public Petitions. relating to Public Business; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th and 21st days of the (Seventeenth Petitions 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.
Income Tax.
No. 143. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of an Extract from a Letter addressed to the Board of Inland Revenue by the Surveyor of Taxes at Stoke-upon-Trent, dated the 16th day of March 1857, relative to the Return required under the Income Tax Act from the Cashier of Minton, of Stoke-upon-Trent, of the persons in their employment in receipt of £ 80 a year and upwards, together with the Form of the Return No. 8, provided by the Board of Inland Revenue in pursuance of the Income Tax Act.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented the said Return.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sanitary Commission (War in the East.)


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

Convict Discipline and Transportation (Australian Colonies.)

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence on the subject of Convict Discipline and Transportation in the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Papers presented June 1856).

Further Papers relative to the state of the Kaffir Tribes in the Cape of Good Hope (in continuation of Papers presented 6 June 1856). Copy of Reports made for the year 1855 to the Secretary of State, having the Department of the Colonies (in continuation of the Reports annually made by the Governors of the British Colonies, with a view to exhibit generally the past and present state of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, transmitted with the Blue Books for the year 1856).

Mr. Secretary Labouchere also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of July 1856, for Copies or Extracts of any Despatches relative to Emigration to the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 42, of Session 1855).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of February last, for a Return relative to Emigrants and Liberated Africans.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return relative to Immigration and Liberated Africans.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of February last, for a Return relative to Chinese Emigrants.

Return to several Addresses to Her Majesty, dated the 13th and 27th days of February last, for Returns relative to China; and Hong Kong.

Malta.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Malta.

Licensed Passage Brokers, &c. (Liverpool.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Emigration (Australian Colonies); Immigrants and Liberated Africans; Victoria (Australia) Electoral Law; Chinese Emigrants; China and Hong Kong; Malta; and, Licensed Passage Brokers, &c. (Liverpool), be printed.

Morocco.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Treaty between Her Majesty and the Sultan of Morocco; signed in the English and Arabic Languages at Tangier, December 9, 1856.

Copy of Convention of Commerce and Navigation Morocco, between Her Majesty and the Sultan of Morocco; signed in the English and Arabic Languages at Tangier, December 9, 1856.

Copy of Correspondence respecting Consular In-China interference for the prevention of Smuggling in China.

Further Papers relative to the Proceedings of Canton, Her Majesty's Naval Forces at Canton.

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

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 which took place between Captain Wood, late Paymaster of the Depot Battalion at Winchester, and the War Department, from the date of his appointment to that situation to the present time: And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Arterial Lists of Arterial Drainage Districts in Ireland in which Final Awards have been made:—Of Arterial Drainage Districts commenced, but in which Final Awards have not yet been made:—Return of Navigations combined with Drainage:—Lists of Arterial Drainage Districts for which Final Notices were issued, but in which the Works have not yet been commenced:—And, of Arterial Drainage Districts for which Memorials were presented to the Board of Works in Ireland, and in which the Preliminary Surveys were commenced, but not completed.

Viscount Duncon accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mossey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Annual and Medicinal Charities (Ireland.) Report for the year 1856—For the State of the Poor in Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, 14 & 15 Vic. c. 68.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to the state of the Kaffir Colours. Collections.

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

Mr. Low, also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Accidents Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, on certain Accidents which occurred on Railways during the Months of January and February 1857.

Abstract of Reports on the Trade of various Countries and Places for the year 1855—56, received by the Board of Trade (through the Foreign Office), from Her Majesty's Ministers and Consuls.


Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in Statistical each of the last Fifteen years, from 1842 to 1856. Abstract.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Schools of Art.

Mr. Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Land Transport Corps.

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 Customs Duties Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Racehorse Duty Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Pauper Maintenance Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Mutiny Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Marine Mutiny Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill:

The Lords have agreed to the Exchequer Bills (£21,049,700) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill:

The Lords have agreed to the Cornwall Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to Price's Patent Candle Company Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Extra-parochial Places Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Message by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod; Mr. Speaker.

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, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Communications 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 the Lords, thereby authorized, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

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An Act for settling and securing an Annuity on Argyleshire to the Right honourable Charles Shaw Stewart, in consideration of his eminent Services:

An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty-one million four hundred and forty-nine thousand seven hundred pounds by the Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven:

An Act to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven, and to appropriate the Surplus granted by this Session of Parliament:

An Act to authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, Commons, in pursuance of a Return of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales:

An Act to amend the Commissioners of Supply Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act, 1846:

An Act to reduce the Rates of Duty on Provisions and Minerals arising from Property, Professions, Trades and Offices:

An Act to indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for and be admitted to the Offices and Employments, and to extend the Time limited for those purposes respectively:

An Act to continue Appointments under the Act copyhold for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing Proceedings under the Act:

An Act to continue certain temporary Provisions Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in England:

An Act to amend an Act of the ninth year of King George the Fourth, chapter eighty-two, intituled, "An Act to make Provision for the lighting, cleansing and watching of Cities, Towns, Corporate and Market Towns in Ireland, in certain cases;"

An Act for granting certain Duties on Tea, Sugar, and other Articles:

An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament for repealing, and re-imposing under new Regulations, the Duty on Racehorses:

An Act to continue the Act for charging the Pauper Maintenance Bill, without any Amendment:

An Act to provide for the Relief of the Poor in Extra-parochial Places:

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 Marine Royal Marine Forces while on Shore:

An Act for enabling the Great Western, Bristol and Exeter and South Devon Railway Companies to afford further Assistance towards the Completion of the Cornwall Railway between Plymouth and Truro, for extending the Time for the Completion thereof, and for other purposes:

An Act to re-incorporate Price's Patent Candle Company, Limited, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Whitehaven, Cleator and Egremont Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes:

The Lords Commissioners was delivered to both Houses by the Lord High Chancellor, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you, that in releasing you at this early period from your attendance in Parliament it is Her Majesty's intention immediately to dissolve the present Parliament, in order to ascertain in the most constitutional manner the sense of Her People upon the present state of Public Affairs.

Gentlemen
Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the exigencies of the Public Service during the period that will elapse before the New Parliament, which Her Majesty will direct immediately to be called, shall have been able to give its deliberate attention to these matters.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to express the satisfaction which She feels at your having been able, during the present Session, materially to reduce the burthens of Her People. Her Majesty commands us to assure you that it is Her fervent prayer that the several Constituencies of the United Kingdom, upon whom will devolve the exercise of those high functions which by the Constitution belong to them, may be guided by an All-wise Providence to the selection of Representatives whose wisdom and patriotism may aid Her Majesty in Her constant endeavours to maintain the honour and dignity of Her Crown, and to promote the welfare and happiness of Her People.

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 now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the 30th day of April next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 30th day of April next.
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HOUSE of COMMONS.

1857.—Sess. II.

From April the 30th to November the 6th 1857.

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By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

For dissolving the present Parliament, and declaring
the Calling of another.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with
the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve
this present Parliament, which was this day pro-
rogued, and stands prorogued to Thursday the
Thirtieth day of April next: We do, for that end,
publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby
dissolve the said Parliament accordingly; and the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights,
Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners
for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons,
are discharged from their meeting and attendance
on the said Thursday the Thirtieth day of April
next: And We, being desirous and resolved, as soon
as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their
advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all
Our loving Subjects Our Royal will and pleasure
to call a new Parliament; And do hereby further
declare, That, with the advice of Our Privy Council,

We have given Order that Our Chancellor of that
part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain,
and Our Chancellor of Ireland, do respectively,
upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due
form, and according to Law, for calling a new Par-
lament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal
Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our United
Kingdom, require Writs forthwith to be issued ac-
cordingly by Our said Chancellors respectively, for
calling the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and
Commons, who are to serve in the said Parliament,
to be duly returned to, and give their attendance in,
Our said Parliament; which Writs are to be re-
turnable on Thursday the Thirtieth day of April
next.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this
Twenty-first day of March, in the year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-
seven, and in the twentieth year of Our reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
Parliament, inceptum et tentum apud civitatem Westmonasteriensem, die Jovis, 30° die Aprilis, anno 20° regni Dominiæ nostræ VICTORIÆ, Dei gratiâ Britanniarum Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris; annoque Domini 1857.

On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed), Sir Denis Le Marchant, Clerk of the House of Commons, and Thomas Erskine May and Henry Lay, Esquires, Clerks Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Charles Romilly, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said Sir Denis Le Marchant a Book, containing a List of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament.

Several of the Members repaired to their Seats.

A Message was delivered by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod;

Gentlemen,

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 went up to the House of Peers; where the Lord Chancellor and other Lords named in the Commission, sitting on a Form, between the Throne and the Woolsacks;

The Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

HER Majesty not thinking fit to be here present this day in Her Royal Person, has been pleased, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, to cause Letters Patent to be passed under Her Great Seal, constituting us, and several other Lords therein named, Her Commissioners, to do all things in Her Majesty’s Name, on Her part necessary to be performed in this Parliament; this will more fully appear by the Letters Patent themselves, which must now be read.

Then the said Letters Patent were read; and are as follow:

VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith: To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas, by the advice of Our Council, for certain arduous and urgent affairs concerning Us, the state and defence of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Church, We have ordered a certain Parliament to be holden at Our City of Westminster, on Thursday the Thirtieth day of April instant: And forasmuch as, for certain causes, We cannot conveniently be present in Our Royal Person in Our said Parliament on the said Thirtieth day of April instant, Know ye, That We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity and care of Our most dear Cousin and Faithful Councillor George William Frederick Charles Duke of Cambridge; The Most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Councillor John Bird Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitian; Our well-beloved and faithful Councillor Robert Morey Lord Cranworth, Chancellor of that part of Our said United Kingdom called Great Britain; The most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Councillor Thomas Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitian; Our most dear Cousins and Councillors Granville George Earl Granville, President of Our Council; Dudley Earl of Harrowby, Keeper of Our Privy Seal; Edward Adolphus Duke of Somerset, Charles Duke of Richmond, Francis Duke of Bedford, William Spencer Duke of Devonshire, Walter Francis Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, George
And then the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We have it in Command from Her Majesty to let you know, That as soon as the Members of both Houses shall be sworn, the causes of Her Majesty's calling this Parliament will be declared to you; and it being necessary a Speaker of the House of Commons should be first chosen, it is Her Majesty's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and that you present such person whom you shall so choose, here, To-morrow, at Two o'clock, for Her Majesty's Royal Appointment.

And the House being returned;

Lord Harry Vane, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, John Evelyn Denison, Esquire, and moved, "That John Evelyn Denison, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," which Motion was seconded by Thomas Thorneby, Esquire.

The House then calling Mr. Evelyn Denison to the Chair, he took his place by the said bird Harry Vane and Mr. Thorneby, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.

Then Viscount Palmerston, having congratulated Mr. Speaker elect, moved, "That the House do now adjourn;" and the Right honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, having also congratulated Mr. Speaker elect, seconded by Thomas Thornely, Esquire.

Mr. Speaker then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Chair, he was taken out of his place by the said Lord Harry Vane and Mr. Thornely, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker.

The House accordingly adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 1° die Maii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

The House being met; and Mr. Speaker elect having taken the Chair;

A Message was delivered by Sir Augustus Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty's Royal approbation.

Then the Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified Her Majesty's approbation of Mr. Speaker elect.

The House being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers, where Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Commissioners, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; and that he had in their name, and on their behalf, by humble Petition to Her Majesty, laid claim to all their ancient Rights and Privileges, particularly that their Persons and Servants might be free from Arrests and all Molestations; that they may enjoy Liberty of Speech in all their Debates; may have access to Her Majesty's Royal Person whenever occasion shall require; and that all their Proceedings may receive from Her Majesty the most favourable construction; which, he said, Her Majesty, by Her said Commissioners, had confirmed to them in as full and ample a manner as they have been heretofore granted or allowed by Her Majesty, or any of Her Royal Predecessors.

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his most respectful acknowledgments to the House for the high honour they had done him.

Mr. Speaker then put the House in mind, that the first thing to be done was to take and subscribe the Oaths by Law required.

And thereupon Mr. Speaker first alone, standing Mr. Speaker upon the upper step of the Chair, took the Oaths taken by the Clerk of the House an account of his Qualification.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Sabbati, 2° die Maii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL other Members took the Oaths of Members of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of his Qualification.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 4° die Maii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL other Members took the Oaths of Members of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of their Qualification.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Martis, 5° die Maii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL other Members took the Oaths of Members of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of their Qualification.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Members take Oaths.

SEVERAL other Members took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of their Qualification; and one Member, being one of the People called Quakers, made the Affirmation required by law; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of his Qualification.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

A Message was delivered by Sir Augustine Clifford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

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

Several other Members took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration; and delivered to the Clerk of the House an account of their Qualification.

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 been tampering with any Witness, in respect of his Evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavored to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving Evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of Metropolitan Police, the Metropolis 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 dis- order 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 elsewhere; and that the Serjeant-at-Arms-attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

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 Bill, or such as he shall appoint do pres. to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be ap- pointed.

Ordered, That all Petitions complaining of undue Election Elections and Returns, be printed, and that the Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Clandes- tine Outlawries, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Public Income and Expenditure Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure for the year ended the 31st day of March 1857, together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the State of the Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Ac- count.

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

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com. Turnpike Trusts, a Bill for making

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by direction of the Secretary of State, under the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 80, Nos. 1 to 14.

Mr. Massey also presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of June 1856, for a Return from the Manchester and Salford Hundred Courts of Record, of the Total Number of Causes entered in the year 1855; the Number under £ 5, above £ 5, and under £ 10, and above £ 10; of the Total Number of Causes tried, the Number of Causes in which Defendants appeared by Attorney; the Total Amount of Monies for which Causes were entered; the Total Amount of Monies, exclusive of Costs, for which Causes were entered, and the Total Amount of Costs; the Gross Total of Fees received, and the Amount of Fees paid to each Officer of the Court; the Scale of Fees charged in the Proceedings of the Court; a List of the first Fifty Causes entered in the year 1855, in which the Defendant appeared by Attorney at the hearing of the Cause; the Names of the Plaintiff and Defendant; the Amount of Money sued for; the Amount of Money for which Judgment was given in each Case; and the Costs in each Case.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, stating in each case the Name of the Benefice, and whether in Public or Private Patronage; the Amount, as far as can be ascertained, of its present Income, and the Amount of Benefaction, if any, offered to meet a Grant from the Commissioners.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2d day of July 1856, for a Return of all Applications for Augmentation or Endowment of Benefices received by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and not yet provided for, stating in each case the Name of the Benefice, and whether in Public or Private Patronage; the Amount, as far as can be ascertained, of its present Income, and the Amount of Benefaction, if any, offered to meet a Grant from the Commissioners.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing the Total Number of Gallons of 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 or Molasses with Unmalted Grain, or from Sugar, or from Molasses; and giving also the Total Quantity of the Spirit produced in each Sort in the United Kingdom, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Of the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits (distinguishing the Sorts), on which Duty was paid for Home Consumption in each of the three Kingdoms, with the Rate per Gallon and the Amount of such Duty; also, the Total Number of Gallons and Duty in the United Kingdom, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Shewing, under separate Heads, the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits, distinguishing the Materials from which made, imported into each Kingdom from each of the others respectively; stating also the Rate per Gallon, and the Total Amount thereof (in each case), and what Portion of such Duty was paid on removal of the Spirits from Bond, and what after their arrival in England; also, what Portion was actually warehoused under Excise Lock, distinguishing Malt from Grain Spirits, in England, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits permitted out of Distillers' Stocks in England, and the Total Quantity of Proof Gallons of British Brandy and Spirits of Wine permitted out of Rectifiers' Stocks in England for Home Consumption; also, the Total Quantity of Proof Gallons of Rum received into Rectifiers' Stocks for Rectification, in England, Scotland and Ireland, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits distilled in England, Scotland and Ireland, distinguishing the Quantities in each Country delivered, Duty paid, direct from Distillers' Stocks, from the Quantities put into Bond, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Of the Total Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits paid on removal of Spirits from Bond, distinguishing Malt, permitted out from Distillers' Stocks in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports under Drawback, for the years ending the 5th day of January 1855 and 1856;—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Spirits paid on removal of Spirits from Bond, distinguishing the Quantities in each Country permitted out from Distillers' Stocks in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports under Drawback, for the years ending the 5th day of January 1855 and 1856;—Of the Total Number of Gallons of Spirits paid on removal of Spirits from Bond, distinguishing the Quantities in each Country permitted out from Distillers' Stocks in England, Scotland and Ireland, for Exportation to Foreign Ports, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1856;—Similar Account for the year ending
the 31st day of December 1856.—And, of the Total Number of Gallons of Methyl Alcohol sold by the Excise, and the Total Number of Gallons of Methyled Spirits made by Persons licensed to sell the same, under the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 98, from the 1st day of October 1856 to the 31st day of December 1856 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 214, of Session 1856).

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Number of Instructions lodged with the Officers of Excise in Ireland in each of the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, against Persons sporting in that Country without Game Certificates, and the Number of such Cases in which Prosecutions have been instituted for the Penalty, and the result of such Proceedings:—And, of the Number of Game Certificates taken out in each District in Ireland in each of the following years, namely, from 1843 to 1856 inclusive.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Accounts of the Total Number of Acres of Land in the United Kingdom under the Cultivation of Hops in the year 1856; distinguishing the Number of Acres in each Parish; and the Number of Pounds weight charged with Duty in each Collection; and the Number of Pounds weight charged with Duty in each Parish of the Castlebury and Rochester Collections; and the Amount of Duty charged on Hops in each Collection of the growth of the year 1856, distinguishing the Districts, and the Old from the New Duty in each District; showing the Average Amount of Duty per Acre in each Collection:—Of the Quantity of British Hops exported from the United Kingdom to Foreign Countries, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively; 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 Hops were grown:—Of the Quantity of Foreign Hops exported from the United Kingdom to Foreign Countries, from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856, respectively; distinguishing the Countries to which the same have been exported, and also the Quantities to each Country:—Of the Quantity of Foreign Hops imported into the United Kingdom from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856 respectively; distinguishing the Ports where imported, and the Countries from whence exported:—Of the Total Number of Pounds weight of Foreign Hops charged for Duties charged for Home Consumption from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, and from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of December 1856 respectively; distinguishing the Ports where charged, and the Countries from whence charged:—Of all British Spirits remaining in Duty-free Warehouses, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits Duty-paid or removed in Bond, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits remaining in Duty-free Warehouses, on the 15th day of February 1857:

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—Similar Accounts for Scotland:—And, similar Accounts for England.

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Copy, and a Return of the Sum Total of all Monies paid or allotted to Draughtsman by the several Public Departments, during the year 1856, for Drafting or定居 the Drafts of Parliamentary Bills; and, in case such Draughtsman is a member of or employed under any Commission, the Name of such Draughtsman, and the Amount received by him.

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Duty paid by Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the last Two years on Passengers’ Traffic, and distinguishing the Amount paid by each Company each year.

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March, British in the last Session of Parliament, for Accounts of Spirits, all British Spirits in Duty-free Warehouses in the United Kingdom, on the 1st day of January 1857:—Of all British Spirits put in Duty-free Warehouses, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits Duty-paid or removed in Bond, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 15th day of February 1857:—Of all British Spirits remaining in Duty-free Warehouses, on the 15th day of February 1857:
to Colonel Prosser, late lieutenant-governor of the Royal Military College.

Pilotage.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th March 1856, granting a special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. William Garwood, late Miller at the Prisoners' barracks at Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land.

Mail Guard.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 11th March 1857, granting a special Superannuation Allowance to John Campbell, late a Mail Guard.

An Account of every Increase and Diminution which has taken place in the year 1856 in the Number of Persons employed, or in the Salaries, Emoluments, Allowances, and Expenses in all Public Offices or Departments.

An Account of all Allowances or Compensations granted as Retired Allowances or Superannuations in all Public Offices or Departments which remained payable on the 1st of January 1856; the Annual Amount which ceased within the year 1856; the Annual Amount which was granted in the year 1856; and the Total Amount remaining payable on the 31st of December 1856.

Pilotage.

Mr. Lowe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—A Return of all Bye-laws, Regulations, Orders or Ordinances relating to Pilot or Pilotage for the time being in force issued by the respective Pilotage Authorities of the United Kingdom,—Of the Names and Ages of the Pilots or Apprentices licensed or authorized to act by the Pilotage Authorities, and of all Pilots or Apprentices acting either immediately or immediately under such Authorities, whether so licensed or authorized or not,—Of the Service for which each Pilot or Apprentice is licensed,—Of the Rates of Pilotage for the time being in force, at the Ports under the Jurisdiction of the respective Pilotage Authorities, including therein the Rates and Scales of such Rates for the time being in force, and the several Amounts received in respect of different Classes of Vessels paying different Rates of Pilotage, according to the Scale of such Rates for the time being in force, and the several Amounts received for the several Classes of Service rendered by Pilots; and also the Amount paid by such Vessels (if any) as have, before reaching the Limits of Pilotage Water, if Outward bound, or their Port of Destination, if Inward bound, to take or pay for two or more Pilots, whether licensed by the same or by different Pilotage Authorities; together with the Numbers of the Vessels of each of the several Classes paying such several Amounts as aforesaid:—Of the Receipt and Expenditure of all Monies received by or on behalf of the respective Pilotage Authorities aforesaid, or by or on behalf of any Sub-Commissioners appointed by them in respect of Pilots or Pilotage (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 934, of 1856).

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal for opening and holding this present Parliament, and that the Lord High Chancellor, being one of the said Commissioners, made a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, as follows:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We are commanded to inform you, that Her Majesty has availed herself of the earliest opportunity of having recourse to your advice and assistance after the Dissolution of the last Parliament; and Her Majesty trusts that there will be found sufficient time during the present Session to enable you satisfactorily to deal with various important matters, some of which came under the consideration of Parliament in the beginning of this year.

We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you, that the general aspect of affairs in Europe affords a well-grounded confidence in the continuance of peace.

All the main stipulations of the Treaty of Paris have been carried into execution, and it is to be hoped that what remains to be done in regard to those matters will be speedily accomplished.

The Negotiations upon the subject of the differences which had arisen between the King of Prussia and the Swiss Confederation, in regard to the affairs of Neuchâtel, are drawing to a close, and will, Her Majesty trusts, be terminated by an arrangement honourable and satisfactory to all parties.

The Negotiations in which Her Majesty has been engaged with the Government of the United States, and with the Government of Honduras, in regard to the affairs of Central America, have not yet been brought to a close.

We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you that a Treaty of Peace between Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia was signed at Paris on the 4th of March, by Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris and by the Ambassador of the Shah; and Her Majesty will give Her Majesty the earliest opportunity of laying before you as soon as the ratifications thereof shall have been duly exchanged.

Her Majesty commands us to express to you Her Majesty's satisfaction that, at the date of the latest advices from China, the differences which had arisen between the High Commissioner at Canton and Her Majesty's Civil and Naval Officers in China still remain unadjusted; but Her Majesty has sent to China a Plei­potentiary with full authority to arrange such matters as may be left unadjusted in respect of differences, and that Pleni­potentiary will be supported by an adequate Naval and Military Force, in the event of any assistance becoming necessary.

We are commanded to inform you, that Her Ma­jesty, in conjunction with several other European Powers, has concluded a Treaty with the King of Denmark for the redemption of the Sound Dues. This Treaty, together with a separate Convention between Her Majesty and the King of Denmark, completing the arrangement, will be laid before you; and Her Majesty will cause the measures necessary for fulfilling the engagements thereby contracted to be submitted for your consideration.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty has directed the Estimatives for the present year to be laid before you. They have been prepared with a careful attention to economy, and with a due regard to the efficiency of the departments of the Public Service to which they severally relate.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to recommend to your earnest consideration measures which will be proposed to you for the consolidation and improvement of the Law.

Bills will be submitted to you for improving the Laws relating to the Testamentary and Matrimonial Jurisdiction now exercised by the Ecclesiastical Courts, and also for checking fraudulent Breaches of Trust.

Her Majesty commands us to express to you Her deepest gratification at witnessing the continued well-being and contentment of Her People, and the progressive development of productive industry throughout Her Dominions.

Her Majesty confidently commits to your wisdom and care the great interests of Her Empire, and fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may be vouchsafed to your deliberations, and may lead
lead you to conclusions conducive to the objects of
Her Majesty's constant solicitude, the welfare and
happiness of Her loyal and faithful People.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
Her Majesty, to convey to Her Majesty the
Thanks of this House for the gracious Speech which
Her Majesty has been commanded to be made to both
Houses of Parliament:

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that She
has availed Herself of the earliest opportunity of
having recourse to our advice and assistance after
the Dissolution of the last Parliament; and we
unite with Her Majesty in trusting that there will
be found sufficient time during the pre-ent Session
to enable us satisfactorily to deal with various im-
portant matters, some of which had occupied the
attention of Parliament in the beginning of the year:

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that the
general aspect of affairs in Europe affords a well-
ground confidence in the continuance of Peace:

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that all the
main stipulations of the Treaty of Paris have been
carried into execution, and to assure Her Majesty
that we participate in the hope that what remains
to be done in regard to those matters will be speedily
accomplished:

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that the
Negotiations in which She has been engaged with
the Government of the United States, and with the
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To thank Her Majesty for informing us that a
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of Persia was signed at Paris on the 4th of March,
by Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris and by the
Ambassador of the Shah; and to thank Her Ma-
jesty for Her gracious intimation that this Treaty
shall be laid before us as soon as the ratifications
thereof shall have been duly exchanged:

To assure Her Majesty that we share Her regret
that at the date of the latest advices from China
the differences which had arisen between the High
Commissioner at Canton and Her Majesty's Civil
and Naval Officers in China, still remained unad-
justed; and to convey to Her Majesty our thanks for
informing us that She has sent to China a Plenipo-
tiary, to succeed the late Commissioner at Canton,
and to negotiate with the Emperor of the French relative to
Portendic and Albreda.

To thank Her Majesty for having directed the
Estimates for the present year to be laid before us;
and also that Her Majesty will cause the measures
necessary for fulfilling the engagements thereby
contracted to be submitted for our consideration:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for having di-
rected the estimates for the present year to be laid
before us, and for the assurance that they have
been prepared with a careful attention to economy,
and with a due regard to the efficiency of the de-
partments of the Public Service to which they
severely relate:

To assure Her Majesty that we will take into
our earnest consideration measures which are to be
proposed to us for the consolidation and improve-
ment of the Law, and to thank Her Majesty for
apprising us that Bills will be submitted to us for
improving the Laws relating to the Temporal and
Matrimonial Jurisdiction now exercised by the
Ecclesiastical Courts, and also for checking fraudu-
lent Breaches of Trust:

To assure Her Majesty that we concur in the
expression of Her heartfelt gratification at witnessing
the continued well-being and contentment of
Her People, and the progressive development of
productive industry throughout Her Dominions:

To thank Her Majesty for assuring us that She
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ently pray that the blessing of Almighty God may
be vouchsafed to our deliberations, and may lead us
to conclusions conducive to the objects of Her
Majesty's constant solicitude, the welfare and hap-
iness of Her loyal and faithful People.

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 ap-
pointed of Mr. Johnston, Mr. Buchan, Viscount
Palmerston, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir
George Grey, Mr. Secretary Labouchere, Sir Charles
Wood, Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Baines, Mr. Attorney
General, Sir Benjamin Hall, Mr. Attorney General for
Ireland, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Edward
Bowenier, Mr. Hyder and Mr. FitzRoy, or any Five
of them:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That the Speech of the Lords Com-
Speech
missioners to both Houses of Parliament be referred
next, to a Committee.

A Petition of Lieutenant Colonel George Gore Mayo
Oswestley Higgins, complaining of an undue
Election, was referred to the Committee of
Orders of the House of the 12th day of March,
and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 1].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to
the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant
or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as
shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on
the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Savings
next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the
laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for
the establishment of Savings Banks with the secu-
rity of the Government.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Canton
Command,—Further Papers relating to the Pro-
ceedings of Her Majesty's Naval Forces at Canton.

Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and Portendic
the Emperor of the French relative to Portendic and Albreda
Albreda ; signed at London, March 7, 1857.

Copy of Treaty, Protocol and Convention for the Sound Dues.
Redemption of the Sound Dues; signed at Copen-
hagen, March 14, 1857.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 8° die Maii ;
Anno 20° Victoriae Regna, 1857.

P R A Y E R S.

TH E House was moved, That the Standing Private Bills,
Orders of the House of the 12th day of March,
in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Private
Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament,
might be read; and the same being read;

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Aba Parish
Aber Parish Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February, in the last Session of Parlia-
ment,
The House was moved, That the Petition for the Bedford and Leighton Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;
and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Birkenhead District Gas and Water Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Birkenhead Docks (Construction) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Blyth and Tyne Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Blackburn Blackburn Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Birkenhead, Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Railway Bill upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
The House was moved, That the Petition for the Bury Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, may be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Caledonian Railway (Lines to Greenock) Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Caledonian Railway (Running Powers) Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 25th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cannock Cannel (No. 1) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cannock Cannel (No. 2) Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cardigan Cardigan Markets and Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Hawick Hawick Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Charing Cross Charing Cross Bridge Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;
The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Chatham District Water Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cheshworth Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Chester Coniston Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Coniston Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cork and Bandon Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 21st day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committee.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cork and Youghal Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 22nd day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cork Consumers' Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 23rd day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cork Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Cwm Amman Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Deeside Extension Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 25th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Deeside Extension Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Doncaster and Wakefield Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Dorset Central Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders was Standing nominated of Colonel Wilson Patten, Mr. Healey, Mr. Sotheron Estcourt, Sir Robert Ferguson, Sir John Yardly Butler, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Bramston, Mr. Thornely, Mr. Elliott Lockhart, and Mr. Bowham-Carter.

The Committee of Selection was nominated of Committee of Mr. Sotheron Estcourt, Sir Robert Ferguson, Mr. Bowham-Carter, Mr. Palmer, Lord Harry Vane, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That the Committee of Selection, on Private Bills, giving not less than Seven days' notice to each Member of the week in which he will be required to serve, have Power to form and appoint the meeting of all Committees on the Private Bills referred to them or to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, with the exception of Private Bills against
against which the time for presenting Petitions had not expired in the last Session of Parliament, provided Seven clear days elapse between the Second Reading of such Bills and the sitting of the Committee thereon; and that Three clear days’ notice only be required to be given by the Clerk of the Committee of Selection to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of the day and hour fixed for the first meeting of any such Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present to this House, a Report upon the Private Bills for Harbours, Decks, Navigations, &c., in conformity with the practice in force with respect to Railway Bills.

Mr. Lowe presented, pursuant to Order,—Reports from the Board of Trade relative to Harbour, &c., Bills.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to Her Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address 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 Thanks for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has commanded to be made to both Houses of Parliament.

We thank Your Majesty for informing us that Your Majesty has availed Yourself of the earliest opportunity of having recourse to our advice and assistance after the Dissolution of the last Parliament; and we unite with Your Majesty in trusting that all the main stipulations of the Treaty of Paris have been carried into execution; and we assure Your Majesty that we participate in the hope that what remains to be done in regard to those matters will be speedily accomplished.

We render our Thanks to Your Majesty for informing us that the Negotiations upon the subject of the differences which had arisen between the King of Prussia and the Swiss Confederation, in regard to the affairs of Neuchâtel, are drawing to a close; and that Your Majesty trusts that the Negotiations will be terminated by an arrangement honourable and satisfactory to all parties:

We thank Your Majesty for informing us that the Negotiations in which Your Majesty has been engaged with the Government of the United States, and with the Government of Honduras, in regard to the affairs of Central America, have not yet been brought to a close:

We also thank Your Majesty for informing us that Your Majesty’s Treaty between Your Majesty and the Shah of Persia was signed at Paris, on the 4th of March, by Your Majesty’s Ambassador at Paris and by the Ambassador of the Shah; and we thank Your Majesty for Your gracious intimation that this Treaty shall be laid before us as soon as the Ratifications thereof shall have been duly exchanged:

We assure Your Majesty that we share Your Majesty’s regret that, at the date of the latest advices from China, the differences which had arisen between the High Commissioner at Canton and Your Majesty’s Civil and Naval Officers in China still remained unadjusted; and we beg to convey to Your Majesty our Thanks for informing us that Your Majesty has sent to China a Plenipotentiary fully instructed to deal with all matters of difference, who will be supported by an adequate Naval and Military Force in the event of such assistance becoming necessary:

We thank Your Majesty for informing us that, in conjunction with several other European Powers, Your Majesty has concluded a Treaty with the King of Denmark for the redemption of the Sound Dues; and that this Treaty, together with a separate Convention between Your Majesty and the King of Denmark, completing the arrangement, will be laid before us, and that Your Majesty will cause the measures necessary for fulfilling the engagements thereby contracted to be submitted for our consideration:

We humbly thank Your Majesty for having directed the Estimates for the present year to be laid before us, and for the assurance that they have been prepared with a careful attention to economy, and with a due regard to the efficiency of the departments of the Public Service to which they severally relate:

We assure Your Majesty that we will take into our earnest consideration measures which are to be proposed to us for the consolidation and improvement of the Law; and we thank Your Majesty for apprising us that Bills will be submitted to us for improving the Laws relating to the Testamentary and Matrimonial Jurisdiction now exercised by the Ecclesiastical Courts, and also for checking fraudulent Breaches of Trust:

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We humbly thank Your Majesty for assuring us that You confidently commit to our wisdom and care the great interests of Your Majesty’s Empire, and, in common with Your Majesty, we fervently pray that the blessing of Almighty God may be showered on our deliberations, and may lead us to conclusions conducive to the welfare and happiness of Your loyal and faithful People.

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

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 Speech of the Lords Commissioners of the several County Treasurers in England and Wales, for the year ending Michaelmas 1856.

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

Mr. Lowe presented, pursuant to the directions of the Lords Commissioners of the Privy Council, a Copy of an Order of Council of the 2d April 1857, under the 13 & 12 Vic.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Danish to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to
 render Judgments or Decrees obtained in certain
 Courts in England, Scotland and Ireland respecti
tively, effectual in any other part of the United
 Kingdom: And that Mr. Crawford and Mr. Dunlop
do prepare, and bring it in.

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do prepare, and bring it in.
A Petition of Robert Alexander Shafto Adair, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 2].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of Henry Handcock, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Henry Handcock, of Her Majesty's Forty-fourth Regiment of Foot, a Candidate at the last Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Athlone, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 9].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Edward Fellowes, of Ramsey Abbey, in the County of Huntingdon, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 4].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

_Luna, 11° die Maii;_ Anno 20° Victoriae Regine, 1857.

**PRAYERS.**

A PETITION of the Promoters of the Banff, Macduff and Turriff Extension Railway Bill, praying that Provision may be made in the Banff, Macduff and Turriff Extension Railway Bill for giving Power to the Company to alter a Turnpike Road and Public Road in the Parish of Turriff for maintaining and repairing a part of the Turnpike Road, when diverted, at the expense of the Company; and for making an Embankment to keep out flood water; and also at the expense of the Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had formed into Groups certain Private Bills, and had agreed to report the same to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Seymour presented,—Return to an Order dated the 16th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for Copy of Correspondence between Mir Jafer Ali Khan and the Court of Directors, and between the same and the President of the Board of Control, respecting the Property of the late Nawab of Sutat.

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

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Dumbarton Dumbarton Water, &c. Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 23rd day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the East Somerset Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the East Somerset Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Electric Telegraph Company Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed, with reference to the Subscription Contract.

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to lie upon the Table.

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Fownhope and Holme Lacy Bridge Bill, which was presented upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Fraserburgh Harbour Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 23rd day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Glasgow City Glasgow Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of (Capital) Bill leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;
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The House was moved, That the Petition for the Inverness and Nairn Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Ipswich Water Bill, which was presented upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Ipswich Islington Parish Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Kinross-shire Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Kilburn Bridge Market Bill, which was presented upon Market Bill, the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Kilburn Bridge Market, Town Hall, &c. Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Kinross-shire Railway Bill, which was presented upon the Railway Bill, upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingliston Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Landport and Southsea Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for
for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the

Leslie Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the

Liverpool and Dock Dues (St. Helen's Canal and Railway Company) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the

Liverpool and Birkenhead Docks Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the

London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the

London (City) Coal Duties Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions 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, an Account of the Total Sum expended at Einfelth Factory, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of March 1857; the Amount under the following Heads to be separately specified; viz. — Building, Machinery, Miscellaneous Stores, Salaries and Wages.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a National Return of the whole Amount of the National Debt, of Great Britain and Ireland (including any Foreign Loans which have been considered as forming part of the National Debt of Great Britain), Funded and Unfunded, separately; also, of all Annuities for Terms of years; and also, of the Charge for Management of the National Debt, stated year by year, from the year 1691 (as far as practicable) to the 5th day of January 1857; the Irish Debt only to be included from the Date of the Union.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Savings Bank Returns relative to Savings Banks, in continuation of Banks, Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1854, to November 20, 1856;—And, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1855, to November 20, 1856.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to County Treasurer, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Cambridge University, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Oxford University, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Merchant Seamen's Fund, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

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Ordered, That an Abstract of the Accounts relative to Increase and Diminution (Public Offices), which were presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Superannuations (Public Offices), which were presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Report of the Decimal Committee.

Tables of Criminal Offenders for the year 1556; Criminal Offenders reported by Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland, in terms of the Statute 1 Gul. 4, c. 37, with alterations and additions; ordered and required by Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in virtue of the Powers therein contained.


Copy of Annual Report of the National Vaccine Board, 1857.
and, if so, the Reason or Reasons, if any, alleged for such recommendation.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of July 1856, for a Return of the Charges to the East India Government incurred in the Growth and Monopoly of Opium; specifying Salaries of all Descriptions, the Cost of Manufacture, of Sales, of Transport to Calcutta, Warehouse Rent, and other Expenditure, for Ten years, including the last year in which Returns are complete:—Like Return showing the Amount of Advances, under the following Heads. —Outstanding Balances, including Interest at the commencement of year; Sums received in Cash on account of Balances; Sums struck off as irrecoverable. Contract Price paid to Cultivator; Advances during the year; and outstanding Claims at the end of the year;—Like Return of Losses incurred on bad or insecurely packed Opium, including Drawbacks allowed to Purchasers;—Like Return of the Value of the Houses, Stock, &c., available to Government if the Monopoly were abolished;—Like Return of the Charges to the East India Company on the Opium manufactured in Native States and transmitted to Ports of Exportation in the Company's Territories;—And, like Abstract Return of the Gross and Net Receipts received by the Company's Treasury.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of the Lords Commissioners 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Savings Banks.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the establishment of Savings Banks with the Security of the Government. 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 To-morrow.

The Transportation and Penal Servitude 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 second reading of the Industrial Schools Bill;

Return 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 Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Bank Acts. for inquiring into the operation of the Bank Act of 1844 (7 & 8 Vic. c. 32), and of the Bank Acts for Ireland and Scotland of 1843 (8 & 9 Vic. c. 57, 58).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill General Board for transferring the Powers of the General Board of Health to a Committee of the Privy Council:—And that Sir George Grey and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on Printing was nominated Printing. of Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Greene, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Disetti, Mr. Giacchi, Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Sotheron Estcourt, Mr. Bonham-Carter and Mr. Thurlby.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That a Standing Committee of Sixteen Members be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the House, direction of the Library, and to whom shall be referred all matters relating thereto:—And a Committee was appointed of Colonel Wilson Patten, Lord John Russell, Sir James Graham, Mr. Menockton Milnes, Mr. Diardi, Mr. Walpole, The Lord Advocate, Lord Naas, Mr. Sidney Herbert, Mr. Bromston, Sir William Heathcote, Mr. Baines, Mr. Massey and Lord Harry Vane.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Ceylon. to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter, under date the 17th day of January 1857, addressed by Viscount Torrington to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the state of the Colony of Ceylon.

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 was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Copy London and of the Correspondence that has taken place between Dublin Com- the North Western Railway Company or the City of lication. Dublin and the Treasury or Post Office, during the years 1855, 1856 and 1857, relative to the proposed improved Postal and Passenger Communication between London and Dublin;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Eclesiastic further to provide for the mode of securing the In- London andcomes of Ecclesiastical Corporations aggregate and sole: And that the Marquis of Lansford and Mr. Ingham do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Receipt, Issue and Audit of Public Monies in the Exchequer, the Pay Office, and the Audit Department.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency 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.

The Marquis of Blandford presented a Bill further to provide for the mode of securing the Incomes of Ecclesiastical Corporations aggregate and sole: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3d day of June next; and to be printed.

A Petition of Andrew Stuart and Thomas Southworth, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Rochdale, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 5].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of the Right honourable John Arthur Wyne, of Hacketwood, in the County of Sligo, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 6].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report from Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Denmark, on the Negotiation for the redemption of the Sound Duties.

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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Metropolitan New Streets and Improvements Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Mansfield and Workop Road Bill

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mansfield and Workop Road Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Margate Water Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Margate Water Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed, with reference to the Subscription Contract.

Mayor's Court of the City of London Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mayor's Court of the City of London Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Medical, Legal and General Mutual, and New Equitable Life Assurance Companies Amalgamation Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Medical, Legal and General Mutual, and New Equitable Life Assurance Companies Amalgamation Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Meriton's and Hagen's Sufferance Wharves Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Meriton's and Hagen's Sufferance Wharves Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Metropolitan New Streets and Improvements Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Metropolitan Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 19th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mid-Kent Mid-Kent Railway (Croydon Extension) Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mid-Kent and Mid-Kent and South Kent Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Great Western Line) Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mid-Kent Mid-Kent and South Kent Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mid-Sussex Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Great Western Line) Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Mid-Kent and Mid-Kent and South Kent Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Great Western Line) Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Midland Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Great Western Line) Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
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The House was moved, That the Petition for the Newry and Neen Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Newry, Warrenpoint and Roscrea Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the New River Company Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The House was moved, That the Petition for the Newquay Pier and Harbour, and Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill, which was presented upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
The House was moved, That the Petition for the Portsmouth Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Portsmouth Water Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Prestwich, Prestwich, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Pulteney Town Harbour Bill, which was presented upon the 5th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Reading Railway Reading Railways Junction Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Reading Railway Reading Railways Junction Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Private Bills, suspended in the last Parliament, of which Members had charge who are not Members of the present Parliament, the Committee of Selection have Power to refer them to the Chairman of Ways and Means, and one Member for the place to which the Bill refers, and one Member not locally or otherwise interested.

It is gratifying to Me to be assured that the measures which will be proposed to you will receive your earnest consideration, and I feel confident that you will concur with Me in My endeavours to promote the well-being and prosperity of My people throughout My Dominions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Valuation (Ireland), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Draftsmen of Parliamentary Bills, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to British Spirits, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits and Malt, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Questions communicated by Lord Overstone to the Decimal Coinage Commissioners.

Copy of Report to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, upon the operation of the Common Lodging-houses Acts, 14 & 15 Vict. c. 28, and 16 & 17 Vict. c. 41, within the Metropolitan Police District.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Address of Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Names (alphabetically arranged) of all Places in which, according to a Return (No. 221) made in the last Session of Parliament, Free Public Libraries had then been agreed upon or established, with a Return showing how far the institution of Free Public Libraries has since been agreed upon or established from the following Places: Aberdeen, Dundalk, Hadlington (Lancashire), Kingston-upon-Hull, Lenington, Lichfield, Limerick, Marylebone, Paddington, Westminster:—And, from Bristol, Greenwich, Norwich, Preston and Southamptons, and the City of London, showing 1. Whether the Corporations of those Places hold in trust any Collection of Books bequeathed for public use, with the Date, Terms of Bequest, and Name of the Testator; 2. What is the present Extent of each of such Collections, where they are preserved and under what Custody, and what are the Terms of public access thereto; 3. Whether any Steps have been taken, or are in contemplation, under the Public Libraries Act of 1850 or of 1855, for the future Maintenance of such Collections, on the part of any of them, by Rate, or for the Amalgamation of any such Collection with other Collections formed under either of the Acts aforesaid.

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

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Reports from the Admiralty, relative to applications for Local Acts.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Exports and Imports in the United Kingdom, of Copper and Copper Ore, Zinc and Nickel.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of all Sums paid into the Inland Revenue Surplus Office in Great Britain and Ireland for Duty on Insurances against 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 1856; distinguishing the Amount of Allowance made to each Office for collecting the same in the Country, and in London, Edinburgh and Dublin, respectively, with the Dates of such Payment; together with an Abstract showing the gross Amount of Duty collected in the year by each Company:—And, like Account of Sums insured by each Office on Farming Stock for the same period.

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 Convicts who, since the passing of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 90, have received Orders of License:—Of the Number of Convicts who, after receiving such Orders of License, have been convicted of or charged with subsequent Offences:—Of the Number of Convicts whose Orders of License have been revoked:—And, of the Number of Convicts whose Licenses have been reissued or withheld in consequence of their Misconduct (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 102, of Session 1856).

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 Monies paid over to the Board of Marine Fund, Trade, on account of the Mercantile Marine Fund, by the Commissioners of the Northern Lights, the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin, and the Corporation of Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, respectively, from the time of the passing of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 131, transferring to the Board of Trade the control of these several Boards, to the 31st day of December 1856; and the Total Amount of Expenditure for each year of the Money so paid over to the Board of Trade for the respective Lighthouse Boards.

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 Correspondence and Questions relating to Vaccination, addressed on behalf of the Board of Health by Mr. J. Sims or any other official of the Board, to Foreign Governments, Hospitals, or Medical Men on the Continent; with the Replies 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 there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Amount of Salary paid to each Vestry Clerk of every Metropolitan Parish under the Metropolis Local Management Act.
Tobacco.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the several Seizures made, and of the Prosecutions for breach of the Laws relating to Tobacco, between the 5th day of January 1856, and the 5th day of January 1857; distinguishing those in Great Britain from those in Ireland; specifying the Number 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. 429, of Session 1854—55.)

Oaths.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration.

Schools in Rural Districts.

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 Schools which have been erected under the Maute of Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council of Education of the 2d day of April 1855, for promoting Voluntary Contributions towards the expense of Building Schools in Rural Districts; specifying the Name of the Parish and County in which such Schools have been erected; the Amount of Rate collected by the Inhabitants for the purposes of Building; and the Sum contributed from the National Grant in each case for the like purpose, from the 1st day of January 1854 to the 31st day of December 1856.

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.

Aggravated Assaults.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act sixteenth and seventeenth Victoria, chapter thirty, and to make better Provision for the Prevention and Punishment of Aggravated Assaults upon Women and Children, and for preventing Delay and Expense in the Administration of certain parts of the Criminal Law: And that Mr. Dillwyn, Mr. Bentinck and Viscount Raynham do prepare, and bring it in.

Sale of Beer, &c.

The House was moved, That the Acts relative to the Sale of Beer, &c. might be read; and the same being read:

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—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 amend the Laws relating to the general Sale of Beer and Cider by retail in England, and to regulate certain Places of Public Resort, Refreshment and Entertainment:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Hersey and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Property Qualifications for Members of Parliament: And that Mr. Lytton, Mr. Henry Gore Langton and Mr. Cobbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Chatham for enabling the Commissioners of the Admiralty to purchase certain Lands in the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Kent, and to stop up, divert or alter certain Ways in the said Parish, and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Mr. Osborne and Sir Charles Wood do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Portland for the better Supply of Water for the use of the Harbour, sets resorting to the Harbour of Refuge at Portland, and for enabling the Commissioners of the Admiralty to supply such Water; for vesting in the said Commissioners certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, for the purpose of building a Docks and Water Works:—And that Mr. Osborne, Sir Charles Wood and Mr. FitzRoy be the Members of the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Alderley be one other Member of the said Committee:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Mr. Locke, Viscount Scudamore, Mr. Goyne, Mr. Kinnaird, Mr. Gregson, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Charles Fitzclarence, Mr. Alexander Matheson, Mr. Garney, Mr. Percy Honybni and Viscount Goderich were nominated other Members of the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, Public to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as complain of works in progress, 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 of Abstracts 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. Bonham Carter, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Scott, Mr. Alderley, Mr. Owen Stanley, Mr. Henry Austin Bruce, Mr. Gregson, Mr. de Vere, Mr. Wise, Mr. Dillwyn, Mr. Charles Forster, Mr. Girt, Mr. Davison and Mr. Woods.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on Public Music was nominated of Sir Francis Baring, Mr. Henley, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Ellice, Mr. Henley, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir James Graham, Sir Henry Willoughby, Lord Stanley and...
and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bank Acts do consist of Twenty-Five Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Disraeli, Sir James Graham, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, Sir Charles Wood, Mr. Glyn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Coley, Sir Francis Baring, Mr. Vane, Mr. Weguelin, Mr. Hildyard, Mr. Monck, Mr. Blackstone, Mr. Martin Tucker Smith, Mr. Fergus, Mr. Hope Johnstone, Mr. John Lewis Ricardo, Mr. Evans, Mr. Tite, Mr. Puller, Mr. Ball and the Ladi of Gifford; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Report which in the last Session of Parliament was made from the Committee of Secrecy on the Bank Acts be referred to the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty; Ordered, That the Speech of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Lords Commissioners’ Speech read.

Ordered, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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 To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Savings Banks, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the establishment of Savings Banks with the security of the Government.

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, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. FitzRoy presented a Bill for enabling the Commissioners of the Admiralty to purchase certain Lands in the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Kent, to stop up, divert or alter certain Ways in the said Parish, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, which was made upon the 11th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament (Standing Orders complied with), might be read; and the same being read;

And the Bill being in every respect the same as the Bill presented in the last Session, which was read the first and second time, and committed;

The said Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Hardy presented a Bill to amend the Laws relative to the general Sale of Beer and Cider by &c. &c., retail in England, and to regulate certain Places of Public Resort, Refreshment and Entertainment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Locke King presented a Bill to abolish Property Qualifications for Members of Parliament; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Dilwyn presented a Bill to repeal the Act against Aggravated Sixteenth and Seventeenth Victoria, chapter thirty, and to make better Provision for the Prevention and Punishment of Aggravated Assaults upon Women and Children, and for preventing Delay and Expense in the Administration of certain parts of the Criminal Law: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Savings Banks to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the establishment of Savings Banks with the security of the Government: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

A Petition of John Samuel Wanley Sawbridge Wareham for Election and Return for the Borough of Wareham, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 8.]

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

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 on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Mercurii, 13° die Maii:
Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Chepstow Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th and 11th days of this instant May, 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.

Reversionary Interest Society Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Reversionary Interest Society Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Session of Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Rhymney Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Rhymney Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 24th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Richmond and Key Extension Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Richmond and Key Extension Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 25th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Ringwood, Christchurch and Bournemouth Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Ringwood, Christchurch and Bournemouth Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Salford Borough (No. 1) Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Salford Borough (No. 1) Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Salisbury Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 20th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Scottish Central Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 8th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed, with reference to the Subscription Contract.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Selby and Market Weighton Road Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Shrewsbury Shrewsbury Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Shropshire Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Sittingbourne Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Slaney Slaney River Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Southampton Southampton, Bristol and South Wales Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Devon South Devon Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 15th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Session of Parliament ordered to be read the third time.

South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Shields Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

South Staffordshire Water Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Staffordshire Water Bill, which was presented upon the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Stamford and Essendine Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Stamford and Essendine Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Stockport, Stockport, Dudley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 20th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Sunderland Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Sunken Vessels Recovery Company Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Swannsea Sunken Vessels Recovery Company Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
The House was moved, That the Petition for the Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Tilbury, Maldon and Colchester Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Times, Athenaeum, and Beacon Assurance Companies' Amalgamation Bill, which was presented upon the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Tralee and Killarney Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Tweed Fisheries Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Tweed River Fisheries Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Tyne Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Victoria Gas Bill, which was presented upon the 17th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Victoria (London) Docks Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Watchet Harbour Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Watchet Harbour Trust Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Wearmouth and Port of Tyne Navigation Bill, which was presented upon the 9th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the West of Fife Mineral Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway, and North of England Railway Companies' Amalgamation Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the West London, Mudchute and Crystal Palace Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 3rd day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 6th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Order, No. 90, be suspended so far as regards Road Bills; and that the Committee of Selection have Power to refer all Road Bills, whether Opposed or Unopposed, to Committees of Selected Members.
Ordered, That Standing Order, No. 175, be sus-
pended in the case of the West Somerset Railway Bill, and the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

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

Vide Second Report.

Rivers at Spithead and Aldershot.

No. 27.

Leitrim Election.

No. 29.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Arrears and Balances due to or from all Public Accountants, arising upon Final Accounts which have not been audited, stated, declared, or signed and passed; so far as the said particulars can be ascertained from the Books of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, completed to 5th January 1857.

The Return of Accounts depending in the Office of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts which have not been audited, stated, declared, or signed and passed, completed to 26th February 1857.

Return of Officers and Departments whose Accounts are audited or inspected by the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

Mr. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing Vessels registered at each of 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 1856:—Similar Return of Steam Vessels and their Tonnage:—Return of the 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 31st day of December 1855 and the 31st day of December 1856:—Like Return from and to the Colonies; further distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels; also, from and to Foreign Ports; also distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels:—Aggregate Return of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels entered and cleared at each of the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands (including their repeated Voyages), in the year 1856; distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels:—Return 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 December 1856:—Similar Return of Steam Vessels and their Tonnage:—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 and transferred; also, a similar Return of Vessels wrecked: also, a similar Return of Vessels broken up, in the year 1856:— Of the Number of Colonial-built Vessels and their Tonnage, Registered at each of the Ports of the United Kingdom, in the year 1856; 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 1856 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 122, of Session 1856).

Mr. Lowe also presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1855, giving effect to certain Bye-laws for the Regulation of Pilots belonging to the Harbour of Pwll Cawl, otherwise Porth Cawl.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Judgment Execution &c. 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. Crawford, Mr. Dunlop; Colonial French; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bland.

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 next.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee to Supply, whom it was referred to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, a Resolution:—which was read, as followeth:

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The said Resolution being read a second time; Resolved, Nonis Contradicta, 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, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

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

Ordered, That an Estimate of the Charge for Army 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.

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 put, Election that I have been given to bring in a Bill to release Candidates at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament from the Expenses of Booths and taking the Poll, and to make the payment by Candidates of the Conveyance of Voters to the Poll illegal; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the Lord Robert Grosvenor, Sir John Shelley; Tellers for the Lord Hotham, Mr. Ker Seymer.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—And that
Lord Robert Grosvenor, Mr. Butler and Mr. Dilwyn do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Appointment of Registrars to the Masters of the Court of Chancery in Ireland; also for the safe Custody of Title-deeds and Documents lodged in the said Court; and to amend the Practice in certain Particulars: And that Mr. Whiteside and Mr. Napier do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Gross and Net Amounts of Irish Quit and Crown Rents, as received and applied by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests in each year from the 4th day of January 1850 to the 5th day of January 1857 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 243, of Session 1860).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the sixth and seventh years of King William the Fourth, chapter one hundred and sixty, for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the Presentment of Public Money by Grand Juries in Ireland: And that Mr. Mogan and Colonel Greville do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And that Mr. Headlam, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Napier do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Sir William Russell be added to the Select Committee on Public Petitions.

Ordered, That Mr. Christy be added to the Select Committee on the Hudson's Bay Company.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Great Southern and Western Railway Capital Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do pass.

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

The Inverness and Nairn Railway 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 was moved, That the Petition for the Westminster Westminster Improvements (No. 2) Bill, which was presented upon the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read; and the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Westminster Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Chatham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill, which was presented upon the 6th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the same Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Way Bill.

West Somerset and Lawton Road Bill.

Wexford Road Bill.

Wimbledon and Dorking Railway Bill.

Wycombe Railway Bill.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the Wycombe Railway Bill, which was presented upon railway Bill, the 11th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read;

The said Bill was read the first and second time;

and committed, with reference to the Subscription Contract.

The Select Committee on the Portland Harbour Bill was nominated of Mr. Osborne, Colonel Free. Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed, on giving Two days’ notice in the Private Bill Office.

The Select Committee on the Chatham Lands, Chatham &c., Bill was nominated of Mr. Osborne, Sir Free. Lands, &c. of Mr. Portman, Mr. Henry Sturt, Mr. Ker Segner, Mr. Richard Brindley Sheridan, Mr. Charles Stuart, 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, on giving Two days’ notice in the Private Bill Office.

The Order, That the Chatham District Water Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order, That the Cunnock Mineral Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty’s Navy Command,—Abstract of Navy Estimates, for the year 1857-58.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, relative to the reconstruction of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong, in the years 1855 and 1856.

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. Lane presented,—Return to an Order, dated Mercantile the 12th day of this instant May, for a Return of Marine Fund, all Monies paid over to the Board of Trade, on account of the Mercantile Marine Fund, by the Commissioners of the Northern Lights, the Corporation preserving and improving the Port of Dublin, and the Corporation of Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, respectively, from the time of the passing of the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 131, transferring to the Board of Trade the control of these several Boards, to the 1st day of December 1856; and the Total Amount of Expenditure for each year of the Money so paid over to the Board of Trade for the respective Lighthouse Boards.

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

Exchequer.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of all Monies received during the year ended the 31st day of March 1857, 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 Credits and Transfers made by the Comptroller General of the Exchequer, the Payments by the Bank of England, and the Balance remaining to the Account of the Exchequer, at each Bank on 31st March 1857.

Loan Fund Board of Ireland.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Nineteenth Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, pursuant to the Act 6 & 7 Vic. c. 91.

Murrain in Horned Cattle.

Copy of Report on Murrain in Horned Cattle; the Public Sale of diseased Animals, and the effects of the consumption of their Flesh on human health; addressed to the Right Honourable the President of the General Board of Health by E. Healdon Greenhow, w. m., Liceutant of the Royal College of Physicians, Lecturer on Public Health at Saint Thomas's Hospital, and Physician to the Western General Dispensary.

Murrain in Horned Cattle.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of July 1856, for a Return stating which of the undermentioned Local Authorities is acting for each Parish in England under the Provisions of the Nuisances Removal Act, and specifying the Parishes for which a Sanitary Inspector has been appointed.—1. Local Board of Health; 2. Town Council; 3. Improvement Commissioners or Trustees; 4. Highway Board; 5. Nuisances Removal Committee; 6. Inspectors for Lighting and Watching; 7. Guardians and Over-seers of the Poor and Surveyors of the Highways for the Parish or Place.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Persons during the years 1854, 1855 and 1856, against whom Cases of Assault on Police Constables while in the execution of their Duties have been proved, detailing the nature of each Case of Assault, and the Amount of Punishment, if any, inflicted on each Person.

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

Police Constables.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Correspondence between Meer Jaffar Ali Khan and the Court of Directors of the East India Company, and between the same and the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, respecting the Property of the late Nawab of Surat (in continuation of the Papers ordered on the 16th day of March).

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Property of Married Women; And that Sir Erskine Perry and Mr. Monckton Milnes do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Principle adopted for making Contracts for the Public Departments, and the effect which the present system has upon the Expenditure of Public Money.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account in Detail (in the same form as the Accounts contained in the Parliamentary Paper, No. 363, of Session 1856) of all Gold, Silver and Copper Monies of the Realm coined at the Mint, for each year from the 1st day of January 1847 to the 31st day of December 1856, and showing, in one Tabular Statement, the Total Amount of Gold, Silver and Copper Coinage in each year, the real Cost or Value of the Metal, and the Amount represented by the Coin.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Sums paid under the Act 59 Geo. 3, Shipping, c. 54, and subsequent Orders of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in the year 1856, for the difference of Rates and Charges due to Corporations or Individuals for Foreign Vessels which under Treaties of Reciprocity or otherwise are admitted into the Ports of the United Kingdom and of the 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 such Corporations, Companies, or Individuals, up to the 31st day of December 1856 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 226, of Session 1856).

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 Huts supplied to the Ordnance and War Departments during the years 1854—5 and 1855—6; the appropriation of the Money together with the Stations, and Quantities sent to each;—And, of the Names of the several Contractors; Amount of each Contract, and Price per Hut, with Dimensions; the present extent of Huts accommodated in England and Ireland; and the Number of Troops served on the 1st day of April 1857.

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, Court of Returns of the Number of Causes and Matters (Chancery, Chancery, Chancery,) which were pending in the Office of the late Master Hein, in the Court of Chancery in Ireland, between the 1st day of November 1855, and the 1st day of November 1856; and of the Number of Summonses and Notices upon which Proceedings were had in that Office during the same Period,—And of the Number of Causes and Matters pending in each of the Offices of Masters Litton, Bourke and Murphy, on the 1st day of last Easter Term; and of the Number of Summonses entered in each of their Offices for that day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Burial Acts; And that Mr. Masey and Mr. Beamish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 11, with a view to the abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland; And that Mr. Fagan and Mr. Beamish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Registration amended the Law for the Registration of Persons entitled to vote in the Election of Members to Parliament in Counties in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate, Sir George Grey and Viscount Duncan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account in Detail (in the same form as the Accounts contained in the Parliamentary Paper, No. 363, of Session 1856) of all Gold, Silver and Copper Monies of the Realm coined at the Mint, for each year from the 1st day of January 1847 to the 31st day of December 1856, and showing, in one Tabular Statement, the Total Amount of Gold, Silver and Copper Coinage in each year, the real Cost or Value of the Metal, and the Amount represented by the Coin.

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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, Returns of the Number of Huts supplied to the Ordnance and War Departments during the years 1854—5 and 1855—6; the appropriation of the Money together with the Stations, and Quantities sent to each;—And, of the Names of the several Contractors; Amount of each Contract, and Price per Hut, with Dimensions: the present extent of Huts accommodated in England and Ireland; and the Number of Troops served on the 1st day of April 1857.

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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Burial Acts; And that Mr. Masey and Mr. Beamish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 11, with a view to the abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland; And that Mr. Fagan and Mr. Beamish do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And that Lord Elcho, Mr. Cranford and Mr. Brody do prepare, and bring it in.

A Petition of Richard Ferrer, of Great-street, Great Yarmouth, in the County of Norfolk, Common Brewer, and Elected Harborc Livingston Preston, of the North Quay, Great Yarmouth, Timber Merchant, Electors for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 9].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of John Casher, Henry Little and Francis Shepherd, Electors for the Borough of Warrane, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 11].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of John Casher, Henry Little and Francis Shepherd, Electors for the Borough of Warrane, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 11].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

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Mr. Fagan presented a Bill to amend the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 11, with a view to the abolition of Ministers' Money 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.

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Mr. Ekhoe presented a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Mossey presented a Bill to amend the Burial Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order made upon the 12th day of this instant May, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Annual Amount of Salary paid to each Vestry Clerk of every Metropolitan Parish under the Metropolitan Local Management Act, 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 Annual Amount of Salary paid to each Vestry Clerk of every Metropolitan Parish under the Metropolitan Local Management 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 adjourned till To-morrow.
against the said Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Neve Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement, Petition from Owners of "Adventurers' Lands" within the Middle Level, for dispensing with Standing Order 169, and for leave to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, notwithstanding the same shall have been deposited later than seven clear days after the second reading of the Bill.

5. That in the case of the Neve Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement, Petition of Owners of "Adventurers' Lands" within the South Level, for dispensing with Standing Order No. 9 of the 12th March last, and for leave to be heard upon their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, notwithstanding the same shall have been deposited later than seven clear days after the second reading of the said Bill.

6. That in the case of the Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railways, Petition of Inhabitants and Ratepayers of Audenshaw, for dispensing with Standing Order No. 9 of the 12th March last, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first, second, fourth and fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Land-owners and Mine-owners on or near the Taff Vale Railway, and of Freighters on the said Railway, praying that Provision may be made in the Taff Vale Railway Bill for limiting the tolls and charges of the Taff Vale Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read ; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, and the Dearness Valley Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the North Eastern Railway (Lancashire Valley Branch) Bill, for the Purchase by the Petitioners, the North Eastern Railway Company, and the Sale by the Petitioners, the Dearness Valley Railway Company, of the Dearness Valley Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read ; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of Provisional Directors of a proposed Undertaking, for making a Railway from the London and South Western Railway at Wimbledon to Epsom, praying that Provision may be made in the Wimbledon and Dorking Railway Bill for amending the Preamble of the Bill ; for enabling the Company to use the Epsom and Leatherhead Railway Company to use the Wimbledon and Dorking Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read ; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Beds and Leyburn 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions pointed to consider the subject of the Registration of Title, with reference to the Sale and Transfer of Land, 1857.

Mr. Moseley presented, by Her Majesty's Commissaries, the East India (Opium) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Opium), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Shipping, Shipment, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Ex-Excise checker, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Necessities of the Indigent Poor, Removal Act, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Naval and Military) Expenditure, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Dover Mail Return of the Number and Names of the Vessels employed in the Mail Contract Service from Dover, their Steam Power, Tonnage, and Names of Commanders, and whether manned by British Seamen, and how often and when last officially surveyed; such Return being made up year by year since the commencement of the Contract, stating whether, during the same period, any Government Vessels have been lent to the Contractors, and, if so, how often, and for what Time, and on what Terms.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Parliamentary to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Voters which appear on the Parliamentary Register for each County, City and Borough in the United Kingdom for the year 1856;—And, of the number of Voters who recorded their Votes for the several Candidates at the last General Election in each County, City and Borough in which the Return was contested.

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, Licensed Passenger Brokers (Port of Liverpool) and Licensed Runners in the Port of Liverpool, with the Addresses or Places of Business of each, under the Act of 1856.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Oaths.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to substitute
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Transportation and Penal Servitude 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 the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the Bill be committed to a 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 Mr. Speaker now do leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (16 & 17 Vict. c. 96, s. 1, 2, 3 and 4, repealed).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9: After the word "Four" to insert the words "Nine, Ten, Eleven." Question put, That those words be there inserted; the Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Keating,]

Yeas, [Mr. Whitbread]: 83. Tellers for the [Mr. Houghton,]

Nees, [The Earl of Mulgrave]: 173. Agreement agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Sentence of Transportation abolished, and sentence of Penal Servitude substituted).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11 and 12: To leave out the words "no person shall be sentenced to Transportation." Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to; Clause amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 4, 5, 6, and 7, agreed to.

Clause, No. 7, 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 Monday next.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Sabbath, 10th die Maii, 1857:

General Board of Health Bill. reading of the General Board of Health Bill; Vol. 112.
A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of certain Salaries, Compensations, Annuities and Retiring PENSIONS which may become payable under the Provisions of any ACT of the present Session relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland; and also of imposing Stamp Duties in lieu of Fees on Documents in the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland.

Sir George Grey, 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Oaths Bill.

Sir George Grey presented a Bill to substitute one Oath for the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy presented a Bill to alter and amend the Laws regulating the Medical Profession: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Maidstone, in the County of Kent, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 12].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Sunderland, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 13].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of George Montagu Warren Peaceco, a Candidate at the last Election for the Borough of Maldon, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 14].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

And then the House having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Guildford Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Devon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sunderland Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Shields Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dudley (Extension to Doversby) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 

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

The Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dudley (Extension to Dover) Bill was read the third time.

The South Devon 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 Great Northern Railway (Capital) 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.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee. 

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy of Minutes of the Members of Council of the Government of India in Consultation on Act XVIII. of 1816, relative to the Payment of the Salaries of the Tipstaffs of the Courts of Law in Dublin.—And, of the Letter dated the 1st day of August 1855, from the Under-Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant to the Lord Chief Justice, relative to the same subject.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Colonial Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, &c., a Return of the Names of all Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Persons administering the Governments of the different Colonies; stating their Salaries in British Money, the Dates of their Appointments, the Countries or Districts over which they preside, distinguishing those who serve in the Army and Navy;—And, of the Number of Colonial Bishops; stating the Salaries of each, and the sources whence those Salaries are derived.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Colonial 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 Command,—Estimates for Civil Services, for 1857, compared with similar Charges for 1856. 

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Colonial Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.
a provision for Her eldest daughter, with a view to the said Marriage, as may be suitable to the dignity of the Crown and the honour of the Country.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration Her Majesty's said most gracious Message.

Resolved, Nomine Contraadissent, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to return Her Majesty the Thanks of this House for Her most gracious Communication of the intended Marriage between the Princess Royal and His Royal Highness Prince Frederic William of Prussia; to express their satisfaction at the prospect of an alliance with a Prince of so illustrious a family, which they doubt not will contribute to the happiness of Her Majesty and of Her Royal Highness, as well as prove conducive to the best interests of this Kingdom; and to assure Her Majesty that the House will immediately proceed to the consideration of Her Majesty's gracious Message, in such a manner as shall demonstrate the real, dutiful, and affectionate attachment of this House to Her Majesty, a just sense of the virtues and merit of Her Royal Highness, and a due regard to the dignity of the Royal Family, and the honour of this Country.

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 Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

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

1. £53,700 Men and Boys for Sea and Coast Guard Service for Eight Months, including 18,000 Royal Marines.
2. £1,349,333 to complete the Sum for Wages to Seamen and Marines.
3. £533,922 to complete the Sum for Victualls to Seamen and Marines.
4. £84,217 to complete the Sum for Salaries of Officers and Contingent Expenses of the Admiralty Office.
5. £118,150 to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, and the Charges for the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers.
6. £35,091 to complete the Sum for Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of the several Scientific Departments of the Navy.
7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £92,224, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858:
   - Whereupon Motion made, and Question put; That a Sum, not exceeding £91,424, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858:
     - The Committee divided.
     - Tellers for the [Sir John Trelawny, Yeas, [Mr. William Williams:]: 3.
     - Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Nos, [The Earl of Malgrave]: 315.
8. £15,423 to complete the Sum for Salaries of Officers and Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Naval Establishments Abroad.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill Bankruptcy was, according to Order, read a second time; and Insolvency committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland.

1. Resolved, That provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment of certain Salaries, Compensations, Annuities and Retiring Pensions which may become chargeable thereon, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland.
2. Resolved, That the following Stamp Duties in lieu of Fees shall be charged for and in respect of the under-mentioned Documents in the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland:

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The Select Committee on Contracts (Public Departments) was nominated of Colonel Baldock, Mr. (Public Departments) Corry, Sir Charles Napier, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Muntz, Viscount Duncan, Mr. Mitchell, Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir John Ramsden, Mr. Westhead, Colonel North, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poier, Mr. Liddell and Sir John Hazen, with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

A Petition of William Herbert, of the City of Oxford City Oxford, Upholsterer; James Pike, of the same Election. City, Esquire; Frederick Joseph Morrell, of the same City, Attorney-at-Law; James Watson, of the same City, Farmer; Alfred Green Holnes, of the same City, Attorney-at-Law; Joseph Taylor, of the same City, Artist; and Williams Thompson, of the same City, Printseller, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 16].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Edward Hudson, of Tewkesbury, in the Borough of Tewkesbury, containing of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Tewkesbury, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 17].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Edward Moore, and Joseph Knight, Tewkesbury, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Tewkesbury, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 18].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of William Clarke, of Barroo, in the Sligo Borough of Barroo, in the Town of Sligo, and County of Sligo, Stationer and Bookseller, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 19].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of George Vere Irving, of Newton, Lonskashire Lonskeshire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Shire, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 20].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers and records.
Mr. FitzRoy reported the Islington Parish Bill, Islington Parish Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Andover Canal Sale Bill be Andover Canal referred to the General Committee on Railway and Sale Bill. Canal Bills, as an Opposed Bill, under Standing Order, No. 176.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had made certain alterations in the Groups 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.

A Petition of Trustees for executing an Act for Orkney Roads regulating and converting the Statute Labour of the Bill, Stewarties or Sheriffies of Orkney, and for more effectually making, repairing and maintaining the Highways and Bridges within the same, praying that Provision may be made in the Orkney Roads Bill for enabling the Trustees to make a Deviation in the line of the Road proposed by the said Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of Provisional Directors of the Keith and Dufftown Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill, for enabling the said Directors to make a Deviation in the line of their proposed Railway, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Swansea Har- bour Trust and Swansea Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock Company's Bill, might be read; and the same being read; and the said Bill, &c.
Ordered, That Mr. Christy do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Witenhall (Wetherhampton) Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee in the last Session of Parliament, before Proceedings thereon were suspended under the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last; and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Chancery in Ireland, under Standing Order, No. 94, had not been withdrawn; the Committee had, in terms of the 7th paragraph of the said Standing Orders of the 12th March, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the Undertaking authorized by the Bill prior to the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken in the last Session of Parliament, before the Committees on the Birkenhead Docks Bill, the Wrays Bill, and Birkenhead Dock Company's Bill, in Session 1854; the Liverpool Docks Bill, Birkenhead Dock Trustees Bill, and Birkenhead and Liverpool Docks (Trust

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.
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(Trust Property of the Birkenhead Dock Trustees) Bill, in Session 1854; the Birkenhead Docks Bill in Session 1856; and the Admiralty and Board of Trade Reports on the Bills, referred to the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills.

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

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select 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 Copy of the Report on the Pathology of the Diseases of the Army in the East, by Dr. Aitken and Dr. Lyons.

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 written Declarations made, pursuant to the Statute 5 Geo. 4, c. 25, by Ministers of the Church of Ireland, refusing permission to Clergymen or Ministers of any Church or Congregation, not being of the Established Church of Ireland, to perform any Burial Service in Parish Churchyards at the grave of deceased persons as according to the rites of such Church or Congregation, from the date of the said Act till the present time; distinguishing the Number of such Declarations made in each year during that period, and also the Number made in each Diocese during the same Period:—And, Copy or Copies of any such Declaration or Declarations made within the last Five years by the Incumbent for the time being of the Parish of Monkstown, in the Diocese of Dublin.

Queen Anne's Bounty.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of all Communications or Letters that have been addressed to or received from the Archdeacon of Salop, in the Diocese of Lichfield, by the Secretary to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, from the 1st day of February 1853 to the present time, in reference to proposed Improvements in the Management of the Bounty Offices, and with a view to the Interests of the poorer Clergy:—Of all the Minutes and Records of the Proceedings and Resolutions that have been taken and passed thereon by the Governors, and of the Correspondence that has taken place in reference to such Communications or Letters, or in consequence thereof:—And, Copy or Copies of any such Declaration or Declarations made within the last Five years by the Incumbent for the time being of the Parish of Monkstown, in the Diocese of Dublin.

Committees.

Ordered, That no Committees shall have leave to sit upon Thursday next, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock.

Savings Banks Bill.

The Order for reading a second time To-morrow the Savings Banks Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Dublin City Election.

A Petition of Electors of the County of the City of Dublin, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 24].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of John Corison, of the Borough of Lisburn, in the County of Antrim, in Ireland, for Election; James Ward, Damask Manufacturer, of the said Borough; and James Bolton, Esquire, Lieutenant on Half-pay of the Royal Navy of the said Borough, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 24].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of James Henry Porteous Oakes, called Saint Edmund of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Dury Saint Edmund, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 25].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Mr. Massey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account in charge of Fees received by the Register of Treasurers' Accounts and Receiver of Fees Fund in Ireland, for the year ended 25th March 1857.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend the Acts to prevent the spreading of contagious or infectious Disorders amongst Sheep, Cattle, and all Animals: And that Mr. Bentinck and Mr. Stafford do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-posed, That Sir Joseph Paxton be added to the Mines Select Committee on Rating of Mines:—

But Notice being taken that the House had ordered that this Committee should consist of Sixteen Members, and had already nominated that number, Mr. Speaker stated that no other Member could be added, without leave of the House previously obtained, and that the Question therefore could not be put.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Aggravated reading of the Aggravated Assaults 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 Mr. Dilwyn; 86. Yeas; Mr. Bentinck: 92.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter; Noes, (The Earl of Mulgrave): 68. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon
Coast Guard Office.

Admiralty Victuals.

Services.

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and Insolvency in Ireland.

Compensations, Annuities and Retiring Pensions and Ireland, for the payment of certain Salaries, and the Contingent Expenses 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 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £92,924, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete 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 1858.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,425, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete 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 1858.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £584,390, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the necessary 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 1858.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £33,583, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the necessary 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 1858.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £905,450, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the necessary 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 1858.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £378,415, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the necessary 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 1858.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the necessary 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 1858.

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Transportatio...
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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Beatiss presented a Bill to amend the Acts to prevent the spreading of contagious or infectious Diseases amongst Sheep, Cattle, and other Animals.

Mr. Osborne reported from the Select Committee on the Chatham Lands, &c. Bill; that they had examined the allegata and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. John Yarde Buller reported from the Select Committee on the Monkland Railways Bill; that the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Sir John Yarde Buller reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Monkland Railways Petition of Wexona, Council and Hope, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 109, and for leave to be heard on the Petitions of John Buchanan and others against the said Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to be heard on 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 Cannock Mineral Railway (No. 1), Petition of the North Staffordshire Railway Company, for dispensing with Standing Order, No. 9, of the 13th March last, and for leave to be heard against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Bonny, Machatt and Turriff Extension 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, provided that they prove before the Committee that application in writing has been made to all the Parties mentioned in the Book of Reference deposited with the Plans and Sections of the proposed Divisions, and that their consent has been obtained; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

4. That in the case of the London Gas-Light and Coke Company (Capital), Petition for leave to deposit a Petition to the Body Company (Capital) for the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

The first, third and fourth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Petition of the Minute recorded by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal; of the Minutes recorded by the several Members of Council of the Supreme Government of India; of the Letter written by the Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal; and of the Letter from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Governor General of India in Council, respecting the Memorial of certain Missionaries residing in or near Calcutta, dated the 2d day of September 1856.

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said Petition.

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

A Petition of Charles William Gordon, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 26].

Another Petition of Charles William Gordon, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Town, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 27].

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petitions.

A Petition of Henry John Turner; James George Newport and John Locke, three of the Electors of the Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 28].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

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

Mercurii, 20° die Maii; Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

T HE London (City) Coal Duties Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petition.

A Petition of Francis La Touche, of Drumfierey, in the County of Leitrim, Esquire, and Hugh Moore, of Ardruin, in said County, Farmer, complaining of...
an undue Election and Return for the said County, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 92].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of William Wells, of Holme Wood, in the County of Huntingdon, and of Redderf, in the County of Kent, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 60].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Taunton, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 31].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of any Sums expended for the Alterations in the Lake in Saint James’s Park, together with an Estimate of Expenditure required to complete them, and the Vote of Parliament under authority of which any Expenditure has been incurred:And, Copy of any Correspondence between the Board of Works and the Treasury respecting such Expenditure, and any Expenditure has been incurred :And, Copy of or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th day of this instant May; and had directed him to make a Report to the House.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Quantity of Foreign Sugar entered for Home Consumption during each year, from 1831 to 1856 inclusive; distinguishing the Quantities imported from each Colony and each Possession in each year.—Similar Account of the Quantities of Foreign Sugar imported, stating the distances of such Produce 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, 1854, 1855 and 1856, respectively; stating the Quantity retained for Home Consumption, the Rates of Duty paid, and the Quantity exported (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 206, of Session 1856).

Mr. Wilson presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Commons to the British Government, respecting the said Petition. Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

The Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for (Scotland) Bill. Wednesday the 17th day of June next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Industrial Schools Bill; Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Industrial Schools Bill; Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Dunlop: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Blair, Mr. Ayrton: 43.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 24th day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Medical reading of the Medical Profession (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Medical reading of the Medical Profession (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

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

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

Ordered, That the leave be given to bring in a Bill to Registration facilitate and afford more frequent opportunities for of Voters.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Ways and Means.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Chatham into a Committee on the Chatham Lands, &c. 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.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To- morrow.
A Petition of Patteson Nickalls, of Trafalgar-square, in the Parish of Saint James, in the Borough of Cashel, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cashel, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 38].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of Henry Dawn, of Fore-street, in the Borough of Bodmin, Cabinet-maker, two Electors of the said Borough, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 34].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of Frederick Hammond, of Laurestone-place, in the Parish of Saint James-the-Apostle, in the Borough of Dover, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 35].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of George Meld Butt, of Eaton-square, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 36].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of Electors of the County of the Town of Galway, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Galway, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 37].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

A Petition of James Lyster O'Beirne, of 60, Pic-Caucherie, London, Esquire, and John Joseph Scully, of Cashel, in the County of Tipperary, in the Kingdom of Ireland, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cashel, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 39].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Arthur Edwin Way, complaining Bath Election, of an undue Election and Return for the City of Bath, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 40].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

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Lord Lovaine reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group F. of Private Bills; That for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Friday the 22d instant, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Hotham reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; That they had added the East Somerset Railway Bill to Group 4 Report.

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

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 112th Volume, be printed.

Ordered, That 1,000 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.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Telegraph

Atlantic Water Bill.

Gas Bill.

Guildford Sunderland

Gas Bill.

South Shields Gas Bill.

The Guildford Water 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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Sunderland Gas Bill.

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Chester Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chester Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Saving right of Shropshire Union Canal Company to discharge water into the River Dee), was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Railway Bills.

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the House, No. 179, relative to Reports made under the authority of the Board of Trade in the case of Railway Bills, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That the said Standing Order be repealed.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That if any Report, made under the authority of the Board of Trade, Board of Admiralty, or other Government Department, upon any Private Bill, or the objects thereof, be laid before the House, such Report shall stand referred to the Committee on Private Bills. Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill; That the Bill having been reported by a Committee in the last Session of Parliament before proceedings thereon were suspended under the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, under Standing Order No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, in terms of the seventh paragraph of the said Standing Orders of the 12th March, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the undertaking authorized by the Bill prior to the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Scottish Central Railway Bill; That the Bill having been reported by a Committee in the last Session of Parliament before proceedings thereon were suspended under the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, under Standing Order No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, in terms of the seventh paragraph of the said Standing Orders of the 12th March, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the undertaking authorized by the Bill prior to the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Standing Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Church Rates Com­missioners Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by making some additions to show more clearly what is the present amount of the debts and liabilities of the Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company, and made other verbal Amendments therein; 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.

Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of the House, a Return of the Aggregate Value of the Free­simple Property dealt with by the Church Estates Com­mission since August 1851; the Amounts received in each year respectively, for the Sales of Reversions to the Lessee; the Amount expended in each year for the buying up Lease; and the Number of Transactions of each sort in each year.

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 from each County in Scotland of the following Particulars, to show the Operation of the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c 80, s. 26, extending the jurisdiction
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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.

Police (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of any application or sworn information forwarded to the Irish Government, by any Magistrate, the County Inspector, or other Parties, requiring the attendance of a large body of Police, with a stipendiary Magistrate, to attend a Sale of Timber at Cloggan, near Ballymena, in the County of Antrim, in the latter end of February, 1855, to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return with regard to the Ordnance Survey in each County of Scotland, showing,—1. The Scale or Scales of such Surveys, and where different Scales have been adopted, the Date when such Scales were severally commenced; 2. The present state of such Surveys, and the estimated time for their completion upon each different Scale adopted; 3. The Expense incurred in each Survey, from the commencement to April 1854, and subsequently in the several years ending April 1855, 1856 and 1857; 4. The estimated Cost of completion; 5. Where no Survey has yet been commenced, the Scale or Scales on which it is intended to make the Survey, with the estimated Cost and time of completion. 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.

Bankruptcy (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Amount of Fees paid in each year for the years 1833, 1834, 1855 and 1856, specifying what portion of such Fees has been paid into the Bankruptcy and Compensation Fund, and showing the disposition made of Fees which were not so paid;—Of the Amount to credit of the Bankruptcy and Compensation Fund in each of the said years, with the Total Payments out of the said Funds during the year preceding;—And, of the Amount now standing to the credit of the said Fund, with the Charges on or Sums payable out of the same in respect of Salaries or otherwise (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 439, of Session 1853).

Court of Chancery (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Interest and Produce of the Compensation and Fee Fund of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, and the Charges thereon;—Of the Suits' Fee Fund in the same, for the years ending the 31st day of December 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856;—Of the Names of Persons entitled to Annuities, Salaries and other Charges payable out of the Interest and Produce of the Compensation and Fee Fund of the Suits in the Court of Chancery in Ireland;—Of the Names of Persons entitled to Annuities, Salaries and other Charges payable out of the Suits' Fee Fund Account;—And, of Payments made out of the Consolidated Fund for Annuities and Compensation, so far as relates to the Compensation and Fee Fund and Suits' Fee Fund of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, for the said years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 539, of Session 1853).

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Comptroller Privy Seal, — Copy of Third Annual Report of the Directors (Ireland) of the Court for Convict Prisoners in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1856; with Appendix.

Mr. Massey also presented, — Return to an Order, High Sheriff dated the 19th day of this instant May, for a Return (Ireland) relative to High Sheriffs (Ireland).

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

Ordered, 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 there be laid before this House, Audit Board, a Return of the state of Business before the Audit Board (in continuation of former Return).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Audit Office, pursuant to the directions Metropolis. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the state of Business before the Audit Board (in continuation of former Return).

Mr. Lebouche presented, — Return to an Ad-Cynoil, dress to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Cynoil.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Foreign Sugar, which was presented upon the 20th day of Sugar, this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugar, Sugar, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Danish Transit Dues, which was presented upon the 20th Transit Dues, day of this instant May, be printed.

A Petition of Stephen Clarke the younger, William Hammond, named Peter, and Samuel Sparrow, complaining of an Election and Return for the Borough of Maldon, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 40].

Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Alexander Dunias Rose Wishart Baillie Cochran, of Lamington-house, in the County of Lanark, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 41].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, in the County of Dorset, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 42].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of William Umney Haygate, of Eston-square, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bridport, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 43].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Henry John Selwin, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Ipswich, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 44].

A Petition of Henry Orford, William Mannford, and Henry Gallant Broto, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 45].

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petitions.

A Petition of William Forbes, Esquire, of Calendar, and James Russell, junior, Esquire, Bank Agent, two of the Electors of the Borough of Falkirk, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Falkirk District of Burghs, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 46].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Sir John Forster Fitzgerald, of Worthing, in the County of Sussex, General in the Army, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Clare, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 47].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Francis Brodigan, Esquire, of 4, Drogheda Garden-court, Middle Temple, Banker, of Sutton-house, in the County of Meath, Justice of the Peace, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Drogheda, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 48].

A Petition of Henry Bagnall, of Peter-street, in the Borough of Drogheda, Boot and Shoe-maker, and Thomas Kerr, of Peter-street, in the said Borough of Drogheda, Merchant Tailor, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 49].

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petitions.

A Petition of Electors of the County of Sligo, Sligo County complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 50].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Charles Lewis, of Brington, in the Huntington County of Huntingdon, Farmer and Grazier, and County Jonathan Rogers, of Clapton-hall, in the County of Northampton, Farmer and Grazier, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 51].

A Petition of John Moyer Heathcote, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 52].

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petitions.

A Petition of John MacDowell, of the Borough Athlone of Athlone, in the Kingdom of Ireland, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 53].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Trade and Navigation accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 30th April 1857, and Four Months ended 30th April 1857.

Mr. Lowe also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copy of Orders in Council approving certain Rules or Bye-laws made by the Committee of Council for Trade, under the 6 & 7 Vict. c. 79, for the more effectual performance of the Convention with France, concerning the Fisheries in the Seas between the British Islands and France.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation be printed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider 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 and interests;—The House divided.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Brand 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 make better provision for the Punishment of Frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers and other Persons entrusted with Property: And that Mr. Attorney General, Sir George Grey and Mr. Baines be entrusted with Property: And that Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in, so as to facilitate the Winding-up the Affairs of Joint Stock Companies unable to meet their pecuniary engagements; and also, the Joint Stock Companies Winding-up Acts, 1848 and 1849:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House divided.

Mr. Speaker accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act seven and eight Victoria, chapter One hundred and eleven, for facilitating the Winding-up Acts, 1848 and 1849. The Bill now received.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Yeas,—Mr. V. Goggin, 133.

Nose,—Mr. H. Forster, 253.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Yeas,—Mr. V. Goggin, 91.

Nose,—Mr. H. Forster, 125.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a Bill to repeal certain Marriages, on Contracts (Public Departments) do consist of seventeen Members;

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Yeas,—Mr. H. Forster, 136.

Nose,—Lord Johnman, 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Mounsell and Colonel Gilpin be added to the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Yeas,—Mr. H. Forster, 136.

Nose,—Lord Johnman, 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next.

The Chatham Lands, &c. Bill was, according to Chatham 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.

A Petition of George Hammond Whalley, of Peterborough Plas Madoc, in the County of Denbigh, Esquire, a Election. Candidate at the last Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the City or Borough of Peterborough, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 54].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Thomas Southwich, of Flemington, Beverley in the Borough of Beverley, in the East Riding of Election. Petitioner, the County of York, Tailor, and John Ramshead, of Toll Gavel, in the said Borough of Beverley, Gardener, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 55].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Thomas Coen and Patrick Far-Sligo Borough roll, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 56].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Thomas Ellis Owen, an Elector of Portsmouth, Borough of Portsmouth, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 58].

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Portsmouth, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, was also presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 59].

Ordered,
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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Petition of Richard Turle, of High-street; John Melville, of No. 17, Fore-street; William Lee, of the Parade; William James Clay, of Fore-street; Henry House, of Fore-street; and Robert Burton, of Saint Mary Magdalen, Electors of the Borough of Taunton, praying to be admitted Parties to defend the Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 60].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

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Lord Lennox reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Kidsgrove and Market and Town Hall 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.

Mr. Edward Egerton reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Alva Parish 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.

Colonel Pevensey reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Towne Ho and Ho me Lacy Bridge Bill, inasmuch as the object of the said Bill is to authorize the incorporation of a Private Company, for the purpose of constructing a Bridge, with the necessary Approaches, over the River Wye, it appeared to the Committee that it would be inexpedient to deal with it as a Road Bill, and that it should accordingly be referred back to the Committee of Selection.

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

Colonel Pevensey reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That Mr. Colville, one of the selected Members of the said Committee, was not present within One hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Colville be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. Ker Seymer reported from the Select Committee on the Portland Harbour Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same, by inserting a recital of the Consent of the Crown; and also the recital of the substitution of a Plan deposited at the Admiralty, in lieu of the Schedule originally attached to the Bill; that they had found the Preamble of the Bill, as amended, to be true; and that it should be printed, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out all that relates to the Liverpool Dock and Town Dues Bill, Provisions relating to which form a separate Bill, inserted by special leave of the House; 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 Willenhall (Wolverhampton) Gas Bill was read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Ministry before the Surveying Officers, under the Preliminary Inquiries Act (9 & 10 Vic. c. 106), in respect to the Pur- chase of Birkenhead and Clontighan Gas Works and Bill, and the Birkenhead Improvement (Waterworks and Bill, 1847.) and Purchase of Birkenhead and Clontighan Waterworks Bill, in Session 1847, together with the Reports of such Surveying Officers, be referred to the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills.

The Order for the second reading of the Metropolitan Railway Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the purchase of certain parts of the property required for the Metropolitan Railway, and for other Purposes; and that Mr. Thomas Duncombe and Mr. Cox do prepare, and bring in it.

A Petition of the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Company, praying that Provision be made in the Act of the Session for enabling the Petitioners to contribute a Sum of Money towards the Capital of the Worcester and Hereford Railway Company, and also the Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill, for enabling the Petitioners to hold shares in the said Company accordingly, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Sixth Report.

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 Peasen and Pemfouth, in the room of Thomas George Baring, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, has 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a Report from the Examiner of Election, Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Andrew Stewart and Thomas Southworth, relating to the Borough of Rochdale, is unobjectionable.

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Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to make Repeals and amend the Better Provisions relating to which form a separate Bill, inserted by special leave of the House; and found the same, as amended, 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill in the Finsbury Park Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Westminister Improvements Westminister Bill (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday, Improvements next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Surveying Officers, under the Preliminary Inquiries Act (9 & 10 Vic. c. 106), in respect to the Pur- purchase of Birkenhead and Clontighan Gas Works and Bill, and the Birkenhead Improvement (Waterworks and Bill, 1847.) and Purchase of Birkenhead and Clontighan Waterworks Bill, in Session 1847, together with the Reports of such Surveying Officers, be referred to the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Clerk read the List of Members who have claimed to be excused from serving on Election Committees, as being upwards of Sixty years of age, as follows:


Resolved, That 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.

Resolved, That the Right honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, 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 Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Chancellor of the Exchequer, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

Resolved, That the Right honourable Sir Charles Wood, First Lord of the Admiralty, 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:

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Resolved, That the Right honourable Henry Labouchere, 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 Henry Labouchere, 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.

Resolved, That the Right honourable Robert Vernon Smith, President of the Board of Control, having stated that he could not attend Election Committees without
out material inconvenience to the Public Service during the time he may hold the said office.

Ordered, That the Right honourable Robert Vernon Smith, President of the Board of Control, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

Ordered, That Sir Richard Bethell, Her Majesty's Attorney General, 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 Sir Richard Bethell, Her Majesty's Attorney General, be excused from serving on Election Committees during the time he may hold the said office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Children who are now provided with Education by aid afforded by the Guardians of Unions to their Parents, according to the Provisions of the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 34:—Copy of any Orders or Circular issued by the Poor Law Board, to regulate the Proceedings of the Guardians with reference to the Mode, Time or Place in or at which such Relief shall be given, or such Education received:—Returns of the Cost of Relief so given in each Union:—And, of the Number of Children who have been relieved out of the Work-house, having been deserted by their Parents, or surviving Parent, or who being Orphans have Relief granted by the Boards of Guardians, for the purposes of Education.

Adjournment.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of two Minutes recorded by the Governor of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's most gracious Message of the 18th day of this instant May, relative to the Marriage of the Princess Royal, be referred to the Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £ 10,000, for the Marriage Portion of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

2. £ 45,722, to complete the Sum for divers Naval Miscellaneous Services.

3. £ 441,600, to complete the Sum for Half-Pay, Reserved Half-Pay and Retirement to Officers of the Navy and Royal Marines.

4. £ 378,163, to complete the Sum for Military Pensions and Allowances.

5. £ 87,692, to complete the Sum for Civil Pensions and Allowances.

6. £ 127,800, to complete the Sum for the Freight of Ships, for the Victimbling and Conveyance of Troops, on account of the Army.

7. £ 565,064, to complete the Sum for the Packet Service.

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 received upon Monday next.

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 Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second General Board reading of the General Board of Health 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 Savings Banks Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.

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

Sabbati, 23° die Maii, 1857:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative:—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 Order of the day being read, for the Court-Ways and means; and the Question being put:—That the Bill be now read the third time.

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

Sabbati, 23° die Maii, 1857:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Negativo:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Negativo:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.
The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Law for the Registration of Persons entitled to vote in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for Counties in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That his Warrant for the Appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table;—And the said Warrant was read, as follows:

Pursuant to the Provisions of “The Election Petition Act, 1849,” I do hereby appoint,

The Right honourable Sir William Meredith Somerville, Baronet, Member for the City of Canterbury;

The Right honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, Member for the University of Cambridge;

Colonel John Wilson Patten, Member for the Northern Division of the County of Lan caster;

Sir William Heathcoote, Baronet, Member for the University of Oxford;

William Miles, Esquire, Member for the Eastern Division of the County of Sussex;

And John Bonham-Carter, Esquire, Member for the City of Winchester;

To be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this 22d day of May, Anno 20° Victoria Regnis, 1857.

JOHN EVELYN DENISON, Speaker.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 25° die Maii;
Anno 20° Victoria Regnis, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Hamilton and Strathaven Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the North Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by setting out more fully the Capital of the Company, and making some verbal 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Dartmouth and Torbay Railway Bill; That, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had inserted a clause enacting that such Contract should be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Wyecombe Railway Bill (which was reported in the last Session); That, pursuant to the Standing Order of the House of the 12th day of March last, with respect to the suspension of Private Bills, it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract relating to the said Bill has not been withdrawn; and the Committee have inserted in the Bill a clause enacting that such Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament; that the said Warrant was read, as follows:

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Tracte and Killarney Tracte and Killarney Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Forth and Clyde Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier Bill; That the Yarmouth Britannia Pier Bill having been reported from a Committee in the last Session of Parliament, before Proceedings thereon were suspended under the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last; and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit with the Court of Chancery in England, under Standing Order, No. 68, had not been withdrawn; the Committee had, in terms of the seventh paragraph of the said Standing Orders of the 12th March, inserted a clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the Undertaking authorized by the Bill, prior to the last Session of Parliament, shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Mayor’s Court of the Mayor’s Court of the City of London Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Margate Margate Water Bill; That, pursuant to the Standing Order of the House of the 12th day of March last, with respect to the suspension of Private Bills, it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract relating to the said Bill has not been withdrawn; and the Committee have inserted in the Bill a clause enacting that such Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Railway and Canal Bills
(Third Report)
No. 58.

Lord Hobart reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; that they had placed the Andover Canal Sale Bill on Group 4 of Railway Bills; and that they had transferred to Group No. 1, the remaining Bills on Group 3, namely, Reading Railway Junction Bill, and South Eastern (Removal Junction) Bill.

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

Mr. Bowkam-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 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.

Public Petitions
(Sixth Report)

Mr. Edward Egerton reported the Clyde Navigation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Lovaine reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Briton Ferry Docks Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting an allegation to the effect that there is no existing preference or priority in payment of interest or dividend; 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.

Kidsgrove Market Bill.

Lord Lovaine reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Kidsgrove Market Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the second paragraph, to meet alterations in the Bill, by which the Powers are vested in the Parties beneficially interested in the land instead of the Trustees; 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.

Fiskerton Drainage Bill.

Lord Lovaine reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Fiskerton Drainage Bill had sated to the Committee, that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Carbon Market and Improvement Bill.

Lord Lovaine reported the Carbon Market and Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Clyde Navigation Bill.

Mr. Edward Egerton reported the Clyde Navigation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Cork Gas Bill.

Mr. Puche reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Cork Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by rectifying the Capital of the Company and the Company, that the Company have Works in Dublin, Cork and Limerick; and that the said Works in Dublin are carried on under the Powers and Provisions of the several Acts therein-mentioned, such Amendments being made to show more distinctly the present position of the Company; 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.

Cork Consumers' Gas Bill.

Mr. Puche reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Cork Consumers' 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 D.)

Mr. Liddell reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee this day, the sudden decease of Mr. Saunders Davies, one of the Members of the Committee, was reported to them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Liddell reported from the Committee on Brighton, Hove Group D. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Brighton, Hove and Preston Constant Service Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recitals referring to the expediency of altering the mode of service by the Company from the constant service to the tent system, the Bill, as amended, not providing for such change; by striking out the recital referring to the construction of the proposed new works, such proposition being abandoned; and by adding a recital referring to the expediency of further Provision being made for preventing waste or misuse of the water supplied by the Company, and the Act being otherwise amended; 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. Liddell reported from the Committee on Landport Group D. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Landport and Southsea Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Beallt reported from the Committee on Railway Bills; That for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday the 4th of June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on Selection; That they had made certain of Selection alterations in the Groups already formed.

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

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 Foweymouth and Helvetiae Railway Bridge Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; and that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

2. That in the case of the Wimbledon and Dorking Railway Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

3. That in the case of the North Eastern Railway (Leicester Valley Branch) Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

4. That in the case of the Ilchester Parish Acts Amendment, Petition for leave to deposit Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for Bill.

5. That in the case of the London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment, Petition of South Western Railway Corporation of Southampton to dispense with Standing Orders 109, and for leave to be heard on their Bill, Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted
A Bill to extend the time for the Purchase of Metropolitan certain Lands required for the Metropolitan Railway. (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry Carew should be Private Bills added to the Committee on Group G. of Private (Group G.) Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the New Valley Improvement Bills of Sessions 1852 and 1864, respectively, be referred to the Committee on the New Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Birkenhead Docks Bill, &c. (1844, &c.) Bill, enabling the Petitioners to take certain additional lands on the south side of the River Nene for the purpose of setting back the bank of the river, and the road which now runs upon such bank, be presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the Mallow and Fermoy Railway Company, and of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Nene Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement Bill for Bill, to dissolve the Mallow and Fermoy Railway Company, and to transfer all the Powers of that Company for making and maintaining the Mallow and Fermoy Railway to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of Matthew Dawson, of Pontefract, in the Parliamentary Borough of Pontefract, in the County of York, Gentleman; William Shielcliff, of the same place, Woollen and Linen Draper; William Wortfolk, of Knottingley, in the said Parliamentary Borough of Pontefract, Shipbuilder; and John Howard, also of Knottingley aforesaid, Rope-manufacturer, Electors of the said Parliamentary Borough of Pontefract, praying to be admitted Parties to defend the Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 72].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read [Vide Votes, &c.] A Petition of John Trollope from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Portsmouth Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as related to the construction of the new Railway and Branch, the Power to use certain portions of the Line to Portsmouth belonging to the London, Brighton and South Coast, and London and South Western Railway Companies, and the extension of time for purchase of lands for and for completion of the Extension Railway from Godalming to Guildford, in order to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by 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.

The Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills ordered, That the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills beleave this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Thomas Duncombe presented a Bill to facilitate and afford more frequent opportunities for the Registration of the Elective Franchise in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Chester Water Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Saving rights of the Dublin and Kings- town Railway Company), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Right of fishing, &c., in reservoir on lands of Auchenorchie and Strathleven reserved), 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 Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Islington Parish Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognisances, stating that the Recognition to the Election Petition of 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 Mallow and Fermoy and Great Southern and Western Railways 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 Newport, Abereavenny and Hereford Railway 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 Orkney Roads 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 Keith and Dufftown Railway Bill. 

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognisances, stating that the Recognition to the Election Petition of the Honorable Henry Handcock, relating to the Borough of Wareham, is unobjectionable.

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The following Papers were laid upon the Table Tobacco by the Clerk of the House. — Return to several Orders, dated the 26th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, and the 12th day of this instant May, for a Return of the several Seizures made, and of the Prosecutions for Breach of the Laws relating to Tobacco, between the 5th day of January 1852, and the 5th day of January 1857, distinguishing those in Great Britain from those in Ireland; specifying the Places where and the Names of the Persons prosecuted, and from whom the Seizures were made; the Quantities and kind 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 429, of Session 1854-55):—

And, for a Return of the several Seizures made, and of the Prosecutions for Breach of the Laws relating to Tobacco, between the 5th day of January 1852, and the 5th day of January 1857, distinguishing those in Great Britain from those in Ireland; specifying the Places where and the Names of the Persons prosecuted, and from whom the Seizures were made; the Quantities and kind 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. 429, of Session 1854-55):—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Amount of Revenue received in the United Kingdom in each year since 1852, for Stamp Duties on Marine Insurance, and the Total Amount of Tonnage belonging to the United Kingdom, in each year during that period.

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Redemption and Sale of the Land Tax, and for discharging the Incidental Expenses attending the execution of those Acts from the 31st March 1856, the period to which the last Account was made up, to 31st March 1857.

Public Works Commission.

An Account of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st March 1857, of the Amounts placed at their disposal for Loans, by the Acts 57 Geo. 3. c. 34, and subsequent Acts; showing the Amounts advanced, the Amounts remaining unissued on the 31st March 1857, and the Amount of Loans advanced by the Commissioners under the Act 57 Geo. 3. c. 34, and the Monies received on account thereof, and paid into the Exchequer, and the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding, distinguishing each class of Loans, and also showing the Amounts advanced and repaid during the year ending 31st March 1857.

Public Works Loan Commission.

Accounts showing the Amounts placed at the disposal of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, under the Act 57 Geo. 3. c. 34, and subsequent Acts; the Amounts advanced, and the Amount remaining unissued on the 31st March 1857, and the Amount of Loans advanced by the Commissioners under the Acts; the Monies received on account thereof, and paid into the Exchequer, and the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding on the 31st March 1857, distinguishing each class of Loans; and also showing the Amounts advanced and repaid in respect of each class, during the year ended 31st March 1857.

Harbours, &c. Bills.

No. 2. Mr. Luce presented, pursuant to Order,—A further Report from the Board of Trade relative to Harbours, &c. Bills. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Local Acts.

No. 26. Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts.

Deover Mail Packet Contract.

No. 2. Mr. Osborne also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Dover Mail Packet Contract. Ordered, That the said Order do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed.

Diseases of the Army in the East.

Sir John Ramsden presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Diseases of the Army in the East.

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

Adjournment.

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

Committees.

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

Court of Chancery, &c.

(Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Bills of Costs lodged in the Offices of the three Taxing Masters of the Court of Chancery in Ireland for the last Four years, and the Amount to which said Bills have been taxed and certified, and the Interval between the lodgment of same and their being certified; also the Number of Clerks in said Department, and their respective Duties; and the Hours of said Masters in Term and Vacation, with the Salaries of each, and of the other Officers in said Department:—And, similar Return from the Taxing Office of the Incumbered Estates Court.

Sound Dues.

The House was moved, That so much of the Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, at the opening of the Session, as relates to the Sound Dues, might be read; and the same was read, as follows :—

We are commanded to inform you, That Her Majesty, in conjunction with several other European Powers, has concluded a Treaty with the King of Denmark for the redemption of the Sound Dues. This Treaty, together with a separate Convention between Her Majesty and the King of Denmark, completing the arrangement, will be laid before you; and Her Majesty will cause the measures necessary for fulfilling the engagements thereby contracted to be submitted for your consideration.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the redemption of the Sound Dues.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee to Princess whom it was referred to consider Her Majesty's Royal most gracious Message of the 18th day of this instant May, relative to the Marriage of the Princess Royal, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That the annual sum of Eight thousand pounds be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain and Ireland, the said annuity to be settled on Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, for her life, in such manner as Her Majesty shall think proper, and to commence from the date of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness with His Royal Highness Prince Frederic William of Prussia. The said Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the word "Eight," and inserting the word "Six," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Eight," stand part of the Resolution; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Hooper, Yes, The Earl of Mulgrave: 328. Tellers for the Mr. Coningham, Noes: 14. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to the said Resolution: And that Mr. FitzRoy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Viscount Palmerston do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply. Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That the Sum of £40,000 be granted to Her Princess Majesty, for the Marriage Portion of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £46,723, be Naval Mis- grated to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £441,603, be Half-Pay, &c. granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £327,163, be Military granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum neces- sary 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 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,000, be Civil granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum neces- sary 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 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £565,064, be Packet granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum neces- sary to defray the Charge of the Packet Service for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858.
The first Resolution being read a second time; and a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do 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. Haigten, Yea]; [The Earl of Malaghy: 121].

Tellers for the [Mr. Macnamara; Noes, (Mr. Comingham): 18].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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

(The Committee.)

1. £ 2,921,017 (in addition to £ 1,407,900 already voted on account), for Pay and Allowances of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 369,055, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 184,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Miscellaneous Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 318,943, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 184,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Miscellaneous Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £ 35,282 (in addition to £ 14,000 already voted on account), for Volunteer Corps in Great Britain.

4. £ 122,909 (in addition to £ 62,000 already voted on account), for Departments of the Secretary of State for War, and of the General Commanding-in-Chief.

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 upon Thursday next.

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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Marts, 26th die Maii, 1857:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. Haigten, Yea: 121].

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteside; Noes: 67].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—That 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 Bill; 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 Court of reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Portland a Committee on the Portland Harbour Bill; and, Harbour 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 upon Thursday next.

The Cinque Ports Act Amendment 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 Ministers' Money (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 General Board of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

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.

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 Sheriffs and other Returning Officers for Counties and Parliamentary Boroughs in Great Britain and Ireland, showing the Charges, item by item, made to Candidates by such Sheriffs and Returning Officers, in connection with the late General Election of Members to serve in Parliament; the total Charges, item by item, to be stated according to the several Persons interested, severally, and distinctly enumerated; with the gross Total of each Bill, and also the Proportion charged upon each Candidate.

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 Queen's Order in Council, for the Return of the Number and Names of Matriculated Students of the first, second and third years in each College of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland, during each of the seven years of its existence; distinguishing the Under-Graduate Students of the first, second and third years in each case.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present to Railway and Canal Bills of this Session, in compliance with the recommendation contained in the Fifth Report of the Select Committee on Railway and Canal Bills of the Session of 1853.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to enable Her Majesty to settle an Annuity on Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Paper relative to Fisheries (France), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant May, be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till Thursday next.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Banff, Portsoy and Turriff Extension Railway Bill; that the said Bill having been reported from the Committee in the last Session of Parliament, before proceedings thereon were suspended under the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, and it being proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, under Standing Order No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, in terms of the seventh paragraph of the said Standing Orders of the 12th March, inserted a clause enacting that the Subscription Contracts entered into with respect to the undertaking authorised by the Bill prior to the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session.

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 respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the London Gas-Light Company (Capital) 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; that the Petition for the Metropolitan Railway (No. 2) Bill, the same as amended, to be read a second time.

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; that in the case of the Metropolitan Railway (No. 2) Bill, the Staining Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill; that they had made a special inquiry into the Atlantic Telegraph Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; 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. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a Report from the Examiners of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of the Right honourable John Arthur Wyman, relating to the Borough of St. Ives, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had Sandon this day received a Report from the Examiners of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Robert Cazan and James Smith, relating to the Borough of Sunderland, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received this day a Report from the Examiners of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of George Montagu Warren Peacocke, relating to the Borough of Maldon, is unobjectionable.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Atlantic the Atlantic Telegraph Company Bill, as amended Telegraph Co. in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Order of the day being read, for the second Westminster reading of the Westminster Improvements (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Birkenshead District Gas and Water Bill.
Mr. Packe reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Birkenshead District Gas and Water 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.

Lewes and Uckfield Railway Bill.
Sir John Trollope reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Lewes and Uckfield Railway Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn; and they have inserted the clause required by the Standing Order of the House of the 12th day of March last; 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; and be printed.

Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill.
Sir John Trollope reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had inserted a clause in the Bill enacting that such Contract should be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament; 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; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group E.)
Ordered, That the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills have leave to sit this day till Five o'clock, during the sitting of the House.

Eastern Counties Railway Bill.
The Order, That the Eastern Counties Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Tilbury, Maldon and Colchester Railway Bill.
The Order, That the Tilbury, Maldon and Colchester Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Besselsleigh Road Bill.
Colonel Pennant reported the Besselsleigh Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Bleaching Works.
Ordered, That the Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire how far it may be advisable to extend the Provisions of the Acts for the better regulation of Bleaching Works established in certain parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Evidence and Appendix, which was presented upon the 8th day of June 1855, be referred to the Select Committee on Bleaching and Dyeing Works.

Divorce Acts.
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 Acts of Parliament since the Reformation to the present time, for dissolving Marriage; and enabling the Parties to marry again; distinguishing the years in which such Acts passed.

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.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on European Group E. of Private Bills; That in the case of the European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company 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.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Charing Cross Group E. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Bridge Bill, Charing Cross Bridge 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.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Tenth Annual Report of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland; with Appendices.

Mr. Massey also presented, — Return to an Address from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for the Relief of the Poor of the United Kingdom, that the Number of Extra Sittings of the Court of Session in Scotland, since the 1st day of January 1840 to the 1st day of January 1857, in terms of the Act 2 & 3 Vict. c. 36; — (1.) Of the whole Court or either Division thereof; and (2.) Of all or any of the Lords Ordinary; and by whose directions such Extra Sittings took place; and the Number of Causes standing in the Short Roll of each Division of the Court, and ready for Hearing, at the meeting of the Court in November, during each of the last Ten years; — And, of the Number of Causes decided at each of the Extra Sittings by each Division and each Lord Ordinary.

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the direction of the Court of Chancellors of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of General Regulations, &c., for the Extra Sittings of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, dated 19th day of May 1857.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Tobacco, &c., which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Malt, &c., which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to National Collections, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Public Works, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Public Works Loan Commission, which were presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, East India a Return showing the Number of Covenanted Civil (Civil Service) Servants of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, who have retired on Annuities, from the Civil Service Annuity Fund, of £1,000 a year, with the maximum and minimum period of Service of such Annuitants; and the Number of such Covenanted Servants who have retired on Annuities of less than £1,000 a year; stating, in the latter case, the Amount of Annuity which the Retired Officer actually receives, and the Number of his years Service.

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 Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Kerry, to the 7th of June 1857, in the room of Harry Arthur Henery, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, has accepted the office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of 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 Return, compiled from Returns before this House, of the Amount of Church Rates and other Monies received and expended under the Provisions of any Act of Parliament on the security of Church Rates, and remaining due on such security, in the years 1830 and 1854, respectively.

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 to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence between the Office Foreign and the Commercial Association of Manchester, relative to Outrages committed on British Subjects in China, in 1846, 1847 and 1848.

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 date of the first introduction of the extra Constabulary Force into the County of Limerick, and of the average annual Number of Effective men in the County of Limerick Constabulary Force, from the said period to the 1st day of March 1837, actually stationed in that County; and of the Amount of annual Payment made by the County of Limerick to the Paymaster of Civil Services, or otherwise, on account of extra Constabulary Force in each year, from the date of the first introduction of the said Force to the 1st day of March 1837.

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 Number of Men of all Ranks in the Army from 1828 to 1856-7, both inclusive, to the 1st day of March, and of the Total Number of Men voted in each year, for Army, Ordnance and Commissariat:

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Enfield Factories, 1842-1856.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and 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 Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of a more equitable adjustment of the Land Tax; and of allowing a further redemption of the same; and whether by any other means the Land Tax might be made more beneficial to the Revenue of the Country, and to the Reduction of the National Debt:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Compensation to Tenant Farmers in Ireland, for Improvements made by them upon Lands in their occupation, and to limit the Power of Eviction in certain cases:—And that Mr. Moore and Mr. Maguire do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for securing the more effectual Promotion of the Medical and Surgical Sciences in the Queen's University in Ireland, by enabling the Ratepayers of the Unions of Cork, Belfast and Galway, respectively, to provide for the enlargement and better maintenance of certain Hospitals in the said Cities and Towns, and for the further extension of the Provisions of the Act of the eighth and ninth years of Her present Majesty, to endow new Colleges for the advancement of Learning in Ireland:—And that Mr. Fagan and Mr. Beamish do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 30, for the Punishment of persons convicted of Aggravated Assaults on Women and Children;—The House divided; The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left;—Tellers for the Viscount Reykhan, Yeas: Mr. Bentnack; Tellers for the Mr. Hayter; Noes, The Earl of Midgavre:—So it passed in the Negative.

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

Veneris, 29° die Maii, 1857:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 6 & 7 Vict. c. 36, to exempt from County, Borough, Parochial and other Local Rates, the land and buildings occupied by Scientific and Literary Societies:—And that Mr. Hutt, Lord Stanley and Mr. William Ewart do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Houses liable to the payment of Minister's Money in each of the Cities or Boroughs of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Drogheda, Kilkenny, Clonmel and Kinsale, under the Provisions of the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 11, distinguishing the Number of Houses in each of them which are of the rated value of more than £10 but not more than £11, of more than £11 but not more than £12, and so on to the highest value; together with the Total Amount of Ministers' Money payable in each of the said Cities or Boroughs, as ascertained, approved, and certified under the Provisions of the said Act.

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 showing the Names of all the Surveyors, Draftsmen and Engineers dismissed on the late Reduction from the Survey Branch of the War Department in Great Britain and Ireland, whose period of service exceeds Twelve years continuous; the Qualifications and Total Number of years' service of each such Officer; also the Names of such Surveyors, Draftsmen and Engineers as shall have been recommended by Mr. and Mr. Secretaries in command for Supernumeration, according to Treasury Minute, 1852-56:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Excise and Customs Duties upon Hops.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Bill, &c. reading of the Sheep, &c. Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be second reading upon Thursday next.

The Joint Stock Companies Bill was, according Joint Stock Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were, read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,931,671, be Grant to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £1,147,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Pay and Allowances of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £309,055, be Grant to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £184,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Miscellaneous Charges of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £36,382, be Grant to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £14,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Volunteer Corps in Great Britain, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £123,999, be Grant to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £62,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Department of the Secretary of State for War, and of the General Commanding in Chief, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the third Reading of the Portland Harbour Bill;—And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Wood, 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cinque Ports 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, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered,
Ordered; That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ministers' Money (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Princess Royal's Annuity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Mr. Fagan presented a Bill for securing the more effectual Promotion of the Medical and Surgical Sciences in the Queen's University in Ireland, by enabling the Ratepayers of the Unions of Cork, Belfast and Galway, respectively, to provide for the enlargement and better maintenance of certain Hospitals in the said Cities and Towns, and for the further extension of the Provisions of the Act of the eighth and ninth years of Her present Majesty, to enable those Colleges for the advancement of Learning in Ireland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Moore presented a Bill to provide Compensation to Tenant Farmers in Ireland for Improvements made by them upon their Occupations, and to curtail the Power of Eviction in certain cases; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday the 18th day of June next, the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered; That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of June next.

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

Teneris, 29 th die Maii;

Anno 20° Victioriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

COLONEL WILSON PATTON reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Ryhmea Railway Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

2. That in the case of the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Roads, Petition from Burslem District Local Board of Health, for dispensing with 9th Standing Order of 12th March last, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Newe Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement, Petition of Commissioners for draining Sutton and Mepal District, for dispensing with 9th Standing Order of 12th March last, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Newe Valley Drainage and Navigation Improvement, Petition of Commissioners for draining Sutton and Mepal District, for dispensing with 9th Standing Order of 12th March last, and for leave to be heard on their Petition against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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5. That in the case of the Malvern and Fermoy Mallow and Great Southern and Western Railways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Railway Bill.

6. That in the case of the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

7. That in the case of the Orkney Roads, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

8. That in the case of the Keith and Dufftown Keith and Railway (No. 2), Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

9. That in the case of the Tilbury, Maldon and Colchester Railway, Petition of Sir Henry B. Paulet, Petitioner, for dispensing with Standing Order 169, and for leave to be heard on his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit.

10. That in the case of the London Gas-Light and Coke Company (Capital), Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The first, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Fraserburgh Harbour Bill, with Amendments, Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Portsmouth Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by making alterations to show more clearly the constitution of the owners of the existing Waterworks, and the district supplied by them and to be supplied by the New Company; incorporated by the Bill, and by inserting a statement of the agreement entered into for the sale of the existing works to the New 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Slaney River Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting a statement showing the Capital of the Slaney Navigation 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.

Mr. John Wake reported from the Committee on the Tyne Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting those paragraphs which related to the removal of a disqualification of Commissioners interested in the Northumberland Docks, and to the charges proposed to be made upon the Tyne Improvement Fund as a collateral security, and to the giving of a priority upon the funds of the new works to the Northumberland Docks Mortgages; and also by omitting the paragraph relating to the rights of various Parties in the
The House proceeded to take into consideration Glasgow Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Kidsgrove Market Bill, as amended in the Market Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Scottish Central Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Waterford and Tramore Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Oxford City this day received a Report from the Examiner of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of William Herbert, James Pika, Frederick J. Morell, James Watson, Alfred G. Holmes, Joseph Taylor and William Thompson, relating to the City of Oxford, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Lanarkshire this day received a Report from the Examiner of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of George Vere Irving, relating to the County of Lanark, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Bury Election this day received a Report from the Examiner of Election Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of John Walker and Richard Hackling, relating to the Borough of Bury, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Wilmslow Group K. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Group K. of Private Bills, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition, 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.

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group K. of Private Bills; That for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Monday the 8th of June, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to 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 Leeds, in the room of Robert Hall, Esquire, deceased.

Resolved,
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 Decrees of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii in Scotland during the last ten years, distinguishing whether the Suit was prosecuted by Husband or Wife.

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 Account of the Quantities of Cheese imported into the several Ports of Great Britain, in each Month of the year 1856; distinguishing the European, United States and Colonial Produce; and of all Cheese, exclusive of British Cheese, exported from England in the year 1856 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 240, of Session 1856).

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 Election Auditor of the Total Amount of the audited Expenses incurred by each Candidate to serve as a Member in the present Parliament, especially distinguishing the Expenses, if any, of conveying Electors to the Poll; the Number and Expenses of the Polling-places, and of Rooms engaged as Committee-rooms; the Number and Expenses of Election Agents, Committee-men, Clerks, Messengers, Paid Canvassers, and others; the Expenses of printing Addresses, Placards and Advertisements; setting forth, also, the Total Number of Voters on the Registry, and the Total Number of Votes polled for each Candidate.

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 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 Non-commissioned Officers of the Army who were promoted to Commissions while serving in the Field with the Army of the East, between the 1st day of May 1854, and the 1st day of August 1856; stating the Regiment to which they belonged, and the Regiment or Corps to which they were promoted; and specifying, if they received Appointments as Adjutants or Quartermasters, and if now serving on Full or Half-Pay.

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 the Number of Rank and File stationed at the several Votes for Libraries and Reading Rooms in each Barrack:

Ovens for instructing Soldiers in baking Bread are attached; if Five Courts, Skittle-grounds, or the means of practising Gymnastic Exercises, are provided for Soldiers; if any Cricket-ground is attached to the Station or provided at the Expense of Government; and also the Amount of Accommodation for Libraries and Reading Rooms in each Barrack:

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 Report of Public Monies Committee (the year 1857-58) of the Year 1856:—And, Account of all Monies received by the Paymaster General, except such as were drawn from the Exchequer, for the year 1856-57 (in continuation of Accounts printed in Report of Public Monies Committee).

Resolved, That there be laid before this House, a Constabulary Return of the Date of the first introduction of the Force Extra Constabulary Force into the County of Waterford; and of the Average Annual Number of Effective Men in the County of Waterford Constabulary Force, from the said period to the 1st day of March 1857, actually stationed in that County; and of the Amount of Annual Payments made by the County of Waterford to the Paymaster of Civil Servants, or otherwise, on account of Extra Constabulary Force, in each year from the date of the first introduction of the said Force to the 1st day of March 1857.

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 Letter addressed by Mr. Chief Justice Droper to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, bearing date the 6th day of May 1857; together with a Copy of the Memorandum therein referred to, relative to the Hudson's Bay 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.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Manfield Group G. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Mansfield and Worksop Road Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and concurred in the same, by striking out, because it did not appear expedient to them to sanction the rate of Interest, the words " and bear interest at the rate of Five pounds per centum per annum"; " principal "; and " interest "; and fixed the
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 Pennant reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Friday the 4th of June, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Town of Liverpool of early Tariff of Town Duties, including Anchorage.—Of present Tariff of ditto, and any other Tariffs used from time to time:—Of Changes made in the Tariff from time to time, either by way of Impostion of new Items, or Abolition of old Items, or by way of Augmentation or Reduction of, or Composition for, Duties previously levied, with the Date of each Change, and the Authority by which it was made:—Copies of any Tables or Lists in the possession of the Corporation, which have been at any time used by the Corporation, as containing the Tariff of Town Duties, with their respective Dates:—Return of Amount of Town Duties for each year, from the time they were first received by the Corporation, or from the earliest Date at which the Return can be furnished, to the present time:—Accounts of the various Amounts spent by the Corporation from time to time on Shipping purposes since they first received Town Duties, giving for each Item so spent, the Date: a full and explicit Description of the Shipping purpose to which it has been applied; the Authority under which it has been expended; in cases where such Expenditure has produced any Return, the Amount of such Return, whether in the shape of Annual or Temporary Receipts, or of Purchase Money, or both, or otherwise:—Of the Amount of the Debt now charged directly or collaterally on the Borough Fund, giving the Date at which each Portion of the Debt was made; the Purpose for which it was contracted; the Quantity, Description and Situation of the Land granted or sold:—Return of the Quantity of Land reclaimed from the Mersey by the Expenditure of Monies belonging to the Dock Estate, and claimed by the Corporation as their Property, and an Account of any subsequent Grants or Sales of any such Land, giving, in the case of each Grant or Sale, the Date of the Transaction; the Party to whom such Land was granted or sold; the Quantity, Description and Situation of the Land granted or sold; the Price or Consideration (if any) paid or given by the Dock Estate; the Mode in which the Price (if any) was determined; the Authority, whether by Act of Parliament or otherwise, under which the Grant or Sale was made; to be accompanied by a Map, showing the original and present condition of the Land so granted or sold:—Accounts of all Purchases by the Corporation of Land on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, giving in each case the Date of the Purchase; the Parties from whom the Purchase was made; the Quantity, Description and Situation of the Land purchased; the Price given; to be accompanied by a Map, showing the Situation of the Land:—And, of all Sales or Leases by the Corporation of Land on the Cheshire side of the Mersey, giving in each case the Date of the Sale or Lease; the Parties to whom the Sale or Lease was made; the Quantity, Description and Situation of the Land sold or leased; in cases of a Leases for which leased, the Price, Rent or other Consideration received; to be accompanied by a Map, showing the Situation of the Land.

Mr. Hutt presented a Bill to amend the Act 6 & 7 Vic. c. 36, to exempt from County, Borough, Parochial and other Local Rates, Land and Buildings occupied by Scientific and Literary Societies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshe have leave of absence for three weeks, on account of ill health.

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

Ordered, That upon Thursday the 18th day of Public June next, and upon every succeeding Thursday during the present Session, Government Orders of the day shall have precedence of Notices of Motions.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Newcastle this day received a Letter from Messrs. Baxter, Rose, Under-Lyme and Norton, as Agents for John Riley, Esquire, Petitioner against the Return for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, informing him that it is not intended to proceed with either of the Petitions of the said John Riley, Esquire:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.
The Order for referring the said Petitions to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

A Petition of the Newry, Warrenpoint and Ros-Navy, trevor Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Newry, Warrenpoint and Ros-Navy Railway Bill, for altering the Line affording the Junction between the Newry, Warrenpoint and Ros-Navy Railway, and the Newry and Eniskillen Railway, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Massey presented, Return to an Address to Ecclesiastical Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant Commission (Ireland.)

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this Police instant May, for a Return relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland. land).

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Income Tax, by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Number of Persons charged to the Income Tax for the years ended the 5th day of April 1855, under Schedule D; distinguishing the Number charged in each of the following Classes: viz., under £.100 a year; £.100 and under £.150 a year; £.150 and under £.200; £.200 and under £.300; £.300 and under £.400; £.400 and under £.500; £.500 and under £.600; £.600 and under £.700; £.700 and under £.800; £.800 and under £.900; £.900 and under £.1,000; £.1,000 and under £.2,000; £.2,000 and under £.3,000; £.3,000 and under £.4,000; £.4,000 and under £.5,000; £.5,000 and under £.10,000; £.10,000 and under £.50,000; £.50,000 and upwards; and the Amounts of Tax received from each Class;—Similar Return under Schedule E, to £.5,000 a year and upwards:— Return showing the Net Amount of Property and Income Tax for the same years, classed under the several
several Schedules (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 313, of Session 1856) — And, similar Resolution for Ireland.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Foreign Shipping.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to East India (Naval of Surat.)

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Queen Anne's Bounty.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of 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 1857; by John T. Pratt, Esquire, the Barrister appointed to certify the Rules of Savings Banks.

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to applications for Local Acts.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirit Licenses (Ireland), was presented upon the 10th day of July 1856, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Mercantile Marine Fund, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Session (Scotland), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant May, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Princess Royal's Annuity Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1. (Her Majesty empowered to grant an Annuity of £8,000 to Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal for her life.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided, however, that in the event of Her Royal Highness becoming Queen of Prussia, the said Annuity shall be and remain suspended from the date of the accession of His Royal Highness Prince Frederic William of Prussia to the throne of Prussia, so long as Her Royal Highness shall remain such Queen Consort."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be read.

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 second Reading of the Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The House was moved, That the Resolution which, Savings Banks upon the 12th day of this instant May, was reported (No. 2.) from the Committee on Savings Banks, might be read; and the same was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the Establishment of Savings Banks with the Security of the Government.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and to provide for the Establishment of Savings Banks with the Security of the Government: And that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill was, Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (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 Wiles and Means Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment.

The House was moved, That the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856, 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 amend the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856:—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 follows:

That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Fitz-Roy, Mr. Low and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Duchy of Lancaster.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of Mr. Francis Robert Bertolacci, Auditor of the Duchy of Lancaster, praying the House to appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the statements set forth in his Petition, presented upon the 15th day of the instant May, be printed:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Hop Duties.

The Select Committee on Hop Duties was nominated of Mr. Dodson, Viscount Pevensey, Mr. Wykeham Martin, Mr. Beesford Hope, Sir Edward Dering, Mr. Bizz, Mr. Hanbury, Sir John Shelley, Mr. John Locke, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Brand, Mr. Bouch, Mr. Ball, Mr. Blakenor, and Mr. Knight; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to discontinue the taking of Toll on the Turnpike Roads now existing in Ireland, and to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as Public Roads, and for the Discharge of the Debts due thereon, and for other purposes relating thereto:—And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Law for the Protection of young Females, and of Females of unsound mind:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks, and for the Establishment of Savings Banks with the Security of the Government:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented a Bill to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Protection of Female Children and Idiots.

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 Correspondence which has taken place between the War Department and the Mersey Steel and Iron Company in the subject of the 13-inch Wrought Iron Gun manufactured by them, and presented to Her Majesty's Government:—Of Correspondence which has taken place between the War Department and other Manufacturers of Wrought Iron Ordnance:—And, Amount of Public Money paid to Private Manufacturers for Experiments in the Construction, or attempted Construction, of Wrought or Cast Iron Ordnance; with PARTICULARS OF THE AMOUNT PAID TO EACH FIRM OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

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 put, Eclesiastical That there be laid before this House, Returns of Revenues the Revenues derived from Lands by the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, distinguishing the Amount received from Rents and the Amount received from Fines, and the Gross and Net Amounts; the Number of Acres of Land from which the Rents and Fines are derived; the Average Values per Acre of those Lands, and of Total Value:—Of the Revenues derived from the Lands of the Church in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, distinguishing Rent and Fines, and stating to what extent Perpetuities have been granted under the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4:—Of the Number of Acres of Eclesiastical Lands in the hands of the Commissioners:—Of what Leases have been made in Perpetuity by Archbishops and Bishops, under the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 37:—Of the Number of Acres of Church Lands in Ireland, whether held by the Archbishops and Bishops, or by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners:—Of the Rents and Fines of all such Lands now paying any able:—Of the Actual Value per Acre of all such Lands, and of the Total Value:—Of the Total Eclesiastical Tithes of Ireland, as now payable under the last Commutation Act:—Of the Total Land and Real Estate of Ireland:—Of the Estimated Amount of Public Money paid to Private Manufacturers for Experiments in the Construction, or attempted Construction, of Wrought or Cast Iron Ordnance; 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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of William Morgan Myer and Powell Chandler, relating to the City of Gloucester, is unobjectionable.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Joseph Keay, relating to the Borough of Great Yarmouth, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Richard Ferrer and Edward Hardord Preston, relating to the Borough of Great Yarmouth, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Edward Holton and Robert Hobman, relating to the Borough of Totnes, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of William Clarke and Thomas Reed Wilson, relating to the Borough of Sligo, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Sir John Forster Fitzgerald, relating to the County of Clare, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of William Tyler, William Mills Robinson, George Bennett and Joseph Hide, relating to the Borough of Finchley, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Leverick-upon-Tweed, is unobjectionable.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Eastern and Hartlepool Dock and Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Portsmouth Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tralee and Killarney Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Metropolitan Railway (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for facilitating Leases and Sales of Lands mortgaged by the Westminster Improvement Commissioners, and for Appointment of Managers to wind up the Affairs of the Commission, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Machinsoon and Mr. Bulkeley Hughes do prepare, and bring it in.

A Bill for regulating the Payment of Dividends on certain Classes of Preference Shares in the London Gas-Light Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to dissolve the Mallow and Fermoy Railway Company, and to transfer all the Powers of that Company for making and maintaining the Mallow and Fermoy Railway to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway and Canal Bills ; That the Parties promoting the North Staffordshire Railway (Bridge-water Canals) 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.

Sir John Trollope reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, the Committee, in pursuance of the Resolutions of the Standing Orders Committee of the 10th of March last, have inquired into a compliance with the Standing Orders therein directed to be inquired into by the Committee; and they have to report, that the same have been duly complied with ; and such compliance proved to their satisfaction; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as related to the construction of the Branch Railway from the Town of Billinge-swarth to the Town of Petworth, and inserting in lieu thereof a Branch from Poulborough to Coudershaw Mill, in the Parish of Petworth, in order to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had, Lieuten. on the 1st day of this instant June, received a Letter from Jonathan Richardson, Esquire, informing him that it is not his intention to defend his Return for the Borough of Lisburn — And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

I beg to inform you that it is not my intention to defend my Election or Return for the Borough of Lisburn.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servant,
Jonathan Richardson.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had, Newcastle-on-the-1st day of this instant June, received a Letter from James Coppock, Esquire, as Agent for James Watkins and James Fox, in the matter of their Petition against the Return of Samuel Christy, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, informing him that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

40, Parliament-street, June 1st, 1857.

An Agent for Levi Watkins and James Fox, in the matter of their Petition, presented the 21st May 1857, against the Return of Samuel Christy, Esquire, for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, I 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,
James Coppock.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had, Safified on the 1st day of this instant June, received a Letter from James Watkins and Thomas Knight, junior, in the matter of their Petition against the Return for the Northern Division of the County of Stafford, informing him that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

40, Parliament-street, June 1st, 1857.

As Agent for James Fox and Thomas Knight, junior, in the matter of their Petition, presented the 21st May 1857, against the Return for the Northern Division of the County of Stafford, I 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,
James Coppock.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

The Right honourable Sir William Meredith Contrived Soucmere, Baronet, the Right honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, Colonel John Wilson Pettit, Star, William Heathcote, Baronet, William Miles, Esquire, and John Bonham-Carter, Esquire, the Members appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committees of Elections, and not objected to by the House, were sworn at the Table by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit this day, during the sitting of the House;

Ordered, That the Corrected Alphabetical List of Members to serve on Election Committees be referred to the Committee.
Railway Bills

The Order, That the Norwich and Spalding Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The End of March, reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Southampton, Bristol and South Wales Railway Bill, had stated that the evidence of John James Iselin, George Julius Virtue and George Mills, for a Return relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ of Summons, for a Return relative to Bankruptcy (Ireland), to the House, he had been instructed by the Committee to move, That the said Parties do attend the said Committee forthwith.

Ordered, That John James Iselin, George Julius Virtue and George Mills do attend the said Committee forthwith.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of February, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 23, of Session 1857, from November 20, 1856, to November 29, 1856:—And, for Returns relating to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 24, of Session 1857, from November 29, 1856, to November 29, 1856.

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that day;—And, of the Gross Amount of Paupers relieved in Scotland on that 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantities of Silk of the various Kinds imported into the United Kingdom from various Countries, from 1842 to 1856, both inclusive; distinguishing each year's Importation, and the Countries from whence they came.

Riff Pirates.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Riff Pirates, which was presented upon the 12th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed.

Dover Mail Packet Contract.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Dover Mail Packet Contract, which was presented upon the 26th day of May last, be printed.

Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland).

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland), which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Income Tax.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Foreign Shipping.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Shipping, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

East India (Nawab of Surat).

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Nawáb of Surat), which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Loan Societies.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Loan Societies, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Poor Rates and Pauperism.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns, viz.:-

Return A.—Comparative Statement of the Number of Paupers of all Classes (except Lunatic Paupers in Asylums and Vagrants relieved out of Doors) in receipt of Relief on the last Day of each Week in the Quarters ended at Lady-day 1856 and 1857 respectively, in Unions, &c.;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Midsummer 1856 and 1857 respectively;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Michaelmas 1856 and 1857 respectively;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Christmas 1856 and 1857 respectively;

Return B.—Statement of the Number of Paupers, distinguishing the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers relieved in Unions, &c. on the 1st day of July 1857;—Similar Statement for the 1st day of January 1858;

Return C.—Statement of the Amount expended in Unions, &c. for In-maintenance and Out-Relief only; Half-year ended at Michaelmas 1857;—Similar Statement for the Half-year ended at Lady-day 1858;

And, Return D.—Amount of Poor Rates levied and expended during the year ended at Lady-day 1857.

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

Viscount Palmerston presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of May last, for a Return relative to China.

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

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of the House of Commons, a Bill for the regulation of Elections; that they had selected the following Twelve Members to be the Chairmen of the Committees for the present Session:

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James Milnes Gaskell, Esq., (South Shields);

Thomas Barnaby, Esq., (Lancashire);

John Holdsworth, Esq., (Leeds);

Henry Lee, Esq., (Nottingham);

Robert Ingham, Esq., (South Shields);

William Scholefield, Esq., (Birmingham);

Edward Egerton, Esq., (Shropshire);

Matthew Taylor, Esq., (Hereford and Worcester).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-posed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of collecting the Votes at Elections in Counties and Universities by way of Voting Papers.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Riff Pirates, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Nawáb of Surat), which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland), which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Dover Mail Packet Contract, which was presented, upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland), which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Shipping, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Loan Societies, which was presented upon the 29th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns, viz.:-

Return A.—Comparative Statement of the Number of Paupers of all Classes (except Lunatic Paupers in Asylums and Vagrants relieved out of Doors) in receipt of Relief on the last Day of each Week in the Quarters ended at Lady-day 1856 and 1857 respectively, in Unions, &c.;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Midsummer 1856 and 1857 respectively;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Michaelmas 1856 and 1857 respectively;—Similar Statement for the Quarters ended at Christmas 1856 and 1857 respectively;

Return B.—Statement of the Number of Paupers, distinguishing the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers relieved in Unions, &c. on the 1st day of July 1857;—Similar Statement for the 1st day of January 1858;

Return C.—Statement of the Amount expended in Unions, &c. for In-maintenance and Out-Relief only; Half-year ended at Michaelmas 1857;—Similar Statement for the Half-year ended at Lady-day 1858;

And, Return D.—Amount of Poor Rates levied and expended during the year ended at Lady-day 1857.

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

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

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Reports from the Admiralty relative to Applications for Local Acts.

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Roy 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 explain and amend the Act to regulate the granting of Licenses to Keepers of Inns, Alehouses and Victualling Houses in England;—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Atherton and Mr. Warren do prepare, and bring it in.

Barish.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to Burials in Consecrated and Unconsecrated Ground: And that Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Hindley do prepare, and bring it in.

Married Women's Reversionary Interest.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Married Women to dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate: And that Mr. Malles and Mr. Mullings do prepare, and bring it in.

Duchy of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition).

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the statements set forth in a Petition from Mr. Francis Robert Bertolacci, praying for an inquiry into the proceedings of certain functionaries of the Duchy of Lancaster, in preventing him from exercising the rights, powers and privilege of the office of Auditor of the Duchy, and in superseding him by a near connexion of the Receiver General to audit that Officer's accounts such Committee to consist of Five Members to be appointed by the General Committee of Elections.

Emigration (North American Colonies).

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 Despatches relative to Emigration to the North American Colonies (in Session 1, 1857).

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.

County Cess (Ireland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revise and amend certain Acts relating to the Collection of County Cess in Ireland, and also to provide for the Appointment, in certain cases, of Collectors to levy the Charges and Expenses of addition. That Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Court of Exchequer (Ireland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Constitution and amend the Procedure of the Court of Exchequer Chamber in Ireland; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Hop Duties.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the Select Committee on the Hop Duties do consist of Sixteen Members: And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Veneris, 5th die Junii, 1857:

And the Question being put: The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Knotchall-Hoggeson]:

Yea, [Mr. Philip Wycheham Martin] 35.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hagier]:

Nay, [The Earl of Malgrave] 112.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Grand Jurors Committee on the Grand Jurors (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Medical Reading of the Medical Profession (No. 1) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Medical Reading of the Medical Profession (No. 2) 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 Burial 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.

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 15th day of this instant June.

The Sheep, &c. Contagious Diseases Prevention Sheep, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Joint Stock Companies 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 Princess Royal's Annuity 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 251,238, be Army granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of Artificers, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 221,868, be Wages of granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of Necessaries. &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 125,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Provisions, &c.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 278,570, be Clothing and Necessaries.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 111,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Wages of Artificers, &c., &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 110,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of the Wages of Artificers, &c., &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 140,600 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Clothing and Necessaries, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 310,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Provisions, Forage, Fuel and Light, Barrack Furniture, Bedding, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 327,982, be Drinking Water and Resistant Necessaries.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £400,191, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £199,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Warlike Stores for Land and Sea Services, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

Fortifications.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £163,183, be granted to Her Majesty, (in addition to the Sum of £2,950,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Fortifications at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

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

Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill.
The Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Mr. Atherton presented a Bill to explain and amend the Act to regulate the granting of Licenses to Keepers of Inns, Alehouses and Victualling Houses 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.

Burials Bill.
Mr. Hardcastle presented a Bill relating to Burials in Consecrated and Unconsecrated Ground: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Molins presented a Bill to enable Married Women to dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate: 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 for Ireland presented a Bill to revise and amend certain Acts relating to the Collection of County Cess in Ireland, and also to provide for the Appointment, in certain cases, of Collectors to levy the Charges and Expenses of additional Constabulary appointed under the Act nineteenth and twenty Victoria, chapter Thirty-six: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to alter the Constitution and amend the Procedure of the Court of Exchequer Chamber 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.

Sir John Ramseys also presented,—Return to an Army, &c. Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of May last, for Returns of the Number of Men of all Ranks of the Army from 1828 to 1856-7, both inclusive, stating the Numbers in India, for Service in the Colonies, and at Home, and the Total Number voted, as in Return No. 2, in the Appendix to the Report of the Select Committee on Army and Ordnance Expenditure, with the Gross Amount voted in each year for the Army Estimates, irrespective of Credits in Aid.—Of the Number of Men voted in the same years for Ordnance Services given in the Return, No. 47, in the Appendix to the Second Report of the Select Committee on Army and Ordnance Expenditure, together with the Gross Sums voted in each year.—Of the Gross Sums voted in each year for the Commissariat, and the Totals of the Men voted for the Army and Ordnance Services; also the Total of the Sums voted as above in each year for Army, Ordnance and Commissariat:

And, similar Return of Men, Boys and Marines voted for the Navy, and Gross Sums voted (see Table at pages 6 and 7 of Report of the Select Committee on Navy, Army and Ordnance Estimates), irrespective of Credits in Aid, but deducting the Vote for Packets from the year 1842.

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 One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 5° die Junii;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SIR Harry Verney reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That the Parties Vessels promotong the Sunken Vessels Recovery Company Recovery 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.

Mr. Byng reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills 7 of Railway Bills; That at the meeting of the (Group 7.) Committee this day, a Letter was received from Mr. Corry, Chairman of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of sickness, to attend the Committee this day; and that the Committee had therefore adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Baille reported from the Committee great on Group 6 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, it was proved to the Committee that the Order of the House of the 17th of March last had been complied with, and that they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking...
Railway Bill.

Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Sittingbourne and Sheerness 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; and be printed.

Public Petitions (Eighth Report)

Mr. Grevson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th and 25th days of May 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.

Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies Bill.

Mr. Buller reported from the Committee on Group M. of Private Bills; that in the case of the Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies 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.

Islington Parish Acts Amendment 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 the Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill.

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

Berwick-upon-Tweed Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognition to the Election Petition of Charles William Gordon, complaining of the Election of Mr. Symonds, of the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool, is objectionable.

Ordered, That the Election Petition of Mr. Symonds, of the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool, be heard in the House; and that Mr. Symonds be directed to make a new Petition.

Drogheda Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognition to the Election petition of Henry Bigwood and Thomas Kerr, relating to the Borough of Drogheda, is unobjectionable.

Ordered, That the Election Petition of Henry Bigwood and Thomas Kerr be heard in the House; and that Henry Bigwood and Thomas Kerr be directed to make a new Petition.

Portsmouth Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognition to the Election Petition of Francis Brodyton, relating to the Borough of Portsmouth, is unobjectionable.

Ordered, That the Election Petition of Francis Brodyton be heard in the House; and that Francis Brodyton be directed to make a new Petition.

Briton Ferry Docks Bill.

The Briton Ferry Docks 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 Gas 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 Kidsgrove Market 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 Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass:

And that the Title be, An Act to authorize the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company to increase and regulate their Capital, and for other purposes relating to the Company.

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

The Scottish Central Railway Bill was read the Scottish 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 Banff, Mackintosh, and Torridon Extension Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Banff, Portsoy and Strathisla Proposal Railway Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brightons, Hove and Preston Constant Service Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the European and Indian Junction 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 Fort and Clyde Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the New River Company Bill, 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 the Willesden, Wilmalow and Lawton Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Portsmouth to take into consideration the Portmouth Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill for facilitating Leases and Sales of Lands Westminster mortgaged by the Westminster Improvement Company, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order, That the Cwm Amman Railway Bill Cwm Amman Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

The Bill be withdrawn.
The Order, That the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, and Scottish Central Railway Companies Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, and of the Wardens of the said Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend two several Acts passed respectively in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty George the Fourth, and the second year of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled respectively, "An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for Lighting and Watching, and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate through Maiden-lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish; and for providing a Chapel of Ease and an additional Burial-ground for the same, and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof," and, "An Act to equalize the Ecclesiastical Burthens of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for partially altering the Application of the Rent's and Profits of the Stonfield Estate, within the said Parish; for letting the Pews in the Parish Church of Saint Mary, Islington, and the Chapel of Ease thereto, and for other purposes connected therewith," and to make other and more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Waple reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Monday the 22d day of June instant, to choose from Panel No. 1, the Select Committee to try and determine the Application of the Rent's and Profits of the Stonfield Estate, and the Borough of Rochdale Election Petitions; and Tuesday the 23d day of June instant, to choose from the same Panel, the Select Committee to try and determine the Borough of Pontefract, the Borough of Marlborough, and the Borough of Wetherham Election Petitions.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 14 of Railway Bills; That the Parties opposing the Great Southern and Western (Extension from Tullamore to Athlone) Railway Bill had stated to the Committee, that the evidence of Sir John Burgoyne was essential to enable them to establish their case before the Committee; and it having been proved that his 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 John Burgoyne do attend the said Committee on Thursday next.

Ordered, That Sir John Burgoyne do attend the said Committee on Thursday next.

Mr. Massey presented,—Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Dietaries sanctioned for Prisoners in the Military Prisons of the United Kingdom, specifying the Amount of Food provided at each Meal, and the Quality thereof; and the Term of Imprisonment in each Class, and whether the Guard Bed is substituted for a Hammock at any and what intervals:— And, of the Dietaries sanctioned for Prisoners in the County Gaols of the United Kingdom, specifying the Classes and the Diet of each Class on each Day of the Week:

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Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of May Courts of Law last, for a Return relative to Courts of Law (Dublin) Act.

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the di-courts of char

Returns of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, respecting Leases and Sales of Settled Estates; dated 22d day of May 1857.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Guano, Guano, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Electors, &c., Electors, &c., which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Registration of Voters (Scotland) Act, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Banks, in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, Banks, Nos. 23 and 24 of Session 1857, which was presented Nos. 64, 65, upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coals, Cins Coals, Clay-
sers and Culm, &c., which was presented upon the 4th and Calm, &c., No. 76.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Defalcations Savings in Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 4th Banks. day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Poor Rates Poor Rates and and Pauperism, which were presented upon the 4th Pauperism. day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army, Army, which was presented upon the 4th day of this in- No. 77.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army, Army, &c., which was presented upon the 4th day of this in- No. 79.

Ordered, That there be added to the Return or Saint James's Park, a Copy of any Report made to the First Commissioner of Works upon the state of the Water from which the Lake in Saint James's Park was supplied.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Metropolis Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from each Vestry and District Board elected under the Provisions of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1854, setting forth,—1st. The Value of Property in each Parish and District as assessed to the County Rate; 2d. The Sum on which the Rates are assessed for the Relief of the Poor; 3d. The Total Amount levied; 4th. The Rate in the Pound levied for each of the several purposes of County, Police, Poor, Baths and Washhouses, Burial Board, Paving, Lighting and Cleansing, Local Sewerage, Debt, Payments to Metropolitan Board of Works,
Works, and any other Charges, the Total Amount of Money raised and the Total expended, for the year ending the 25th day of March 1857.—Of the Names of all Officers employed as Clerks, Surveyors, Collectors, Health Officers, Inspectors of Workhouses, and other Officers employed under the Vestry or District Board; setting forth the Offices they severally hold, with the Amount of Salary, Fees, Poundage, Perquisites, Value of House-rent, and other Benefits enjoyed by such Officers unmixed with any General or Local Act, or otherwise:—And, from the Local Board of Health at Woolwich, giving like Information.

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 Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Caunock Mineral Railway (No. 1), 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 all the Landowners on the line included in the additions are assented thereto, with the exception of a length of two furlongs one chain belonging to a Landowner, of two chains over Public Roads, and of one chain and a quarter, part of the Trent and Mersey Canal.

2. That in the case of the Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill, 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 of the proposed Provision have been published in the Newspapers and Gazette; that Plans, Sections and Books of Reference have been deposited, describing such intended additional Works; that application in respect thereto has been made to the Owners, Lessees and Occupiers; and that an Estimate of the Expense and Subscription Contract, or Declaration in lieu thereof, have been deposited.

3. That in the case of the Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill, 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 of the proposed Provision have been published in the Newspapers and Gazette; that Plans, Sections and Books of Reference have been deposited, describing such intended additional Works; that application in respect thereto has been made to the Owners, Lessees and Occupiers; and that an Estimate of the Expense and Subscription Contract, or Declaration in lieu thereof, have been deposited.

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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of the Return of the Number and Amount of Money Orders issued and paid at each Shipping Office, from the commencement of the Session in May 1855, to the 31st day of December 1856.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, the House this day, adjourn till Monday 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, a Return of all Gas Works established under Acts of Parliament in England and Wales, and where situated; stating the maximum and minimum Charges for 1,000 Cubic Feet of Gas; the Material used; the Average Number of Cubic Feet of Gas produced from a Ton of Coal; and the illuminating power of Gas as compared with Sperm Candles (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 138, of Session 1, 1857).

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, Joint Stock Returns of the Number of Joint Stock Companies formed under the Acts of 1855 and 1856, with the Names of the Directors, Number and Amount of Shares, Object for which the Company was formed, Number of Shares taken by the Public, Amount paid up on each Share, and the Place of Business of the Company, with Date of Application:—And, similar Return of those applied for and not completed, with the Date of Application.

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 paid by Her Majesty's Government for Medical Attendance on the Permanent Staff of the Militia Regiments of the United Kingdom, and Medical Examination of Volunteers for same, from the commencement of the System, in May 1857:—And, of the Amount paid for the Medical Examination of Recruits for the Line, Royal Artillery, and Royal Marines, and Deserters, during the Six Months ending on the 31st day of March 1857.

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 Copy of any Communication from the Board of Longitude, Guardians of Saint Marylebone, in Answer to the Report of the Commissioners on Lunacy, in regard to the Treatment of Pauper Lunatics in Marylebone Workhouse.

Ordered, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of July 1856, for Copies or Extracts of Correspondence with
with the Colonial Office, respecting a Grant made by the Crown to raise and take away Guano from the Islands of Jibleo, Huskia, and Gherzood, on the South Coast of Arabia; and, of the License under which the Grant has been made. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sound Dues; Ordered, That the Copy of Treaty, Protocol and Convention for the Redemption of the Sound Dues, signed at Copenhagen, March 14, 1857, which was presented upon the 7th day of May last, be referred to the Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That a Sum of £ 1,125,200 be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purpose of compensating the King of Denmark for the Abolition of the Sound Dues.

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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 412,453, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 231,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Civil Buildings and Barracks at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 412,453, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 231,000 already voted on account), towards defraying the Charge of Civil Buildings and Barracks at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Major Worton.
Ayres, Mr. Crane Vivian : 99. 
Tellers for the Mr. Hayter, 
Noes, The Earl of Mudgeon : 158. 
Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

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

Sabbati, 6o die Junii, 1857 :

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.

Mr. FitzRoy also acquainted the House, that he had been instructed by the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That James Newlands do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills; That there being no business before them, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the Par. (Group 9.) lies opposing the Birkenhead, Lancaster and Cheshire Junction Railway Bill had stated, that the evidence of James Newlands was essential to enable them to support their case; and it having proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That James Newlands do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That James Newlands do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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

Lord Lovaine reported the Cardigan Markets and Improvement (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thornton reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 4th and 5th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
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 Cranbrook and Tunstall 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 Tyne Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Wycombe Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into considera-

The Order of the day being read, for the second Finsbury Park reading of the Finsbury Park Bill.

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

The Select Committee on Divorce Bills was no-Brove Bills.

The Petition of Grahame, Weems and Grahame, of Carlisle and Hawick, praying that way Bill.

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

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the Hawick Station of the North British Railway, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognisances, stating that the Recognition to the Election of James Lyster O’Beirne and John Joseph Scully, relating to the Borough of Cashel, is unobjectionable.


Copy of Correspondence respecting relations with Persia.

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

Lord Hotham reported the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Railway Bills

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 16 of Railway Bills; That the Parties opposing the Great Southern and Western (Extension from Tullamore to Athlone) Railway Bill had stated, that individual evidence of James Mahony, County Surveyor of Westmeath, was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That James Mahony do attend the said Committee on Friday next, at Twelve o’clock.

Ordered, That James Mahony do attend the said Committee upon Friday next, at Twelve o’clock.

Lord Hotham reported the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Railway Bills

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 15 of Railway Bills; That there being no Bill for the consideration of the Committee, they had adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve o’clock.

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

Savings Banks.

Ordered, 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 Offices, 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; 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 per centum per annum on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenses of Management; 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 the year ended the 20th day of May 1856; also, the year in which Business commenced in each Bank, and the Name of the Day or Days, and the Number of Hours in the Week on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Money, (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 128, of Session 1857).

Lunatic Asylums (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 Copy of a Memorial from the Inhabitants of Inverness to the Secretary of State for the Home Department; and, of a Minute of a General Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Ross, on the subject of a proposed Lunatic Asylum for the Northern Counties of 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 Mr. Nestlé have leave of absence, leave of for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

Sir Benjamin Hall presented,—Return to several Orders, dated the 20th day of May last, and 5th day of this instant June, for Returns relative to Saint James’s Park.

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

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Lunatic an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstracts of Accounts of Monies received and paid on account of the several County and Borough Lunatic Asylums in England and Wales, during the year ending 31st December 1856.

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Address to Church Rates. Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of May last, for a No. Return relative to Church Rates, &c.

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of May Court of Chancery (Ireland). Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of May Incumbered last, for a Return relative to the Incumbered Estates Court (Ireland).

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the di-Poor Relief rections of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of two (Ireland.) General Orders issued by the Commissioners for Relief of the Poor in Ireland.

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

Mr. Osborne presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, Local Acts, and the Clerk of the House,—Orders, No. 26, to applications for Local Acts.

Mr. Osborne also presented,—Return to an Order, Slave Trade dated the 20th day of May last, for a Return relative to Slave Trade (Cuba.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed.

The Oaths Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(1n the Committee.)

1. £ 151,744 (in addition to £ 76,000 already voted upon account), for Educational and Scientific Branches.
2. £ 17,503 (in addition to £ 9,000 already voted upon account), for Rewards for Military Service.
3. £ 41,994 (in addition to £ 21,000 already voted upon account), for Pay of General Officers.
4. £ 378,706 (in addition to £ 190,000 already voted upon account), for Pay of Reduced and Retired Officers.
5. £ 127,378 (in addition to £ 63,000 already voted upon account), for Pensions to Widows of Officers, and of Allowances on the Compassionate List.
6. £ 31,865 (in addition to £ 16,000 already voted upon account), for Pensions and Allowances to Officers for Wounds.
7. £ 29,941 (in addition to £ 11,000 already voted upon account), for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals, and the In-Pensioners thereof.
8. £ 756,805 (in addition to £ 385,000 already voted upon account), for Out-Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, &c.
9. £ 83,000 (in addition to £ 41,000 already voted upon account), for Superannuation and Retired Allowances.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the said Resolution, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Probates and Letters of Administration Bill.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That a Sum, not exceeding £ 402,453, be granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 233,000 already voted upon account), towards defraying the Charge of Civil Buildings and Barracks at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Sound Dues, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That a Sum of £ 1,193,900 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the purpose of compensating the King of Denmark for the abolition of the Sound Dues.

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, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Viscount Palmerston do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of the House on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant June, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put: It was resolved in the Affirmative:—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 second Reading of the Savings Banks (No. 2) 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 Tuesday morning;

Martin, 9th die Junii, 1857:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Joint Stock into a Committee on the Joint Stock Companies Act Companies 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 To-morrow.

The Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill was, according Paunabest to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Tuesday, to Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Savings Banks (No. 4) 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 Tuesday morning;

Martin, 9th die Junii, 1857:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly 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 Medical Profession (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Medical Profession (No. 3) Bill;

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 the second Reading of the Medical Profession (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Medical Profession (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Married Women's Reversionary Interest 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 fortnight.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
Mr. Buller reported from the Committee on Leweswater Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out all reference to the guaranteed shares; 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Courts of Law (Dublin), which was presented upon the 5th of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Court of Chancery (Ireland), which was presented upon the 5th of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Guano, Guano, which was presented upon the 5th of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East Indies, East India, which was presented upon the 5th of this instant June, be printed.

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.

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MARTIS, 9° die Junii ;

ANNO 20° VICTORII REGNUM, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cory reported from the Committee on the Canada Railway and Land Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Ipswich Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by altering the statement with regard to the purchase and monetary arrangement of the Company, in order to make the same in accordance with the facts of the case; 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 from the Committee on the Lowestoft Bridge Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Dury Gas Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out, that a sum therein-mentioned had been raised by a call on the shares; by altering the amount of the sum said to be borrowed; by striking out two recitals with regard to the limits of supply, and the Powers to be given to the Company; and inserting others, stating that under the Dury Improvement Act, the Commissioners for executing that Act had Powers to light the town, and the advisability of vesting the Works of the Company in the Commissioners aforesaid, and of carrying into effect an agreement for that purpose;
and lastly, by striking out the words stating that the
recited Act should be repealed, in order to make the
same in accordance with the circumstances of the
case, and then proceed to a second reading of the Bill; and found
the same, as amended, to be true; and had made
Provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the
House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 14 of Railway Bills; That they had ad-
journed to Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock, on
account of the Business before the House at
morning’s sitting.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Colonel Wilson Patttn reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions;
which were read, as follow: 1. That in the case of the Cork and
Youghal Railway, Petition of the Cork and Youghal Railway
Company, for dispensing with Standing Order 120, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with
and, if the Committee on the Bill shall think fit, the
Company shall be authorized to borrow, as the
Districts named in the said Bill shall have been re-
spectively completed and opened for Public Traffic,
any sum not exceeding one-half of the amount which
the Board of Trade shall certify has been expended
upon that District. 2. That in the case of the Islington Parish Acts Amendment Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Banff, Macalister and Turriff Extension Railway Bill.

The Banff, Macalister and Turriff Extension 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.

Brighton, Hove and Preston Constant Service Water Bill.

The Brighton, Hove and Preston Constant Service Water 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.

European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company Bill.

The European and Indian Junction Telegraph 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 Forth and Clyde Junction 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 New River Company Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass; And that the
Title be, An Act for enabling the Portsmouth Railway Company to execute certain Works in connexion with their Railway, 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: And that the Title be, An Act for enabling the Portsmouth Railway Company to execute certain Works in connexion with their Railway, and for other purposes. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Select Philip’s Church, Liverpool 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 Fraserburgh Harbour Bill, as Fraserburgh amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration, on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wymborne Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London Gas-Light Company (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Mallow and Fermoy and Great Southern and Western Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order, That the Ringwood, Christchurch and Bournemouth Railway Bill be read, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order, That the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (Romsey, Scv.) Bill be commited, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Monday the 29th day of June instant, to choose, from the same Panel No. 2, the Select Committees to try and determine the Maidstone Borough and the Sunderland Borough Election Petitions; and Tuesday the 30th day of June instant, to choose, from the same Panel, the Select Committees to try and determine the Oxford City, the Tewkesbury Borough and the Bury Borough Election Petitions.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read, and referred to a Select Committee.

Lord Naas reported the Wearmouth Bridge Ferries and Approaches Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Twelfth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations, and Bequests for Ireland.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table:—Wine and Spirit Tariff upon which Duty has been paid for Home Consumption, the Quantities exported, and the Quantities of each Article of Rum, Brandy, &c., of the Quantities of each Article of Rum, Brandy, &c., consumed in Great Britain, and the Quantities of each Article of Rum, Brandy, &c., exported from this Country.

And, of the Number of Proof Gallons of Rum, distinguishing West India, East India and Foreign; also, of Brandy, Genever, and other Foreign, Colonial or Jersey Spirits imported; of the Quantities of each Sort remaining in Bond on the 31st day of December 1856, distinguishing London from the Country.

—And, of the Number of Proof Gallons of Rum, distinguishing West India, East India and Foreign; also, of Brandy, Genever, and other Foreign, Colonial or Jersey Spirits imported; of the Quantities of each Sort remaining in Bond on the 31st day of December 1856, distinguishing London from the Country.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Saint James's Park which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Steamin Vessels, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Church Rates, &c., which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery (Ireland), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Slave Trade (Cuba), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing under what Tenures, and subject to what Land Tax, Lands are held under the several Presidencies of India.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Inclosure Acts:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Wills of British Subjects made Abroad: And that Sir FitzRoy Kelly, Mr. Walpole and Mr. Mathias do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Inclosure Acts: And that Mr. George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Steam Vessels, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, last, for a Return relative to Marine Insurances.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Church Rates, &c., which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, last, for a Return relative to Marine Insurances.

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 Names and Salaries of Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, and of all Persons of any Denomination in their Service or Pay, on the 1st day of July 1856, with the Amount of their Salaries:—And, of all Monies received and expended at them, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1856, whether under Votes of Parliament, or from the Colonies, or otherwise, for the purposes of Emigration; and how the same have been disbursed, and what Number of Emigrants they assisted to go out, and whither, during that year.

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. John Henry Gurney have leave of absence for a week, on account of a domestic affliction.

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 Names and Salaries of Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, and of all Persons of any Denomination in their Service or Pay, on the 1st day of July 1856, with the Amount of their Salaries:—And, of all Monies received and expended at them, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1856, whether under Votes of Parliament, or from the Colonies, or otherwise, for the purposes of Emigration; and how the same have been disbursed, and what Number of Emigrants they assisted to go out, and whither, during that year.

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, East India a Return, showing under what Tenures, and subject to what Land Tax, Lands are held under the several Presidencies of India.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, the Queen, by the Board of Trade, for the Salaries of the Public Officers in Ireland with-, the Poor Law Commissioners in Ireland with-, the Land Transport Corps, and the Protestant Catholic Chaplains attached to those respective Unions, particularly those of Baltinglass, Mount Mellie, Mitchelstown and Castlecomer, Youghal and Baillieborough; and of the Amount and to what extent Reductions have been made in respect of such Salaries.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Wills of British Subjects made Abroad: And that Sir FitzRoy Kelly, Mr. Walpole and Mr. Mathias do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Amount received by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Woods and Forests in each year, since the 1st day of October 1854, for Quot or Crown Rents, payable out of Ecclesiastical Benefices in Ireland.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Management of the Highways in England and Wales; And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Great Southern and Western Railway (Capital) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Conveyance of Lands for Charitable Uses: And that Mr. Atherton, Mr. Malins and Mr. Hatfield 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 respecting Netley Hospital, showing by whom the Site was selected; whether any Reports were made on its salubrity and general eligibility for its purpose previous to selection, and by whom;—By whom the original Plans were prepared, whether they were submitted to any medical authority for approval, by whom they were officially sanctioned, and whether any Report was made upon them, and by whom, previous to their being sanctioned;—Statement of the alterations or additions to the original Plans which have been determined on, by whom they were recommended, to whom they were referred for approval;—And, Copy of Correspondence or Reports relating thereto which have led to the adoption of the amended Plan.

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 further to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and to continue the Act concerning the Management of Episcopal and Capitular Estates in England: And that Sir George Grey, Viscount Palmerston and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the Establishment and Extension of Reformatory Schools in England: And that Sir George Grey, Mr. Baines and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mercurii, 10th die Junii, 1857:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a detailed Statement relative to Harbours of Refuge, showing the Total estimated Cost of the Works proposed; the Sum already voted by Parliament for each Harbour; the Amount required to be voted in the present year, ending the 31st day of March 1857; and the Sum that will be necessary for the completion of the Works:—And, Copy of Reports of the Engineers in charge of the Works, for the Four Quarters of the year ending the 31st day of March 1857 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 107, of Session 1856).

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 Marriages which have taken place, under the Provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 58, s. 21, since the passing of the said Act, up to the 31st day of December 1857, specifying the Number of such Marriages solemnized in each year.

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. Ball and Mr. De Vere be appointed to the Select Committee on the Sheep & Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Militia (Ireland) Act, 1854: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Sir John Roden do prepare, and bring it in.

The County Cess (Ireland) Bill was, according County Cess to Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Ireland) Bill Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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 third Joint Stock Companies Bill; And a Motion being made, 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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "Order for the third reading of the said Bill be discharged," 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 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 Order of the day being read, for the second Medical Profession (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Medical Profession (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Sir George Grey presented a Bill further to amend the Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and to continue the Act concerning the Management of Episcopal and Capitular Estates in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Sir George Grey presented a Bill to promote Reformatory Schools Bill.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, and to be printed.

Sir Frederic Thesiger presented a Bill to dispense with the attendance of Grand Juries at the Criminal Court and at Courts of General Quarter Sessions held within the Metropolitan Police District, except in particular Cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. George Cline presented a Bill to amend and explain the Inclosure Acts: 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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Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Management of the Highways in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherton 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 Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to amend the Militia (Ireland) 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.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for the Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend two several Acts passed respectively in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, and the second year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; for Lighting and Watching, and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate through Malden- lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish; and for providing a Chapel of Ease and an additional Burying-ground for the same, and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof;" and, "An Act to equalize and establish Ecclesiastical Burthens of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middle- sex; for partially altering the Application of the Rents and Profits of the Stonefields Estate, within the said Parish; for letting the Pews in the Parish Church of Saint Mary, Islington, and the Chapel of Ease thereto, and for other purposes connected therewith," and to make other and more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof; And that Mr. Thomas Ducauscbe and Mr. Cox do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mercurii, 10° die Junii;
Anno 20° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wise reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th 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 to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of Thomas Southey and John Ramshaw, relating to the Borough of Beverley, is unobjectionable.

A Motion being made, That the North Eastern and Hartlepoo! Dock and Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Barnes, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Cons-

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.

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 Landport the Landport and Southeast Improvement Bill, and Southeast Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Lewes and the Lewes and Uckfield Railway 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 Margate Water Bill, as Margate amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration. Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, as Mid-Sussex amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration. Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken Railway Bills on the Committee on Group FF. of Railway Bills, in Session 1855, be referred to the Committee on Group 10 of Railway Bills.

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

A Public Petition was also presented, and read, and referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wine and Spirits, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Marine In- Marine Insurance, &c., which was presented upon the 9th instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Silk, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Wilson presented, by Her Majesty's Command—An Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest (late Commissariat Chest Account), and which have been paid out of the same, between 1st April 1855 and 31st March 1856, and of the Assets and Liabilities of the Chest on the latter day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Sale of Beer, &c. and referred to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Sale of Malt and Ale Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be 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,"

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And the Question being put, That the words "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hardy];

Yea. 180.

Tellers for the [Mr. Headlam];

Noo. 218.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Property Qualification 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 [Mr. Kent; Mr. Brown];

Yea. 145.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayton, Mr. Burrell];

Noo. 201.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Property Qualification 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 Property Qualification 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 Property Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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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 Property Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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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 Property Qualification 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 Property Qualification Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Blyth and Tyne Railway 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill; That it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March, 1857, directing that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; 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.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway and North Eastern Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out such parts thereof as related to the amalgamation with the North Eastern Railway Company, in order to make the same consistent with the Amendments made in 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; and be printed.

Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on the Group 9 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the O'Donoghue, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the O'Donoghue do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on the Group 9 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Cannock Canal-Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of June, the Committee had considered the additional Provision proposed to be introduced into the Bill, and had made Provision in the Bill accordingly, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that all the landowners of the Line included in the additional Provision have assented thereto, with the exception of a length of two furlongs one chain belonging to a landowner, of two chains over public roads, and of one chain and a quarter part of the Trent and Mersey Canal; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out all the recitals relating to the extensions and to the arrangements with the North Staffordshire Railway Company, and to the raising of further Money; 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.

Lord Hotham reported from the Committee on the Group 10 of Railway Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Nevery, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill, a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March last, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; that the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional Provision which they were authorized to insert by the Resolution of the House of the 5th June instant, and had taken satisfactory evidence of the matters required by the said Resolution to be proved before them; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much as describes the Junction at Warrenpoint originally intended by the Company; 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. Robertson reported from the Committee on the Group 6 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Blyth and Tyne Railway Bill, 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill; That it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of June, 1857, directing that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; 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.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Cunliffe Fortescue presented, by her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Seventeenth General Report of the Emigration Commissioners.

Further Papers on the Subject of Memorial of Inhabitants of Pitcairn's Island to Norfolk Island; Parts I., II. (in continuation of Papers presented 5th February 1857.)

Mr. Cunliffe Fortescue also presented.—Return to Mr. Adair with respect to her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of May last, for a Return relative to the Cape of Good Hope.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Mr. Thomas Duncombe presented a Bill to repeal the Vaccination Act, 1858: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next; and to be printed.

Salford Corporation Bill.

Sir Harry Verney reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by reciting several Indentures of Lease relating to the said Borough; and by setting forth more clearly the present position of the said Borough; 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.

Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill.

Sir Harry Verney reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill had stated on Group L. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill had stated on Group L. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Salford Borough (No. 2) Bill had stated on Group L. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill for enabling the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Company to construct a Railway from Salisbury to Yeovil, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same verbally, in order to meet the requirements of the case; 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.

Sir John Walsh reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That in the case of the Manchester Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by reciting that an arrangement to revest in the Earl of Derby, on payment of the purchase money, that part of the Bill having been abandoned; by reciting that an arrangement to revest in the Earl of Derby, on payment of the purchase money, the land sold for the Parish Cemetery, but in consequence of the objections of the Bishop and General Board of Heath could not be used for such purposes; and by making some verbal alterations for the sake of greater distinctness; 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.

Mordon Carriage Drainage Bill.

Sir John Walsh reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Mordon Carriage Drainage 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.

Sir John Walsh reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That on the application of the Parties they had adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Carisbrooke and Hawick Railway 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 Carisbrooke and Hawick Railway Bill.

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

Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill.

A Petition of the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill for enabling the London and South Western Railway Company to guarantee the amount of Loan which the Petitioners are authorized to raise, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Knatchbull be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Private Bills (Group C.)

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That Mr. Knatchbull, one of the selected 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.

Colonel Pennant reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That the Petitioners are authorized to raise, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Margate consideration the Margate Water Bill, as amended in the House, and referred to the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Bill to amend two several Acts passed respectively in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, and the second year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled respectively, "An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex; and for amending the several Acts therein; and, an Act to equalize the Religious and denominational Burthens of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, and the Parish of Saint James, Islington; for partially altering the Application of the Rents and Profits of the
the Stonefields Estate within the said Parish; for letting the Pews in the Parish Church of Saint Mary, Ixington, and the Chapel of Ease thereto; and for other purposes connected therewith," and to make other and more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Finsbury Park (No. 3) Bill.**

A Bill to enable the Metropolitan Board of Works to form a Park for the Northern suburbs of the Metropolis, to be called "Finsbury Park," was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill.**

The Order for reading a second time the Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and that the Examiner have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

**Fife and Kinross Railway Bill (1855).**

The Order, That Mr. Byng be discharged from further attendance on the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill in Session 1855, be referred to the Committee on Group 18 of Railway Bills.

**Railway Bills (Group 7).**

The Order, That Mr. Wrightson reported the Selby and Market Weighton Road Bill, with Amendments, was read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Public Petitions.**

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

**Vide Votes and Petitions.**

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

**Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Roads Bill.**

Mr. Wrightson reported the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Roads Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Selby and Market Weighton Road Bill.**

Mr. Wrightson reported the Selby and Market Weighton Road Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Langport, Somerton and Castle Cary Roads Bill.**

Mr. Wrightson reported the Langport, Somerton and Castle Cary Roads Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Private Bills (Group K.).**

Mr. Wrightson reported from the Committee on Group K. of Private Bills; That Mr. Cothille, one of the selected Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day. Ordered, That Mr. Cothille do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The Order made upon the 8th day of this instant June, That there be laid before this House, a Report relative to Savings Banks, was read, and discharged.

**Savings Banks.**

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, containing, in Column No. 1, 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 1856; 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 Amount of Annuities granted; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 26th day of November 1856; also, the year in which Business commenced in each Bank, and the Name of 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. 128, of Session 1857);—And, of the Names of each Trustee and Manager, and the Number that have signified any writing making themselves responsible for any Deficiency, pursuant to the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 33, s. 6, and for what Amount each is so responsible; and also showing how many Days during the year each attended at the Savings Bank during the Hours of Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the several Coroners of Ireland since the year 1846, of all Accidents occurring to Labourers or others employed in the Construction of Railways or other Public Works where Death has been occasioned by the failing in or Embankments of Earth or other Materials.

Mr. Buller reported from the Committee on Group Shrewsbury M. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Shrewsbury Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting certain words, in order to make it consistent with the Clauses 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.

Mr. Buller reported from the Committee on Group South Staffordshire Water Bill; That in the case of the South Staffordshire Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting certain words, as to the proposed Provisions for the transfer to the Company of the Lischi Hall Conduit Lands, and the proposed lease of the Undertaking, which objects were withdrawn from the Bill by the Promoters, and by reciting that no Money has been borrowed on mortgage or bond; 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. Buller reported from the Committee on Group Private Bills M. of Private Bills; That Mr. Cheetham, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day. Ordered, That Mr. Cheetham be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the respective Dates of Transmission to Surveys, the Admiralty of any Official Surveys that may have been made in the Chinese Waters between Macao and Hong Koy since the cession of that Island to Her Majesty;—And, similar Return as to Official Surveys of all other portions of the Chinese Coast.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply; the Report from the Committee of Supply:

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Treasurer Treasury sury Chest, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Cape of Cape of Good Hope, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. East India Clerk the House,—Return to an Order, dated the
the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to
East India (Torture).
land (Tullamore Line) Bill had stated, that the evidence of William Dargan was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That William Dargan do attend the said Committee on Tuesday the 10th day of June.

Ordered, That William Dargan do attend the said Committee upon Tuesday next.

North Eastern Railway (Lancaster Valley Branch) Bill.

Mr. Adair reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the North Eastern Railway (Lancaster Valley Branch) Bill, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of 12th March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the said last Session; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 25th day of May, the Committee had considered the proposed additional Provision in reference to the purchase by the North Eastern Railway Company of the Undertaking of the Dearness Valley Railway Company, and it having been proved before the Committee that the consent of Proprietors present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up Capital of both Companies represented at meetings of such Companies separately convened for the purpose, had been given to such purchase, and it appearing to the Committee that it will be for the interest and convenience of the public that such purchase should be effected, the Committee had inserted the proposed additional Provision for carrying that object into effect; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much as related to the Power originally proposed to be given to the North Eastern Railway Company to take and hold Shares in the Undertaking of the Dearness Valley Railway Company, and by inserting in lieu thereof recitals in reference to the proposed sale and purchase of that Undertaking, in order to make the Preamble consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by them; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therein.

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

Public Petitions (Eleventh Report.)

Mr. Gregson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th and 10th 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.

Athlone Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizance to the Election Petition of John M'Donnell, relating to the Borough of Athlone, is objectionable.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, as read, and discharged.

Pimlico Improvements Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of the Pimlico Improvements Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Public Offices Extension Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; Vol. 112.

That in the case of the Public Offices Extension Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Railway Bills, on Group 11 of Railway Bills; That the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, it being inconvenient to the Members of the Committee to sit before that day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Earl of March reported from the Committee on the South, Bristol and South Wales Railway Bill, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed additional Provision for carrying that object into effect; that 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 Earl of March reported the Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union Railway Bill, with the Amendments.

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 Inverness and Nairn 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 has agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Barlesea and Tunstall Gas 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 Wycombe Railway Bill was read the third Wycombe 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 Great North the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, as the Northern Railway under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, and the Committee had, in terms of the 7th paragraph of the Standing Order for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th of March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the Undertaking authorized by the Bill prior to the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the said last Session; 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; and be printed.

**Railway Bills (Group 7).**

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; that the Parties promoting the Thames Valley Railway Bill had stated, that the evidence of Evans Lewis was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, that Evans Lewis do attend the said Committee on Monday the 15th day of June, at Twelve of the clock.

**Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill.**

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Bill, it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Order for the suspension of Private Bills of 12th of March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, for the purpose of setting out the existing Powers of the Company for raising Money; 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.

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

Railway Bills (Group 19.)

**Ordered, That the Committee on Group 10 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.**

**Duck of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition).**

**Ordered, That with regard to the Duchy of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition), the General Committee of Elections have left to make a Special Report.**

Mr. Walpole reported from the said Committee; that in compliance with the Instructions of the House, on the 4th of June instant, they had appointed the following five Members,—Thomas H. Stotherton Estcourt, Esquire, Viscount Goderich, Thomas William Bramston, Esquire, Lord Harry Vane, and James Hans Hamilton, Esquire, to be the Select Committee on the Duchy of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mr. Francis Robert Bertolacci be referred to the Committee.

Mr. Cornwall Legh reported from the Committee on Group N. of Private Bills; that in the case of the Victoria (London) Docks Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by making alterations to describe more clearly the nature of the leases authorized by the Bill as submitted to the Committee, and by erasing the recital of the expediency of making Provision with respect to the drawback on coals, coke, cinders and culm, such Provision being omitted from the Bill, as amended; 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. Cornwall Legh reported the Victoria Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cornwall Legh reported from the Committee on Group N. of Private Bills; that in the case of the Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by revising the rights of the Crown in sea-flows and reflows; by striking out so much as related to the River Medway; by inserting the agreement between the Crown and the Corporation of the City of London; by striking out the recital as to the advance of Money by the Corporation in aid of the improvement of the river; and by making other Amendments consequent thereon, in order to make the Preamble more consistent with the objects of the Bill 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.

Mr. Lorne presented,—Return to an Order, dated Seamen's the 4th day of this instant June, for a Return relating to Money Orders to Seamen's Money Orders.

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

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Address to Lunatic Asylums, to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relating to Lunatic Asylums, to the Court of Session, for the year ending 31st December 1856.

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

Ordered, That the Return relating to Bankruptcy Bankruptcy (Ireland), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

No. 60.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to the Relief of the Poor, stating the Number of Officers and Men embodied in that year; the Amount expended stating the Average Number of Officers and Men embodied in that year; the Amount expended;

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 Instructions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Expenditure of the £3,513,985 voted for 1856-7, stating the Average Number of Officers and Men embodied in that year; the Amount expended on the Militia; and a Statement in detail of how the Amount remaining was disposed of.

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, the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 136,146, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of Maintenance and Repairs of Royal Palaces and Public Buildings.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 118,312, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of Maintenance and Repairs of Royal Palaces and Public Buildings—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 75,791, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 67,711 6s., be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 64,096, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion and Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,578, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,489, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and agreed to.

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 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Trustees, in whom the Lands and Estate of Scotoerig, in the County of Fife, are vested, to grant Feus of certain portions thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Alexander Campbell with Maria his now Wife, and to enable him to marry Maria his now Wife, and to enable him to marry Vol. 112.

again; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Fraudulent mitre on the Fraudulent Trustees, &c; 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-Ways and mitre 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-Turnpike Committee on the Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland) 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 Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Protection of Female Children and Child Idols Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 3d day of July next.

The Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill Joint Stock Companies Act 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.

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

Sabbati, 13° die Junii, 1857:

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Sound Dues Committee on the Sound Dues Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question 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 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; 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, proceeded to County Case take into consideration the County Case (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Court of Exchequer (Ireland) 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 Orders of the day being read, for the Com- mitees on the Militia (Ireland) Act (1854) Amend- ment Bill, and the Alehouse Licensing Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House 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 Militia (Ireland) Act (1854) Amendment Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Mr. Fitz Roy also reported, that the Committee had gone through the Alehouse Licensing Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Com- mittee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Inclosure Acts Amendment Bill was, ac- cording to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.

Campbell’s Divorce Bill.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names, Ages, Date of Appointment, and Gross Pay and Allowances of all Persons now employed as Chief Officers of Coast Guard, showing their previous Services, whether Naval or Civil, with Date of Appointment to and Discharge there- from.

The Scowcroft Estate Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exami-iners of Petitions for Private Bills.

And then the House, having continued to sit a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Lord *Nass* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the *Waverley Navigation 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.

Mr. *FitzRoy* reported from the Committee on the *Decade Extension Railway Bill*; That a Clause has been inserted in the Bill under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th of March last, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; 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; and be printed.

Mr. *FitzRoy* reported from the Committee on the *Leslie Railway Bill*; That a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th of March last, directing that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; 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; and be printed.

Mr. *Cobbett* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the *Stamford and Essendine Railway Bill*, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out such parts as relate to the expediency of using additional portions of the Line, Works and conveniences of the Great Northern Railway Company; and of authorizing the Sale or Lease of the Undertaking of the Company to the Great Northern Railway Company, the *London and North Western Railway*, and the *Midland 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.

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

Mr. *Cobbett* reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a telegraphic message was received, stating that Colonel *Tynsley* was unable to attend the Committee this day, on account of illness.

Ordered, That Colonel *Tynsley* be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Report from the Examiner of Recognizances, stating that the Recognizances to the Election Petition of *Thomas Cowan and Patrick Farrell*, relating to the Borough of *Sligo*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. *Speaker* laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, *VOL. 112*.

That in the case of the *Fauboury Park* (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Glasgow City and Suburban Gas 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.

A Motion being made, That the *Landport and Lowestoft Improvement Bill* be now read the third time:

Mr. *Hastey*, 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 *Leaves and Uckfield 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 *Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill* was read *Stratford-upon-Avon* 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 *Wilshevere and Lawton Road 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 *Cardigan Markets and Improvement Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Ely Valley Railway Bill*, as amended in the Railway Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Wells and Holme Lucy Bridge Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Manfield and Workop Road Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Shropshire Union Railways and Canal, London and North Western Railway, and Shropshire Canals Companies Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Wearmouth Bridge, Ferries and Approaches Bill*, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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 Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

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. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Scotscraig Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of May last, for a Return relative to Copper, &c.

Mr. Luce presented, pursuant to Order,—Further Report from the Board of Trade relative to Harbour, &c. Bills.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women's Reversionary Interest 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 Charitable reading of the Charitable Uses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Almshouse Licensing Bill, as Licensing Bill amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Breakwaters, Detailed Statement of the Names of Places on the Coast of England which have been surveyed by Order of the Admiralty, with a view to the formation of Breakwaters, Piers or Harbours of Refuge, the Works of which have not been commenced, and where the Recommendations have not been adopted:

And, of the Nature of Works recommended; the Estimate of Total Cost; and the Outlay recommended per annum.

Ordered, That Lord N. be added to the Select Committee on the Sheep, &c., Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Insurance on Lives (Abatement of Income Tax) as respect of Insurance on Lives: And that Mr. Wilson purchase and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Acts Amendment.

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 Correspondence with Sir John Bowring on the subject of his application for a Vote from Parliament to defray the Expense of Measures of Precaution and Defence at Hong Kong, required by the state of Affairs in China.

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 Select Committee on the Land Transport Land Trans-Corps was nominated of Mr. T. Deacon, port Corps. Sir John Ramsden, Lord Adolphus Vane Tempest, Sir William Codrington, Mr. Roebuck, Sir John Trollope, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Solicitor General and Colonel Pennant.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Election Petitions: And that Mr. Adderley and Mr. Child do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Wills of British Subjects Abroad, Vol. 112.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the Great Northern and East Lincolnshire Railway Companies.

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

The Mergose Water 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 Sittinbourne and Sheerness Sittingbourne Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration Keith and Mid-Sussex 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Mid-Sussex Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Reading Junction) Bill in Session 1855, be referred to the Committee on the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Ley's Divorce Bill, 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 Ley's Divorce Bill: That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Bankruptcy into a Committee on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 33 inclusive, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 34, disagreed to.

Clauses, N° 45 to N° 45 inclusive, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 46, postponed.

Clauses, N° 47 to N° 83 inclusive, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 84 (Retiring allowance to present Commissioner of Insolvent Court in Ireland). Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 36: After the word "Ireland" to insert the words "and such of the officers thereof whose period of service shall exceed Thirty years."

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The Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to make Provision with respect to Capital fraudulently created in the Great Northern and East Lincolnshire Railway Companies.

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

The Mergose Water Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration Keith and Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Mid-Sussex Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway (Reading Junction) Bill in Session 1855, be referred to the Committee on the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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**Marts, 16° die Junii ; Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.**

**Fraserburgh Harbour Bill.**

A MOTION being made, That the Fraserburgh Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Hogler, 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.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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 consist of Thirty thousand pounds, Three per centum Reduced Bank Annuities, the annual dividend whereof amounts to Nine hundred pounds; of a bequest of the late Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to Eighty-six pounds three shillings and fourpence; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned Sums, and that 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an British Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum for the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1857; of the estimated Charges and Expenses for the year ending the 31st day of March 1858; of the Sum necessary to discharge the same; and of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum in each year, from 1821 to 1856, both years inclusive; 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 1856.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mander-in-Chief, to the Right honourable the President of the General Board of Health, by Henry Austin, C. E., Chief Superintendent of the Board, a Petition for the support of the British Museum for the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1857; of the estimated Charges and Expenses for the year ending the 31st day of March 1858; of the Sum necessary to discharge the same; and of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum in each year, from 1821 to 1856, both years inclusive; 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 1856.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Group 15 of Railway Bills; That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Mr. Wilson presented, to the Right honourable the President of the General Board of Health on Common Lodging-houses, a Petition for the support of the British Museum, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Westminster New Palace, dated the 4th day of this instant June, and for a Return relative to Westminster New Palace, dated the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Copper, &c., Copper, &c., which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Licensed Passenger Brokers (Port of Liverpool), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Health of Passenger Brokers (Port of Liverpool) be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Health of Persons committed to the different Gaols thereof, be printed.

Ordered, That a Return be laid before this House, of the Number of Persons committed to the different Gaols thereof, for Trial, in the year 1856.

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

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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 of the Number of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men enlisted in each of the Foreign Legislions during the late War; stating in detail all Expenses incurred for Recruiting, Embodying and Concentrating of each Corps; Arming, Equipping, and Clothing; Bounty, Pay and Cost of Subsistence while serving; any Gratuities on Discharge, and Allowance for Conveyance to their Homes; the Number of each employed on Active Service during the War, and the Stations at which the remainder were quartered:—Of the Date of Embodiment and of the disbanding of each:—Of the Quantity of Land granted to each Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, and Soldier of any Foreign Legion, either at the Cape of Good Hope, or elsewhere:—Of the Amount of any Gratitude given to each, either for the erection of Houses, or in lieu of them, or other purpose:—Of the Amount of any Pay or Allowance granted to each, and the Services they are expected to perform:—And, of the Annual Expense of arming, clothing and subsisting these Soldiers; together with the Numbers of each Rank who have been thus located.

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 was proposed, That the Standing Order on Divisions relating to turning the two-minute sand-glass be repealed;

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

Mercurii, 17° die Junii, 1857:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the extraordinary Rent-charge per Acre, in respect of Hop Grounds in different Parishes in the Counties of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, and Nottinghamshire.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Amount of Monies received from the Land Sales effected in each of the Australian Colonies from 1846 to 1856, both 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Bruen have leave of absence for three weeks, on urgent business.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Workhouse System in Ireland, and into the Laws relating to Medical Charities and the Relief of the Sick Poor, and to report thereupon to the House:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Guildford Water Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing Maria Cecilia Agatha Anna Josepha Laurentia Dovata Melchiora Bottassara Gaspara, Princess Giustiniani, widow of Charles Marquess Laurentia Donata Melchiora Bolthassara Gaspara, to take the Oath proper to be taken by her prior to her Naturalization before Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, or any other Member of Her Majesty's Legation at the Court of Tuscany, and to give her consent in writing to the passing of the Bill for her Naturalization; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Henry Smith, Esquire, with Julia his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again; and for other purposes therein mentioned; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate to this House, a Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken upon the second reading of Campbell's Divorce Bill, as desired by this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Poor Rates Returns of First Class Volunteers, Naval Cadets, &c.) Midshipmen and Naval Instructors, for each year, from 1836 to 1856 inclusive:—

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—Similar Return of Lieutenants:—And, similar Return of Commanders.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1826) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

Clause No. 1 (When no contract entered into for works approved of at Sessions, Grand Jury may do so). Amend-ent Bill.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mogan, Yeas, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 52.


Another Amendment proposed, in lines 8 and 9, to leave out the words " or construction."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mogan, Yeas, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 36.


Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Treasurer to advance on certificate of surveyor any sum not exceeding that presented for). Amend-ent Bill.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mogan, Yeas, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 37.


Clause No. 3, agreed to.

Clause (That if no Justice attend at the time and at the place appointed by the Grand Jury for holding Presentment Sessions, the Secretary of the Grand Jury shall have authority to adjourn the time for holding such Sessions to a future day, of which due notice shall be given by such Secretary to each Justice resident in the barony for which such Sessions should be held, and to each cesspayer selected to be associated with the Justices at Presentment Sessions; and it shall be lawful for such adjourned Presentment Sessions to execute all matters and things which the original Sessions were authorized to execute by said recital Act.)—brought up, and read 1st.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Afterwards Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices at Petty Sessions, before whom a complaint by any county surveyor against a contractor for repairing a road shall be established, to award such reasonable expenses to be paid by the contractor, or his sureties, as may be incurred by such surveyor in the prosecution of the suit, including the costs in Court; and such costs and expenses may be recovered in same manner and under the same restrictions as provided for levying the amount for completing such contract in the Act 10 & 20 Vic. 6. 63)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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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 Tenant Right (Ireland) 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 Turnpike Trusts Abolition (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 Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) 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 week, 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.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ayton, Yeas, [Mr. Schelefield : ] 4.


Clause No. 1 (Attendance of Grand Jury not to be required at Central Criminal Court, &c.)—brought up, and read 1st.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Notice 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 half an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Mercurii, 17° die Junii ;

Anno 20° Victoriae Reginæ, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bowkman-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th 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 the Prestwich, Bury and Prestwich, Radcliffe Roads Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered.
Ordered, That the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Herne Bay and Faversham Railway 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 Metropolitan New Streets and Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portadown and Dungannon Railway 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 South Durham and Lancashire Union Railway 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 West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Campbell's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for the said 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 the Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken upon the second reading of the said Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 16th day of this instant June, be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Smith's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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.

Ordered, That in the case of Giustiniani's Oath Bill, the Standing Orders be suspended.

Ordered, That the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed and to report forthwith.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley have leave of absence for six weeks, on account of illness in his family;—Abacat. and Mr. Henry Foley a week, on account of a domestic affliction.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Board of,—1. An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the East India Company, from 1st May 1856 to 30th April 1857.—2. Estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the East India Company, from 1st May 1857 to 31st March 1858.—3. An Account of the Debts and Credits in England of the Government of India on 1st May 1857.—4. A List of the several Establishments of the East India Company in England, and the Salaries and Allowances payable by the Court of Directors in respect thereof, on the 1st May 1857:—5. An Account of new or increased Salaries, Establishments or Pensions payable in Great Britain, granted or created between 1st May 1856 and 1st May 1857.—6. Allowances, Compensations, Remunerations and Superannuations granted to Officers and Servants of the East India Company, under the 93rd Section of the Act 53 Geo. 3, c. 155, between 1st May 1856 and 1st May 1857:—Commissions granted between 1st May 1848 and 1st May 1857, under the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 85, s. 7:—7. To the Widows and Children of deceased Officers and Servants of the East India Company in England.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the British Museum be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Marriages, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Schools in Rural Districts, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Westminster New Palace, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Accounts relative to Grand Jury Presentments (Ireland), which were presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Orders of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sissingburne and Sheerness Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Smith's Divorce Bill 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 Medical and Surgical Sciences Act, (Queen's University) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon (Ireland) Bill.
Wednesday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Reformatory Schools Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Reformatories Schools Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) 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 Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Alehouse Licensing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Bankruptcy Bill on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, Grand Juries resolve itself into a Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill.
Mr. Cornwall Leigh reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group N. of Private Bills; That, in order to (Group N.) meet the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Smyth reported from the Committee on Westminster Group I of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the said Bill; and also, that no child shall be sent to any industrial "school, except that it be within the county or the "adjoining county in which the child shall be ap- "prehended." Question propounded, That those words be there inserted;
Whereupon Motion made, and Question propounded, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Deasy, Mr. McCollagh;— 63.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adderley;— 197.
Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22; After the word "period," to insert the words "not "exceeding Two years."
Question propounded, That those words be there inserted;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be read a second time upon (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be read a second time upon the 1st day of July next; and be printed.
Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Industrial Schools 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 6th day of July next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Married Women Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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Private Bills (Group A.)

Sir James Graham reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 19th day of June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report go lie upon the Table.

South London Railway Bill. Colonel Smyth reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the South London 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 go lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Land Transport Corps have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Land Transport Corps, which was presented upon the 21st day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 18° die Junii:
Anno 20° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

Mr. Tollemache reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That in the case of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, which had been referred to this Committee by the Committee of Selection, in pursuance of a special resolution of the House, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the subscription contract had not been withdrawn; and they have inserted the clause required by the standing order of the House of the 12th day of March last; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out certain recitals, and amending others, for the purpose of showing the amount and position of the share capital of the Company; and had also struck out a recital which had become unnecessary in consequence of the amendments made in 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 go lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group O.)

Mr. Rick reported from the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills; That Captain Magan, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Captain Magan do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Cardigan Markets and Improvement Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Cardigan Markets and Improvement Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Monsell, 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 Ely Valley 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 Lowestoft, Water, Gas and Market 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 Mansfield and Workhop 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 Shropshire Union Railways and Canal, London and North Western Railway, and Shropshire Canal Companies 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.

A Motion being made, That the Wearmouth Bridge, Ferries and Approaches Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Monsell, 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 Wimbledon and Dorking Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for making a Railway from the London and South Western Railway at Wimbledon to Epsom, 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 Birkenhead, and the Blyth and Tyne Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Dartmouth and Torbay Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction 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 Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group Railway Bills 7 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Griffith, one of the (Group 7.) Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Griffith do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.
Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Newquay Pier and Harbour and Railway Bill, that it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn; but the Contract having been entered into since the commencement of the last Session of Parliament, and not being restricted to an application in that Session, the Committee have not inserted the Clause required by the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March last; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting recitals of the death of the late Trustee of Teffry's estate, and the appointment of his successors; and by making an alteration in the mode of reference to two causes in the said Preamble 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Newtown and Mackaygylth Railway Bill, that it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much as related to future agreements with the Shrewsbury and Hereford and Severn Valley Railway Companies; 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the London (City) Coal Duties Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make the same a more accurate statement of 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. FitzRoy reported the Elie Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the West Somerset Railway Bill; That a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th of March last, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out therefrom a recital as to the expediency of altering and exercising Powers over the West Somerset Mineral Railway, and also making a Branch to that Railway, such Powers having been abandoned by the promoters; 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the West of Fife West Mineral Railway Bill; That it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit with the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, and the Committee had, in terms of the 7th paragraph of the Standing Order for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract should be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the last Session; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as related to the construction of the Branch Railway from the intended Branch or Extension Railway authorized by the said Bill at Easter Craigieathie Brick and Tile Works, in the Parish of Dunsinane, to Broochend, in the Parish of Bathie, in order to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by 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. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Great Yarmouth Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by adding to the recital, which describes the pecuniary condition of the Company, that "no preference shares had been created," in order to make the same in accordance with the facts of the case; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made Provision in the Bill, pursuant to the Instruction of the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Mr. Mowbray reported from the Committee on the Group 10 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railways Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn, and they have inserted the Clause required by the Standing Order of the House of the 12th of March last; 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; and be printed.

Mr. Tottenmache reported from the said Committee (Special Committee); That in the case of the Watchet Harbour Bill, it was proposed by the Bill to enable the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company to advance the Sum of £10,000 to the Commissioners for the improvement of the Harbour, on mortgage of the tolls, and to raise the necessary Capital for the purposes, that it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the speedy improvement of the Harbour was of great public importance; and inasmuch as the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company are greatly interested in such
such improvements being made with reference to the
mineral and other traffic to be developed and
carried by their Railway, the Committee are of op-
ion that such advance of money may be made with
advantage to the interests of the public and all
parties concerned, and that the restriction imposed
by Standing Order, No. 105, ought not to be en-
forced.

Mr. Tollemache further reported from the said
Committee: That they had examined the allega-
tions contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and
amended the same, by striking out several recita-
lations and parts of recitals which had become unnecessary
in consequence of the arrangement come to between
the Promoters of the said Bill and the Promoters of the
Watchet Harbour Trust Bill; and had also made
certain 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.

Banffshire 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 Commissioner to serve in this
present Parliament for the Shire of Banff, in the
room of the Right honourable James Earl of Fife,
who, since his Election for the said Shire, hath
accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's
Manor of Hempholme.

Duke of Lancaster's Petition.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to
request that their Lordships will he pleased to
give leave to the Earl Granville, the Earl of Har-
rowby and Lord Helper to attend to be examined as
Witnesses before the Select Committee on the Duchy
of Lancaster (Bertolocci's Petition): And that the
Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send
for persons, papers and records.

Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill.

Mr. Mitchell reported the Stratford-upon-Avon
Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Dublin Port.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
Returns of the Accounts of all Receipts and Disburse-
ments by the Corporation for preserving and main-
taining the Port of Dublin, from the 31st day of
December 1856 to the latest period to which the same
was contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and
amended the same, by striking off several recitals
and parts of recitals which had become unnecessary
in consequence of the arrangement come to between
the Promoters of the said Bill and the Promoters of the
Watchet Harbour Trust Bill; and had also made
certain 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 Reports do lie upon the Table; and
be printed.

Report on Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to East India,
India, which were presented upon the 17th day of
the instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Pauper Lunatics
(Marylebone), which was presented upon the
17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
jural, —Returns for the year 1856, compiled by
order of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for
the Home Department; comprising —1. Police and
and Constabulary (Forms of); Statements of the
Public Establishments, and Expenses; of the Number
of Persons committed for Trial at the Assizes and Ses-
tions, with the Result of the Proceedings, and the
Costs of Prosecution;—2. Prisons; State of the
Prisons; Number of Prisoners, Establishments, and
Expenses; with Returns of Reformatory Schools
and Criminal Lunatics:—being Judicial Statistics
(Part I): England and Wales—Police—Criminal
Proceedings—Prisons.

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the di-
rective of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Ireland, —Returns of the Constabulary Force
employed in each county, County of a City, and County of a
Town in Ireland, on the 1st day of January 1857.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply,
Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as
follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 151,744, be Army,
granted to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of
£ 76,000 already voted on account), towards de-
fraying the Charge of the Educational and Scientific
Branches, which will come in course of payment
from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of
March 1858, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,305, be granted
Rewards to Her Majesty (in addition to the Sum of £ 9,000
already voted on account), towards defraying the
Change of Rewards for Military Service, which will
come in course of payment from the 1st day of
April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858, inclusive.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 41,994, be granted Pay of General
Widows, &c. Officers.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 578,706, be Pay of Reduced
Widows, &c. Officers.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 150,000 already voted on account), towards de-
fraying the Charge of Pensions to Widows of Offi-
cers, and of Allowances on the Compassionate List,
which will come in course of payment from the 1st
day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858,
inclusive.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,863, be granted Pensions and
Allowances for Wounds, &c.
Ley's Divorce Bill, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence relative to Ley's Divorce Bill be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Supply Committee on the General Board of Health Bill; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill was, accord- ing to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill was, ac- cording to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Supply Committee on the General Board of Health Bill; and committed to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Trusts Arrangements Bill; and, after some time spent therein, proceeded to 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 Reformatory Schools Bill; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill was, accord- ing to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Married Women's Reversionary Interest Bill.

(CLause, N° 1 (Married women may dispose of reversionary interests in personal estate, and release their rights to a settlement out of such estate in possession).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5: To leave out the words "and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for every married woman," in order to insert the words: "it shall be lawful for every married woman who shall be married after the passing of this Act."

Question, That the words "and after the passing of this Act" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9: After the words "feme sole," to insert the words, "Province always, That where any such future or reversionsary interest is sold, the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to, and held by, such married woman in her own use as if she were a feme sole."
Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2 to No. 5, agreed to.

Clause (Provided always, That it shall be lawful to provide by any deed or will that the Powers of disposition hereby given to a married woman shall not be exercised as to the personal estate conveyed, or the trusts whereof are declared by such deed, or to the personal estate bequeathed by such will), brought up, and read a first time.

To Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Viscount Dunmore 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.

Charitable Uses Bill.

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

Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

Weights and Measures.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Sets of Exchequer Standards of Weights and Measures now in use, when issued, and the Dates when adjusted and re-verified.

Weights and Measures.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to uniformity in Weights and Measures: And that Mr. Adderley, Mr. Child and Mr. Bass do prepare, and bring it in.

Railways.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a 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 1857, 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 1857, 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. 360, of Session 1856).

Sites for Workhouses.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the procuring of Sites for Workhouses in certain cases: And that Mr. Edward Bouvier and Mr. Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Harbours of Refuge.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the policy of making further Grants of Public Money for the improvement and extension of Harbours of Refuge.

Duchy of Lancaster (Bolton's Petition).

Ordered, That Mr. Canning be appointed to serve on the Select Committee on the Duchy of Lancaster (Bolton's Petition), to examine Witnesses, but without the power of voting.

Parochial Elections.

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, in Columns, the Names of the Parishes in Schedule (A.) of the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 120; the Names or Numbers of the Wards into which each Parish has been divided under the Provisions of the said Act; the Number of Parochial Representatives for each Ward; the Number of Ratepayers entitled to vote at the Parochial Election, 1857, in each Ward; the Number of Persons who voted at that Election (if there was not any Contest, the Column to be filled up " No Contest "); and the Number not voting:—And, similar Return for Parishes in Schedule (B.) in case any Parish has not been divided, the Returns are to set forth, the Name of the Parish; the Number of Ratepayers entitled to vote at the Parochial Election, 1857; the Number of Persons who voted at that Election (if there was not any Contest, the Column to be filled up " No Contest "); and the Number not voting (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 3, of the present Session).

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, Poor Law Returns of the following Particulars for 1855, 1856, (Contested Elections.) 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 Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Adderley presented a Bill to amend the Laws respecting Lunatics in Scotland; (Scotland) Bill. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented, Return to Hong Kong, an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Hong Kong. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Grey presented a Bill to facilitate the procuring of Sites for Workhouses in certain cases; Workhouses Bill. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And, of the Number of Voting Papers sent out and collected at the contested Elections for Boards of Guardians in Parishes and Wards under the Act 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 76, in the year 1857.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to alter and amend the Laws respecting Lunatics in Scotland; (Scotland) Bill. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Veneris, 19° die Junii : A. 1857. Sess. II.

Prayers.

Mr. Wrightson reported the Lowestoft and Lowestoft and Roads Bill, with the Petition of Burgesses, Peter Ferry and Roads Bill, with the Petition of Burgesses, Peter Ferry and Roads Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Select Committee on Bleach- and Dyeing Works have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on Group 12 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Bathgate, Airdrie and Coatbridge 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.

Sir Erskine Perry reported from the Committee on Group 13 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Fifeshire and Kinross Railway Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn; and they have inserted a Clause required by the Standing-Order of the House of the 12th March last, enacting that such Contract should be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and amended the same, by striking out part of the proposed Extension Line and the proposed Branch to Keltie, it having appeared to the Committee that the Fifeshire and Kinross Company were precluded by their agreement with the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway Company, dated 1st May 1855, from making any extension of their Line from Kinross to join the Dunfermline Branch of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee; and by rectifying the expediency of making a Line from Milnathort to the Town of Kinross; 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 from the Committee on the Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of London Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by adding a recital, stating that under the 37th section of the recited Act, a Table of Fees to be paid to incumbents on interments had been agreed upon, and that the same should apply to the whole of the Parishes within the City of London, in order to make the same accord with the Provisions 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; and be printed.

Mr. Wise reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions, and determined the 15th and 17th 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.
Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had selected the following four additional Members;—George Clive, Esquire, William Hutt, Esquire, the Right honourable Sir John Somerset Pahington, the Rt. H.C. honourable Sir John Trollope, to be Members of the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the Committee that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had inserted a Clause in the Bill, enacting that such a contract should be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the last Session of Parliament, as required by the Standing Order of the 12th March last; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by substituting "Clara" for "Tullamore" as the Southern Terminus of the Railway; 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. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 14 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Line) Bill, it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had inserted a Clause in the Bill, enacting that such a contract should be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the last Session of Parliament, as required by the Standing Order of the 12th March last; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by substituting "Clara" for "Tullamore" as the Southern Terminus of the Railway; 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. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Mr. John Trollope, to try and determine the Lambeth Borough, the Bodmin Borough, the Galway County of the Town, and the Bath City Election Petitions. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Rich reported from the Committee on Group Private Bills O. of Private Bills; That Colonel Wynne and Mr. Hopwood, two of the Members of the said Committee, were not present during the sitting of the Committee this day. Ordered, That Colonel Wynne be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee. Ordered, That Mr. Hopwood do attend the said Committee upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions. Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees. A Public Petition presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, was referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Broadhaven Copy of Report of Captain Bedford, of the Royal Harbour, &c. Navy, to the Admiralty, upon the Harbour of Broadhaven and Bay of Wick.

Mr. Brassey-Moore reported from the Committee on Group R. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Watchet Harbour Trust 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.

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

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Neuchâtel Command.—Copy of Treaty between Her Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, and the King of the Swiss Confederation, relative to Neuchâtel. Signed at Paris, May 26, 1857. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Trade and Navigation. Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 31st May 1857, and Five Months ended 31st May 1857. Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Vernon Smith presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Acts of the Indian Government, from 1851 to 1856, with Indices. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table East India, by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 3d day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing the whole Outlay sanctioned by the East India Company for the purposes of Railways in India, independently of the Cost of Land; specifying the Amount for each several Railway, and the Rates of Interest at which the different Sums have been guaranteed;—Showing the whole Amount which has been paid into the East...
East India Company's Treasury on account of Indian Railways, and the whole Amount which has been paid out of the East India Company's Treasury on account of Indian Railways, down to the latest Period for which Accounts have been received in England:—Showing the direction of Lines of Railway sanctioned in India, sketched on a Skeleton Map of that Country, marking the Principal Stations and Terminals on each of the said Lines; distinguishing the Portions of the said Lines completed, or to be completed within a given time, or already open for Traffic, that had not yet been opened or commenced upon; and specifying the Number of Miles of Railway open for Traffic in each Presidency, with the Date at which the Construction of each several Indian Railway was begun, so far as the above Particulars are already known in England:—And, showing the Number of Miles of New Roads or Navigable Canals opened for Traffic in each several Presidency of India since the year 1818, and the Total Amount of Money expended on their Construction; specifying the Localities of the above Lines of Communication, and distinguishing the Number of Miles, and the direction of such of the said New Roads as are continuously Stood and Bridge and of the First Class throughout, and the Number of Miles and direction of such of the said Canals as are available for Steam Navigation.

Resolved, That the Return relating to Ministers' Money (Ireland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relating to Constabulary (Ireland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relating to Hong Kong, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Resolved, That the humble Address presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Original Plans of the Hospital at Netley, with the Alterations subsequently 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.

A Petition of John Newall, Parliamentary Agent, alleging that Peter Johnson had offered the Sum of £39,691, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces, for one year, from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858.

Ordered, That John Newall and Abraham Rothwell do attend this House forthwith.

John Newall and Abraham Rothwell, attending according to Order, were called in, and at the Bar examined in relation to the matter contained in the said Petition: And then they withdrew.

Ordered, That Peter Johnson and John Lord do attend this House forthwith.

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 "it be an Instruction to the Committee, That if a "Member raises a discussion on any item of the "Estimates, by proposing that it be omitted or "modified, the Chairman shall confine the discussion "to that item, until it shall have been disposed of "by the Committee; and that the Question shall be "put to the Committee on the item under discussion "separately and apart from the other items com-

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 £39,691, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces, for one year, from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £34,756, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces, for one year, from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hong Kong, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Tones of Land), be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Common Lodging-houses, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to Cheese, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Receipt and Application of all Monies which have been received by the Directors of the Margate Pier and Harbour Company, from the 17th day of April 1856 to the 11th day of April 1857, both days inclusive.

Ordered, That the Return relating to Ministers' Money (Ireland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Hong Kong, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Vessels and Tonnage entered inwards and outwards at each of the Twelve principal Ports of the United Kingdom; also, the Official Value of Imports and Exports for each of the said Ports during the year 1856 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 262, of Session 1856).

Resolved, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Rochdale, to induce him to go to New Orleans for the purpose of avoiding to give Evidence before the said Committee; and praying the House to make an Order thereon as to the House shall seem meet, was presented, and read.

Ordered, That John Newall and Abraham Rothwell do attend this House forthwith.

John Newall and Abraham Rothwell, attending according to Order, were called in, and at the Bar examined in relation to the matter contained in the said Petition: And then they withdrew.
Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 57,996, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the House necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 63,796, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the House necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 57,996, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the House necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the\[ Mr. Blackburn,\]
\[ Yeas,\] [Mr. Bentinck] 60.

Tellers for the\[ Mr. Hayter,\]

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 67,711. 6s. be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the House necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Sabbati, 20° die Junii, 1857 :

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 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 Bedale and Leyburn Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and explain Fleming's Estate Act, 1852; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords give leave to the Earl Granville (the Lord President), the Earl of Harrowby (the Lord Speaker), and the Lord Belper, to attend to give Evidence before the Select Committee on the Duchy of Lancaster (Hertolacci's Petition), as desired by this House (their Lordships in their places consenting):—The Lords communicate to this House, Minutes of Evidence taken upon the second reading of Smith's Divorce Bill, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence relative to Smith's Divorce Bill, which were this day communicated from the Lords, be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House reported, That Peter Johnson and John Lord had been served with the Order of this House to attend the House forthwith, and having neglected to attend, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

Then John Lord was called in, and examined at the Bar, with reference to the allegations of Newall's Petition:—And then he was directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the matter of the Petition of John Newall, and to report their opinion thereupon to the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That John Lord do attend the said Committee;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "John Lord," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "be taken into the custody of the "Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House," 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 the Question, by leaving out from the words "John Lord" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "be re-called to the Bar," 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\[ Mr. Hayter,\]
\[ Yeas,\] [The Earl of Mulgrave] 97.

Tellers for the\[ Mr. Ball,\]
\[ Noes,\] [Mr. Bowyer] 42.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "upon Monday next, at One of the clock." And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of the following Members: Mr. Attorney General, Lord John Russell, Mr. Henley, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Edward Egerton, Sir Henry Willoughby, Mr. Roddick, Mr. Macaulay and Mr. Sergeant O'Brien; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That John Lord and Abraham Bothwell do attend the Committee at its meeting at One of the clock.

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Ordered, That the Petition of John Newall, and the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Bar of this House relative thereto, be referred to the Committee.

The Order of the day being read; for taking into Oaths Bill.

Considered the Oaths Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
84th. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £8,000,000 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. Fitz-Roy reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Fitz-Roy 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 Turnpike Trusts Arrangements Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Resolved, That the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Procedure in the Bill Chamber in Scotland: (Scotland.) And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve and render less expensive the mode of collecting Assessments in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Amount voted for Civil Contingencies, and the Amount received in Repayment of Advances out of that Fund, together with the Amount expended in the year ended the 31st day of March 1857, showing the Balance at the Commencement and at the Termination of the year:—And, Statement of outstanding Advances made from Civil Contingencies, made during the year ending the 31st day of March 1857 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 347, Session 1856).

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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police Districts) Bill:

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

Ordered, That Mr. Muir be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committees on Contracts (Public Departments).

Ordered, That Mr. Newdegate be added to the Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to accept the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and amended the same, by introducing words explanatory of certain Clauses 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; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Wilson presented, — Return to an Order, Harbours of dated the 9th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Harbours of Refuge.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 22° die Junii ;

Anno 21 victoricae reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th Report, and 19th 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. Mitchell reported from the Committee on Wexford Free Bridge Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by introducing words explanatory of certain Clauses 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.

Colonel Smyth reported from the Committee on Reading Railways Junction Railway Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn, and they have inserted the Clause required by the Standing Order of the House of the 12th day of March last; 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.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Distribution of Business in the Court of Session (Scotland.): And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Municipal provide for the Extension of Municipal Boundaries in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

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Cannock Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Deside the
Deside Extension Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration Langport, the
Langport, Somerton and Castle Cary Roads Bill as amended in the Committee.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration Manchester the
Manchester Corporation Bill, as amended in the Corporation Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Monkland the
Monkland Railways Bill, as amended in the Railways Bill Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration Slaney River the
Slaney River Improvement Bill, as amended in the Improvement Bill.
A Clause (Masters of vessels to report arrival and deliver account), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause (Evidence of tonnage of exempted lighters), 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 Stamford and the
Stamford and Essexdale Railway 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 Stockton the
Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers’ Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Victoria the
Victoria Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration Victoria the
A Clause (Company not to interfere with Crown Land without consent of the Secretary of State for War), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration Victoria the
Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, That they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for the said 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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Smith’s Divorce Bill. Smith’s Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill. Ordered, That the Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Fleming’s Estate Bill. Fleming’s Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill. Mr. Cornwall Leigh reported from the Committee on Group N. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by reciting more fully the Provisions of the Act of 14 & 15 Vict. c. 61, and the Proceedings taken under them, in order to make the Preamble more fully describe 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.

South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill. Mr. Moody reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, has not been withdrawn, and that the Committee had inserted a Clause, in pursuance of the Standing Order of the 12th of March 1857, with respect to the suspension of Private Bills, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Subscriptions Contract had not been withdrawn; and that the Committee had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as related to the purchase of additional land for the purpose of the London-bridge Station, the portion of the Bill to chase of additional land for the purpose of the East Somerset Railway 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.

East Somerset Railway Bill. Mr. Fitzroy reported from the Committee on the East Somerset Railway Bill; That a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th of March, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; that 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; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group S.) Mr. Mitchell reported from the Committee on Group S. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Belfast Improvement Bill had stated to the Committee, that the evidence of George Archibald Leach and Charles Langon was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That the said George Archibald Leach and John Lanyon do attend the said Committee on Tuesday the 23rd day of June, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That George Archibald Leach and Charles Langon do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken Private Bills before Committees on Local and Private Bills relating to Belfast, since Session 1840, be referred to the Committee on Group S. of Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

A Petition of William Connolly, of Market-square, Lisburn in the Borough of Lisburn, Innkeeper; John Boomer, of Bow-street, in the said Borough, Innkeeper; John M’Intyre, of Market-square, in the said Borough, Cabinet-maker; and Thomas M’Calister, Castle-street, in said Borough, Tailor; Electors and Voters for the said Borough of Lisburn, praying to be admitted Parties to defend the Return for the said Borough, was presented, and read [Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 73].

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

Mr. Mounbray reported from the Committee on Blackburn Group 10 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Blackburn Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out so much thereof as related to the extension of the Railway from the Northern end of the Croal Viaduct or near thereto to the City of Manchester, and also a Branch Railway out of that Extension Railway to or near to the Southern end of the Tonge Viaduct, as the Committee did not consider that portion of the Preamble proved to their satisfaction; and found the same, as amended, to be true; but that in consequence of such Amendment of the Preamble, the Promoters had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the Bill.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Convicts and to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of all Convicts sentenced to Transportation or Penal Servitude, confined in the several County Gaols in Ireland on the 1st day of November 1856; specifying the Date of Conviction, Age and Period of Sentence of each Convict.—Of all other Prisoners convicted by a Jury and undergoing Punishment in the several County Gaols in Ireland on the 1st day of November 1856; specifying the Date of Conviction and Extent of Punishment;—Showing the entire Cost of maintaining all Convicts and all other Prisoners convicted by a Jury, confined in the several County Gaols in Ireland for the years 1855, 1856, 1854, 1855 and 1856, to the 31st day of December last, paid out of County Rates:—Of all Sums paid to Counties in Ireland from the Consolidated Fund for the Maintenance of Convicts and Misdemeanants (if any Payment made) during said years:—And, of all Sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund to reimburse the several Counties in England and Wales for the Maintenance of Convicts and Convicted Misdemeanants confined in the several Gaols during the said years; such Return to specify the Number in each Class, and the Average Gaol.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oaths Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Act not to enable persons professing the Jewish religion to hold certain offices), was brought up, and read a first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Jews not to present to Benefices in the Established Church), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Jews not to advise in the appointment of officers in the Established Church), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

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

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

(To the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £102,561, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the General of the Exchequer.

13. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

14. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

15. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

16. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

17. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

18. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for War.

19. £18,614, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for the Treasury.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £18,614, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Comptroller General of the Exchequer.
20. £ 6,054, for Salaries of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer and Offices in Scotland, of certain Officers in Scotland, and other Charges, formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue.

21. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,431, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Salaries for the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,857, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Salaries for the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams, 55.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Hooton, 1202.]

Noses, [The Earl of Malmesbury: 1202.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

22. £ 15,588, for Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in Dublin and London.

23. £ 5,118, to complete the Sum for the Department of the Paymaster of Civil Services in Ireland.

24. £ 1,785, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

25. £ 15,997, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Public Works in Ireland.

26. £ 29,675, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

27. £ 11,755, to complete the Sum for the Copyhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commission.

28. £ 8,130, to complete the Sum for Imprison Expenses under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts of the Copyhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commission.

29. £ 24,909, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the General Register Office, England and Wales.

30. £ 2,432, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the General Register Office, Dublin.

31. £ 6,085, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., Edinburgh.

32. £ 8,921, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the National Debt Office.

33. £ 1,805, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

34. £ 1,170, to complete the Sum for the Establishment under the West India Islands Relief Commissioners.

35. £ 1,390, to complete the Sum for Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy.

36. £ 684, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the General Superintendent of County Roads in South Wales.

37. £ 1,659, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrars of Friendly Societies in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

38. £ 22,000, to complete the Sum for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

39. £ 809,745, to complete the Sum for the Expenditure of Stationery and Binding for the several Public Departments, and for Printing, &c. for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Expense of the Stationery Office.

40. £ 58,045, to complete the Sum for Postage of Letters on the Public Service in the several Departments.

41. £ 24,130, to complete the Sum for Law Charges, and the Salaries, Allowances and Incidental Expenses in the Office of the Solicitor for 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.

42. £ 295,000, for Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, formerly paid out of County Rates, including Salaries in lieu of Fees to Clerks of Assize and other Officers under the Criminal Justice Act.

43. £ 109,082, to complete the Sum for certain Charges connected with the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales.

44. £ 1,140, for Expenses of the Crown Office, Chancery.

45. £ 2,140, for Expenses of the Crown Office, Queen's Bench.

46. £ 16,519, for Expenses incurred by Sheriffs, and the Deficiency of the Fees in the Office of the Queen's Remembrancer in the Exchequer.

47. £ 6,480, for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar of the Admiralty, and the Expenses of the Admiralty Court, Dublin.

48. £ 7,526, for Salaries of the Commissioners and other Officers, and the Expenses of the Insolvent Debtors' Court.

49. £ 109,082, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the County Courts.

50. £ 19,625, to complete the Sum for Expenses of the Police Courts of the Metropolis.

51. £ 63,645, to complete the Sum for Expenses of the Metropolitan Police.

52. £ 2,715, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Prison.

53. £ 3,842, to complete the Sum for Salaries of the Lord Advocate and of the Solicitor General, Scotland.

54. £ 11,767, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Session in Scotland.

55. £ 10,029, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Justiciary in Scotland.

56. £ 5,506, for Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions carried on under the authority of the Lord Advocate.

57. £ 1,080, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Legal Branch of the Exchequer in Scotland.

58. £ 50,000, for the Charge of Sheriffs and Stewards, including Procurators Fiscal not paid by Salaries, and the Expenses of Criminal Prosecutions, &c. in Sheriff Courts in Scotland.

59. £ 7,555, to complete the Sum for Salaries of such of the Procurators Fiscal in Scotland as are no longer paid by Fees.

60. £ 6,555, to complete the Sum for Salaries of such of the Sheriff Clerks, Scotland, as are not chargeable on the Revenues of Customs and Excise.


62. £ 11,607, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the several Officers in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

63. £ 739, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Commissary Clerk, Edinburgh.

64. £ 1,979, for Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Accountant in Bankruptcy in Scotland.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

65. £ 51,470, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

66. £ 6,078, to complete the Sum for Salaries of certain
certain Officers of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, formerly charged on the Consolidated Fund.

67. £1,775, to complete the Sum for Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland.

68. £1,801, to complete the Sum for Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland.

69. £1,510, to complete the Sum for Salaries of certain Officers, and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland.

70. £100, to complete the Sum for the Salary of the Clerk to the Taxing Officers for the Three Law Courts, Ireland.

71. £3,323, to complete the Sum for Salaries of the Registrars to the Judges in Ireland.

72. £1,788, to complete the Sum for certain Salaries and the Incidental Expenses in the Office for the Registration of Judgments in Ireland.

73. £200, to complete the Sum for Fees to Advocates appointed to act as Commissioners of the High Court of Delegates in Ireland.

74. £1,868, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Insolvent Debtors' Court in Ireland.

75. £167, to complete the Sum for Salary of the Clerk to the Court of Errors in Ireland.

76. £1,100, to complete the Sum for Salaries of the Police Justices of Dublin, Metropolis.

77. £24,900, to complete the Sum for Expense of the Divisional Police Courts and the Metropolitan Police, Dublin.

78. £394,820, to complete the Sum for the Expense of the Constabulary Force in Ireland.

79. £1,479, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Four Courts Marshalsea Prison, Dublin.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Mortis, 29th die Junii, 1857:

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, upon Wednesday 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:

Chester Water Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Chester Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Guildford Gas Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Guildford Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company Bill. The Lords have agreed to the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Supplies. Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £39,691, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces, for one year from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,386, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings, for providing the necessary Supply of

Water for the same, for Rents of Houses for the temporary accommodation of Public Departments, and Charges attendant thereon, for one year, from the 1st day of April 1857 to the 31st day of March 1858. 4. That a Sum, not exceeding £75,781, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £8,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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 Probate and Administration Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-General Board of Health Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-General Board of Health Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-General Board of Health Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Probate and Administration Bill; and that the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill, and the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill, was nominated of Lord John Russell, Sir George Grey, the Marquis of Blandford, Sir James Graham, Mr. Walpole, Lord Robert Grosvenor, Sir John Pakington, Mr. Ingham and Mr. Mouchray.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented,—Return to Emigration an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Emigration in (North American Colonies.)

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

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to regulate the Distribution of Business in the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; and the Public Departments in the Courts of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hardcastle presented a Bill for the Incorporation of Public Charities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to regulate the Bankruptcy and Real Securities in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to remove Bankruptcy doubts as to the Law of Bankruptcy and Real Securities in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to regulate the Procedure in the Bill Chamber in Scotland: 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 five hours after one of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.


PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Committee on Group 1 Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Mallow and Fermoy Mallow and and Great Southern and Western Railways Bill, with Fermoy and Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and Great Southern and Western Railways Bill, be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Railway Salisbury Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill; That they had made Provision in the Bill, in accordance with the Power conferred upon them by the Instruction of the House of the 19th day of June instant; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out two allegations having reference to the expediency of a proposed deviation at Fisherton Aunger, the Provisions relative to which were omitted from the Bill as submitted to the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Coniston Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Bourne and Essendine Railway Bill; That it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposits paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had inserted a Clause in the Bill, enacting that such Contract should be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session of Parliament; 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Southsea Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Campbell's Divorce Bill.

A Petition of Edward Walmsley, of Abingdon-street, Westminster, Agent of the Solicitor of Alexander Campbell, praying that service of the Orders of the House and of the Copy of Campbell's Divorce Bill upon William Sin, Solicitor of Maria Campbell, or Richard Henry Wyatt, his Agent, may be deemed good service, was presented, and read.

Ordered, That the Service of the Orders of the House and of the Copy of the said Bill upon the said Richard Henry Wyatt be deemed good service; and that personal Service thereof on the said Maria Campbell be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group O. of Private Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Had. -Wadson's Bay Company have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction 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 Caledonian Railway (Lines to Granton) 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 Cork and Youghal Railway Bill was read Cork and Youghal Railway Bill. Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Dartmouth and Torbay 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Ely Tidal Harbour and 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Works on or adjoining the South West Bank of the River Clyd, for other purposes.

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

Hamilton and Strathaven Water Bill.

The Hamilton and Strathaven 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.

Islewich Water Bill.

The Islewich Water 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.

Kerry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill.

The Kerry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

North Eastern Railway (Leicester Valley Branch) Bill.

The North Eastern Railway (Leicester Valley Branch) 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.

South Staffordshire Water Bill.

The South Staffordshire Water Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass : And that the Title be, An Act to enable the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company to alter and extend their Works, and obtain an additional Supply of Water, and for other purposes. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Yarmouth Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Newtown and Machynlleth Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newtown and Machynlleth Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Prestwich, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Prestwich, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Finbury Park (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Finbury Park (No. 2) 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. Miles, Mr. Malins ; For the Noes, Mr. Thomas Dencouly, Mr. Cox. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Vol. 112.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Teffy Railway Bill, Vale Railway 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 ; but the Parties promoting the 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.

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 7 of Railway Bills ; That, for the consideration of the same, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday the 25th of June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Moos reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Mid-Kent Railway (Croydon Extension) 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.

Mr. Moos reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 2 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Mid-Kent and South Kent 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.

Mr. Rich reported the Milford Improvement Bill with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Monck reported from the Committee on Doncaster Group 10 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Doncaster and Wakefield 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.

Mr. Fenwick reported from the Committee on Tweed River Group P. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Fisheries Bill Tweed River Fisheries 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.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Bills, Group 7. Ordered, That Standing Order 178 be suspended intilton in the case of the Ilulston Parish Acts Amendment Bill; and that the Committee of Selection have Power to fix the first meeting of the Committee on the said Bill, upon giving three clear days' notice thereof.

Mr. Gerry reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; and that the Committee of Selection, upon giving three clear days' notice, had decided to proceed with the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills ; That in the case of the Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Bill, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th of March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session of Parliament; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Bill.
Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by insert ing in the recital as to the advantage of the proposed Line of Railway the following words: "for the purpose of enabling the people of local and other traffic as of a through traffic between Carlisle and the Southern, Midland, Eastern and other parts of England," the Committee being desirous of showing, as well by a Statement in the Preamble as by Provisions in the Bill, that the Line was not sanctioned by them solely for local purposes; and had also amended the Preamble for the purpose of setting out more fully the Capital and borrowing Powers of the Company; such 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. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 14 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under the 6th Standing Order, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of the 12th March last, inserted a clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament, shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the words referring to agreements with the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, the Clauses relating thereto being 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; and be printed.

Sir James Baller East reported from the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the North Western Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as well 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.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Metropolitan Railway (No. 2), Petition of John Wood, for dispensing with Standing Order 109, in the case of the Petition of Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Saint Botolph, and others, against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Group 14 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill, it having been proved to the Committee that the deposit paid in respect of the Subscription Contract, in pursuance of the Standing Order No. 64, had not been withdrawn, they had provided that such Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had been passed in the last Session of Parliament, as required by the Standing Order of the 12th March last; 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.

Sir John Ramsden presented, — Return to an Address, to Her Majesty, dated the 3d day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Names and Places of Abode of Officers of disbanded Foreign Corps who are in receipt of Half-penny and reduced Allowances for Service in the War which ended in 1815; of the Annual Payment made to each Officer; and of the Date when such Payment commenced. — Like Return of Allowances for Wounds — And, Like Return of Allowances for Widows and Children.

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

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Divorce Acts, which was presented upon the 22d day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Queen's Colleges (Ireland), which was presented upon the 22d day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigration Emigration (North American Colonies), which was presented upon the 22d day of this instant June, 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 of the Expenses of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Major General Beatson, including the Cost of procuring Evidence, the Traveling Expenses of Officers summoned as Witnesses, and the employment of Government Steerers for such 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 be laid before this House, a Hops, &c. Return of the Number of Cwts. of Hops exported and imported in each year, from the year 1837 to the year 1856 inclusive; also showing the Declared Value of Beer exported in each of the same years.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Janury. Copy of the Eleventh Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Parliament to direct its immediate attention to the best mode of removing the obstacles which impede the application of British capital and skill to the improvement of the productive powers of India; — And
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;  

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And the Previous Question being proposed, That that Question be now put:—And a Debate arising thereupon,  

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

**Crucify to Animals Act Amendment.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and alter the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 31, called "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854." And that Mr. Griffith and Sir William Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

**Inspectors of Taxes (Scotland).**

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Salaries of the Scotch Inspectors and Surveyors of Taxes are inadequate for the duties they have to discharge, and, as these duties are not less onerous than those performed by the same Officers in England, that the remuneration for their services should be placed on the same scale as those of England and Ireland: It passed in the Negative.

**Railway Traffic Act Amendment.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend, and the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 31, called "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854." And that Mr. Griffith and Sir William Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

**Evidence upon Oath (House of Commons).**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the House of Commons and its Committees to take Evidence upon Oath: And that Mr. Warren, the Marquis of Blandford, and Mr. Edward Egerton do prepare, and bring it in.

**Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve the Administration of the Law in England, so far as respects Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace: And that Mr. Massey, Sir George Grey and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

**Municipal Corporations.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts concerning Municipal Corporations in England: And that Mr. Massey, Sir George Grey and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

**Hasley Borough Incorporation.**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Charter of Incorporation granted to the Borough of Hasley, in the County of Stafford: And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

**Christ Church (West Hartlepool).**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render valid certain Marriages in Christ Church, West Hartlepool, in the Parish of Stranton, in the County of Durham: And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

**Income Tax, &c. (London).**

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of Persons employed in the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax and Land and Assessed Taxes in the City of London, during the years ending the 5th day of April 1856 and the 5th day of April 1857; The Capacity in which employed, Rate of Poundage, Amount of Salaries or Allowances received, and whether employed in other Duties or not; and, of the Total Amount of Income Tax, Land Tax and Assessed Taxes in the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 358, of Session 1856).

**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 Great Western and Brentford Railway Bill, without any Amendment: VOL. 112.

The Lords have agreed to the Exeter and Exmouth Railway Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Herford Cathedral for authorizing the Dean and Chapter of Hereford to raise Money for the Repair of the Cathedral Church of Hereford; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Highways read ng of the Highways Bill;  

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.  

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad Bill was, according to Order, read again; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Alehouse Licensing Bill was, according to Alehouse 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 charitable into a Committee on the Charitable Uses Bill; and, on 8th March, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker assumed 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 Grand Jurors (Metropolitan Police District) Bill;  

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply.

Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £102,961, be Works, &c. at Grant to Her Majesty, to complete the Works and Expenses of Parliament, and Allowances to the Retired Officers, to the 31st day of March 1858.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £443, be granted to Port Patrick to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Harbour of the Establishment and the necessary Works at Port Patrick Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,557, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of (Ireland), repairing and maintaining the several Public Buildings in the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Works, &c. at Kington to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Works and Establishment of Kings-town Harbour, to the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,976, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the two Houses of Parliament, and Allowances to the Retired Officers, to the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £35,171, be Payed, to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the 31st day of March 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,496, be Home granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

8. That...
Foreign Department.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £45,169, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,160, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

Privy Council.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,426, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salary of the Lord Privy Seal, and the Expenses of his Establishment, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Paymaster General.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,510, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Comptroller General of the Exchequer.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,428, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Comptroller General of the Exchequer, to the 31st day of March 1858.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,614, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Buildings, to the 31st day of March 1858.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,145, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Public Records.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,876, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Public Records, including the State Paper Office, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Poor Laws Administration.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £217,240, 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 1858.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £36,195, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Establishment of the Mint, including Expenditure of the Coinage, to the 31st day of March 1858.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,995, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Factories, Mines, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,654, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer and Offices in Scotland, of certain Officers in Scotland, and other Charges, formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue, to the 31st day of March 1858.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,631, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Salaries for the Officers and Attendants of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,358, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in Dublin and London, to the 31st day of March 1858.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,118, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge of the Department of Works and Public Buildings, to the 31st day of March 1858.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,785, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,997, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of the Board of Public Works in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,575, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts, to the 31st day of March 1858.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,785, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Cop yhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1858.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,320, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Imprest Expenses under the Inclosure and Drainage Acts of the Copyhold, Inclosure and Tithe Commission, to the 31st day of March 1858.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £26,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,423, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General Office, Edinburgh, to the 31st day of March 1858.

31. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,083, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the National Debt Office, to the 31st day of March 1858.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,921, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salaries and Expenses in the National Debt Office, to the 31st day of March 1858.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1858.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,170, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the Establishment under the West India Islands Relief Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1858.

35. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,220, be granted to Commissioners to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to the 31st day of March 1858.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,648, be granted to her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salary and Expenses of the General Superintendent of County Roads in South Wales, to the 31st day of March 1858.

37. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,650, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., Scotland and Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

38. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge of Her Majesty's Foreign
Foreign and other Secret Services, to the 31st day of March 1858.

39. That a Sum, not exceeding £500,745, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of Stationery, Printing, and the Salaries of several Public Departments, and for Printing, &c. for the Two Houses of Parliament, including the Expense of the Stationary Office, to the 31st day of March 1858.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £88,045, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Postage of Letters on the Public Service in the several Departments, to the 31st day of March 1858.

41. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,130, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 Provisions 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 1858.

42. That a Sum, not exceeding £250,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expenses of Provisions at Assize and Quarter Sessions.

43. That a Sum, not exceeding £105,980, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray certain Charges connected with the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales.

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,140, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Chancery, to the 31st day of March 1858.

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,140, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Crown Office, Queen's Bench, to the 31st day of March 1858.

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,310, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Expenses incurred by Sheriffs, and the Deficiency of the Fees in the Office of the Queen's Remembrancer in the Exchequer.

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,480, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar of the Admiralty, and the Expenses of the Admiralty Court, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,226, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Commissioners and other Officers of the Insolvent Debtors' Court, to the 31st day of March 1858.

49. That a Sum, not exceeding £109,062, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the County Courts, to the 31st day of March 1858.

50. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,023, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, to the 31st day of March 1858.

51. That a Sum, not exceeding £63,845, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary towards defraying the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, to the 31st day of March 1858.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,718, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Queen's Prison, to the 31st day of March 1858.

53. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,942, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for the Salaries of the Lord Advocate and of the Solicitor General, Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1858.
69. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,510, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of certain Officers, and the incidental Expenses of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

70. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of the Clerk to the Taxing Officers for the Three Law Courts, Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

71. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,232, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of the Registrars to the Judges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

72. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,788, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray certain Salaries and the incidental Expenses in the Office for the Registration of Judgments in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

73. That a Sum, not exceeding £200, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

74. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,866, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Insolvent Debtors' Court in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

75. That a Sum, not exceeding £167, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salary of the Clerk to the Court of Errors in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

76. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Salaries of the Police Justices of Dublin Metropolitan, to the 31st day of March 1858.

77. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary towards defraying the Expenses of the Divisional Police Courts and the Metropolitan Police, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.

78. That a Sum, not exceeding £394,220, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Constabulary Force in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

79. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the Four Courts, Marshalsea Prison, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.

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

The Insurance on Lives (Abatement of Income Tax) 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Married Women's Reversionary Interest 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; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords in the Transport and Penal Servitude Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time, one was disagreed to; and the other was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendment to which this House hath disagreed.—And a Committee was appointed for this purpose, viz. Mr. George Grey, Mr. Mathias, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Massey, Sir William Jolliffe, and Viscount Goderich.—And they are to withdraw immediately.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, was made; and discharged.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Civil Service, detailed Statement of the Estimates for Civil Services (Classes I. to VII.), for the year 1853, showing, in parallel Columns, the " Increase" or " Decrease" in each item of those Estimates for every subsequent year (to 1856 inclusive); with a Summary of the Classes into which the Estimates are divided, and Explanations of the principal Causes of Increase in those years as compared with 1852;—And, Statement of Cost of Collection of the Revenue in the year 1852, with a comparison of Costs of Collection in each subsequent year (to 1856 inclusive);—showing increase of Charge as compared with 1855, and Explanation of the Cause of Increase.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

Mr. Griffith presented a Bill to alter and amend Railway Acts, and specified Acts, the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 31, called "The Railway Traffic Act, 1854." And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Viscount Raynham presented a Bill to amend the Cruelty to Animals Act, for the more effectual Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Warren presented a Bill to empower the House of Commons to take Evidence upon Oath: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to improve the Administration of the Law in England, so far as respects Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Acts concerning Municipal Corporations in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Charter, Harlot, and Canal Traffic Act, 1854: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Charter of Incorporation granted to the Borough of Hanley, in the County of Stafford: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to render valid certain Christian Marriages in Christchurch, West Hartlepool, in the Parish of Stranton, in the County of Durham: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.
Election. Wareham Report.)

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to 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.

Mercurii, 24° die Junii ;
Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 22d 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.

Poste-fraction Election.

Mr. Welpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Pontefract, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Honourable Dudley Francis Portescue, Lord Henry George Lewan, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Esquire; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Baronet; Chairman, Thomas Emerson Headlam, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Marlborough Election.

Mr. Welpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Marlborough, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto; and the List of Voters delivered in to them by the Petitioner:—Lord Robert Talbot Cecil, Robert Porrett Collier, Esquire; Sir William Dunbar, Baronet, George Carr Glyn, Esquire (Orkney), Richard Malins, Esquire; Chairman, Henry Ker Stugnet, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Wareham Election.

Mr. Welpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Wareham, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto; and the Lists of Voters delivered in to them on behalf of one of the Petitioners, and of the Sitting Member:—Sir William Danbar, Baronet, George Carr Glyn, Esquire; John Robert Mowbray, Esquire, Honourable Frederick Lygon; Chairman, James Milnes Grosheld, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mayo Election.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Mayo, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition and Lists 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 Twelve of the clock.

The Blyth and Tyne 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 Shrewsbury Gas 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 Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union 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 Southern and Western Extension 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 West Somerset Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Hereford Cathedral Restoration Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Taff Vale Railway Bill be referred to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

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

The Names of the five Members appointed to try the Rochdale Election, and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Rochdale, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try the Cambridge Election, and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition and Lists 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 Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Massey, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy 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 1857.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Lunacy, the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Lunacy.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of the General Annual Account of the Commissioners of Bridlington Piers and Harbour, from the 26th day of July 1855 to the 26th day of July 1856. 

 Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Corps, which was presented upon the 23th day of this instant June, be printed.

 Burials Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Burials Bill; 
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

 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 Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill; that they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to communicate to the House; and the same was read, as followeth: The Commons disagree to the Amendment, Clause A. for the following Reason: Because the object of that Clause is already provided for by the enactment contained in the 7th Section of the Act 16 & 17 Vic. c. 99, by which the 6th Clause of the present Bill is to be read as one Act. 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.

 The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Judgments Execution, &c. Bill. 
 (In the Committee.)

 Clause, No 7 (Courts at Westminster and Dublin to have some control over registered copy or extract as over warrants of attorney to confess judgment). Amendment again proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "and may set aside, satisfy or otherwise deal with it accordingly." Question again proposed, That those words be there added. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; 

 Question again proposed, That those words be there added. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair; 
 The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Colonel French, Mr. Axtou : ] 73. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Crafard, Mr. Dunlop : ] 102.

 Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; 

 Original Question put, and agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

 Clause, No 8 (In case of bankruptcy or insolvency, registered copy or extract not to be of greater effect than warrant of attorney to confess judgment). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

 Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; 

 Clause, No 9 (Copy or extract to be filed, and satisfaction or discharge may be endorsed thereon, and certificate thereof to be evidence). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; 
 The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Colonel French, Mr. Grosvenor : ] 64. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dunlop : ] 175.

 Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8: To leave out the word "extract," in order to insert the words "authenticated copy." Question proposed, That the word "extract" stand part of the Clause.

 Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. 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 the 15th day of July next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

 The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Scientific Committee on the Scientific and Literary Societies Bill. 
 (In the Committee.)

 Preamble postponed. Clause, No 1, amended, and agreed to.

 Clause, No 2 (Lands, &c., occupied exclusively by any society instituted for purposes of science, not to be rated to county or other local rates or cesses). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14: To leave out the words "science, literature." Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair; 

 And it being a quarter before Six of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair. 

 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.

 The Order of the day being read, for the second Married reading of the Married Women Bill. 
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of July next.

 The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply.mittee of Supply; 
 Resolved, 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; 
 Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

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The order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Acts Amendment 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 (Metropolitan Police District) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 2d day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Consolidated Fund (£ 8,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Hanley Borough Incorporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Ingam (Chairman), Mr. Crighton and Sir John Potter be discharged from further attendance on the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Dictett (Chairman), Mr. Crossley Bailey and Mr. Ridley be added to the Committee.

Sir James Butler East reported from the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills; that, for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Twelve of the clock on Friday.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Rochdale Election (Newall’s Petition) have Power to have the Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Henley reported from the said Select Committee; that they had considered the matter to then 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. Wrightson reported the Worksop and Attercliffe Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ingam reported from the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills; that in the case of the North Level Drainage Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, verbally; and also by striking out in page 5, with respect to certain lands in Sutton Saint James, Peckirk, Gunton, and elsewhere, such lands having been exempted by the Committee from taxation for purposes 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. Ingam reported from the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills; that in the case of the Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill, the Committee had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill, and amended the same, by inserting additional paragraphs to show more clearly at what periods and in what parts the contributions of the East Brick Drainage Commissioners and the Municipal Corporation of Lynn are payable under the existing Acts, the amounts which they respectively have already paid, the raising by the said Commissioners of certain loans on mortgage and bond, the sale by them of part of their lands, and the payment into Court of the purchase money, the expediency of reducing the respective contributions of the said Commissioners and Corporation, and making their whole balance payable during the progress of the works, of discharging the Committee from all liability to repay such contributions, and of providing for the discharge of the debt of the said Commissioners, and the balance of their contribution; and by making other verbal alterations and corrections; 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. Rich reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the Swansbury Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock Company Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and also amended the same by omitting all recitals with reference to the Vale of Neath Railway, that portion of the Bill having been abandoned by the Promoters; 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 Smyth reported from the Committee on the West Looe and Crystal Palace Railways Bill, to the Bill as passed in the last Session of Parliament; 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; and be printed.

Colonel Smyth reported from the Committee on the West London and Crystal Palace Railways Bill, in compliance with the Resolution of the House of the 6th of March last, the promoters have struck out of the Bill all Provisions enabling the three Companies named in the Bill to contribute towards making of the Crystal Palace Railway and Extension to borough Railway; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out in the same as related to the proposed alteration of the provisions of the Crystal Palace Railway Company, and of leasing the Crystal Palace Railway; and had made other Amendments in the Preamble, in order to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by 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. Cobbe reported from the Committee on Stockport, Group 9 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the Stockport, Dukin and Whalley Bridge Railway Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn, and they have inserted the Clause required by the Standing Order of the House of the 12th day of March last; that, in conformity with the Resolution of the House of the 15th day of February last, all Provisions relating to the proposed Hayfield Branch Railway have been struck out of the Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the allegations of the expediency of the Hayfield Branch Railway.
Railway, and of no preference or priority in payment of interest or dividend having been granted by the Company (the Clauses to which those allegations related being omitted from the Bill), and by adding words to show more clearly the ground on which a revision of a portion of the tolls is applied for; 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.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 25 die Junii:
Anno 21° Victorie Regine, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Newry and Enniskillen Railway Bill.

The Committee on the Newry and Enniskillen Railway Bill, a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March last, enacting that the Subscription Contract shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposits in respect of the same Subscription Contract have not been withdrawn; that they had received satisfactory evidence of the matters required to be proved before them by the Orders of the House of the 16th February last; and that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and inserted therein a recital of the expediency of repealing and consolidating the existing Acts of the 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.

Cork and Bandon Railway Bill.

Mr. Egerston reported from the Committee on Group 15 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Cork and Bandon Railway Bill, the Committee 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.

Carlisle and Hawick Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Carlisle and Hawick 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.

Caledutta and South Eastern Railway Company Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Backwater Bridge and Bond Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Hoyer, 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 Bill do pass.

Bury Gas Bill.

The Bury Gas Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the Bury Gas Town of Bury, and other Townships and Places in the Parish of Bury, in the County of Lancaster.

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

The Cannock Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the Cannock Mineral Railway.

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

The Desirde Extension Railway Bill was read the Desirde Extension Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Manchester Corporation Bill was read the Manchester Corporation Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Monkland Railways 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.

A Motion being made, That the Slaney River Slaney River Improvement 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.

The Stamford and Essendine 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 Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies 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.

A Motion being made, That the Victoria (London Docks) 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, whether the names of the Members of the House be to be added to the Bill of the 23d day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Finsbury Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order, That the Swansea Docks Bill be committed, was read, and discharged; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Pontefract, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk Assistant.

Ordered, That the Petitions 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 Eleven of the clock.

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

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That in the ease of the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the recital as to the expediency of relieving the Company from the necessity of obtaining the consents referred to in their Act of 1853, as to the Branch to the Rhymney Company's Tramway; 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.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Marlborough, 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 Eleven of the clock.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Wareham, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petitions and Lists relative to the said Election be referred to the Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Scientific Committee upon Wednesday next, on the Scientific and Literary Societies Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 15th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Vancouer's 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 that have been received by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Establishment of a Representative Assembly at Vancouver's Island.

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 Metropolitan Copy of Report, dated the 21st day of June 1857, improvements made to the Treasury by the First Commissioner of Works, in relation to the present state of the Metropolitan Improvements under the direction of his Department; together with a Copy of the Correspondence referred to in that Report.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Select Return of the Names of all the Members of the last Parliament who were never appointed to a Select Committee on a Private Bill during the last Parliament; distinguishing those who were excused from Election Committees in consideration of their age.

Mr. Massey presented,—Further Return to an National Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of January, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing how far, in the different National Collections of Works of Art, Objects of Historical Interest, or of Science (in the National Gallery, British Museum, Hampton Court Palace, and all similar public Repositories maintained or assisted by the Money Votes of Parliament, as well as in Ancient, Religious or Civil Edifices or Monuments so assisted or maintained), the rule has been observed of attaching to the Objects of Art a brief Account thereof, including their Date, their Subject, the Name, with the Date of the Birth and Death of the Artist, and the School to which he belonged; and in the case of Objects of Science or of Historical Interest, a brief Description thereof, with the view of conveying useful information to the Public, and of sparing them the Expense of a Catalogue.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Divorce (Scotland).

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the direct- Turnpike tions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of the General Statements of the Income and Expenditure Turnpike Tracts in Ireland, for the year 1855.

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

Ordered, That the Paper be laid upon the Table by the Clerk, and return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Clerk, the Divorce (Scotland).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk, the Divorce (Scotland).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of East India Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table (Territorial Accounts).

Accounts respecting the Territorial Revenues and Disbursements of the East India Company, for the year 1856; with an Appendices, containing Comparative Statements for the years 1853-54, 1854-55, 1855-56, and Estimate 1856-57.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Oaths 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 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. Hayter, Yeas; The Earl of Mulgrave: 291. Tellers for the [The Marquis of Blandford: 198. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The House then adjourned, 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 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 "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the condition and administration of Metropolitan Workhouses, and into the arrangements made and carried out by the parochial authorities of the Metropolis for giving Relief to the Poor," 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. Hayter, Yeas; [The Earl of Mulgrave: 73. Tellers for the [Viscount Raynham, Noes; [Mr. Briscoe: 82. 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.)

1. £ 11,504, to complete the Sum for Inspection and General Superintendence over all the Prisons in the United Kingdom.
2. £ 426,670, for Government Prisons and Convict Establishments at Home.
4. £ 43,813, for Transportation of Convicts, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.
5. £ 259,405, for Convict Establishments in the Colonies.
6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 361,233, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and negatived. Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair,—put, and negatived. Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and negatived. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 271,233, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—put, and negatived. Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and negatived. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 271,233, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Viscount Melgund, Yeas; Mr. Hadfield: 7. Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Noes, The Earl of Mulgrave: 103. Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolutions to be reported.

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

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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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Peebles Railway Bill, without any Amendment:—The Lords have agreed to the Willenhall (Wolverhampton) Gas Bill, without any Amendment:—The Lords have agreed to the Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Bill, without any Amendment:—The Lords have agreed to the Tralee and Killarney Railway Bill, without any Amendment:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Divorce and amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Smoke Nuisance Abatement in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—
Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendment to the Transportation and Penal Servitude Bill, to which the Commons have disagreed.

Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Reformatory Schools Bill. Bill 65.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Reformatory Schools 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.

Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Consolidated Fund (£8,000,000) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (£8,000,000) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Hanley Borough Incorporation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hanley Borough Incorporation 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.

Inclosure Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inclosure 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. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Election Petitions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Election Petitions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Charitable Uses Bill.

The Charitable Uses 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.

Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill. Bill 66.

The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of July next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Admission of Attornies and Solicitors of Colonial Courts in Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Law and Equity in England, in certain cases; And that Mr. Secretary Labouchere, Mr. Chichester, and Mr. Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) do prepare, and bring it in.

Fortune and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Viscount Goderich be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Bleaching and Dyeing Works.

Ordered, That Mr. Crook be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Constabulary to amend the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy-two, so far as relates to the Distribution of the Constabulary Force in Ireland: And that Mr. Herbert and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Wilson be one of the Members of the Select Committee on Harbours of Refuge.

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 nomination of the Select Committee on Harbours of Refuge be postponed," 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. Wilson be one of the Members of the Select Committee on Harbours of Refuge.

Then Mr. Lowe, Mr. Baring, Lord Nana, Lord Adolphus Vane Tempest, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Listowel, Sir Frederic Smith, Mr. Phillipe, Mr. Haward, Mr. Augustus Smith, Sir Robert Ferguson, Mr. John Henry Gurney, Mr. Trail and Lord John Hay were nominated other Members of the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have 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, Returns for each Collection in Scotland, for the years 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835 and 1836; stating the Number of Persons convicted in each year of selling Excisable Liquors without a License; and the Number convicted more than once; specifying how often such Persons have been convicted:—Of the Number of Persons who have paid Fines, the Gross Amount of the Fines paid, and the Number of Persons who have been convicted of selling Excisable Liquors without a License:—Returns to the same effect for Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Greenock and Paisley:—Returns for each year of the Number of Persons who have been taken when drunk to the Police Offices of each of the above-named Towns; specifying the Number of Persons who have been convicted without having been brought before the Magistrate:—And, of the Gross Amount of the Fines levied, in each year in each of the above-named Towns, upon Licensed Vintners, the purposes to which they have been applied, and the Proportion in which they have been applied to such 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to Justices and, for the Prevention of the Distribution of the Dublin Metropolitan Police Force (Ireland) among the Counties of Dublin and Meath: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Herbert 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 every Department of Her Majesty’s Government under which Assistant Commissioners or Inspectors were employed; showing the Amount of Salaries and Allowances that were paid to each during the last Financial year.

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.

Australasia.

Bank of Revising
Dublin.) Force Bill.

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 Charter of the Bank of Australasia.

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.

Assistant Commis- Resolving
sioners, &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 Copy of the Charter of the Bank of Australasia.

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.

Bleaching and Dyeing Works.

Ordered, That Mr. Fergus be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Bleaching and Dyeing Works.

Ordered, That Mr. Dolphinct be added to the Committee.

Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill.

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented a Bill to regulate the Admission of Attorneys and Solicitors of Colonial Courts in Her Majesty’s Superior Courts of Law and Equity in England in certain cases; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Assessments (Scotland) Bill.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to improve and render less expensive the mode of imposing and collecting Assessments in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Constabulary Force (Ire- Mr. Herbert presented a Bill to amend the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy-two, so far as relates to the Distribution of the Constabulary Force 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. Herbert presented a Bill to enable the Lord Lieutenant to appoint Revising Barristers for the Revision of Lists and Registry of Voters for the City of Dublin: And that Mr. Herbert and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in it.

Bank of Australasia.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Lord Lieutenant to appoint Revising Barristers for the Revision of Lists and Registry of Voters for the City of Dublin: And that Mr. Herbert and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

The Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill 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 after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Veneris, 26° die Junii;

Annno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented, Return to Australian an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of Colonies (Land Sales.) this instant June, for a Return relative to Australian Colonies (Land Sales).

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

Mr. Scholefield presented a Bill for preventing the Adulteration of Articles of Food or Drink: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of July next; and to be printed.

The Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill 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 Fleming’s one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of Fleming’s Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Wise reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 23d and 24th 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, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, 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 paginate the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exeter and Exmouth Railway Bill.

Ordered, 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 acquaintance 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 Newtown and Machynlleth Railway 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.

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The Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek 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.

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The Preston, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill was read the third time; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

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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 Westminster Terminus Railway Extension 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 Dorset Central 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 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 Haddington and Todmorden Roads 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 Kinross-shire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating the amount of Money borrowed and expended, and the number and amount of forfeited and unissued Shares cancelled by the Bill, and the amount of Capital to be raised by preference shares in lieu thereof, in order that the same may correspond with the Clauses and Amendments in 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; and be printed.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Railway (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the London Gas-Light Company (Capital) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by omitting recitals stating the Resolutions passed at meetings of the several classes of shareholders for an arrangement or compromise for the payment of arrears of interest, the said Resolutions not being adopted in the Provisions of the Bill; and by adding a recital describing a new arrangement, in accordance with which the Clauses of the Bill were amended; 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. Corry reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the Ryhnemy Railway Bill, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the deposits in respect of the Subscription Contract had not been withdrawn; and they have inserted the Clause required by the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March last, enacting that such Contract should be as valid in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 29th day of May, the Committee had considered the additional Provisions proposed to be inserted in the Bill, and had made Provisions in the Bill accordingly; 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.

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

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

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 Great Southern and Western Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money:

An Act to incorporate a Company for supplying Gas to Chepstow, and the Neighbourhood:

An Act for granting further Powers to "The Reversionary Interest Society."

An Act to amend "The Inverness and Nairn Railway Act, 1864," to enable the Inverness and Nairn Railway Company to create a Preference Stock, and to raise further Sums of Money, and for other purposes:

An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Guildford Waterworks; and to confer further Powers for the Supply of Water to the Borough of Guildford:

An Act for lighting with Gas the Borough of South Shields, South Shields, and Neighbourhood thereof, in the Gas Bill.

County of Durham:

An Act for more effectually supplying with Gas Sunderland, the Town and Borough of Sunderland, and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the County of Durham:

An Act for enabling the South Devon Railway South Devon Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes:

An Act for the Regulation of certain Public Meriton's, and Hagen's Sufferance Wharves in the Port of London, known as "Meriton's Sufferance Wharf" and "Hagen's Sufferance Wharf."

An Act for regulating the Capital of the Bedale and Leyburn Railway Company, and for other Leyburn Railway Bill purposes:

An Act to make further Provision for supplying Chester with Water the City of Chester, and Suburbs Water Bill thereon:
Elections.

Controverted

North Western Railway Bills

Petitions following, from Panel No. 4:—

An Act to incorporate the Guildford Gas-Light and Coke Company, and to confer upon them further Powers for the Supply of Gas to Guildford and the Vicinity:

Great Western and Brecon Railway Bill.

An Act to enable the Great Western and Brecon Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes:

 Peebles Railway Bill.

An Act to enable the Peebles Railway Company to create additional Shares in their Undertaking, and for other purposes:

Willeshall (Wolverhampton) Gas Bill.

An Act for incorporating the Willeshall Gas Company, and for other purposes:

Saint Helen’s Canal and Railway Bill.

An Act to authorize the Saint Helen’s Canal and Railway Company to increase and regulate their Capital, and for other purposes relating to the Company:

Travele and Killarney Railway Bill.

An Act to alter the borrowing Powers of the Travele and Killarney Railway Company:

Giustiniani’s Oath Bill.

An Act for authorizing Maria Cecilia Agatha Anna Josepha Laurentia Donato Melchiora Bal-thassara Gaspara Princess Giustiniani, Widow of Charles Marques Bendini, to take the Oath proper to be taken by her prior to her Naturalization before Her Majesty’s Envoy Extraordinary to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, or any other Member of Her Majesty’s Legation at the Court of Tuscany, and to give her Consent in writing to the passing of the Bill for her Naturalization.

Leslie Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leslie Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Line) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Line) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Oyley and Skipton Road Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oyley and Skipton Road Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Salley and Market Weighton Road Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Salley and Market Weighton Road Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Watchet Harbour Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Watchet Harbour 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.

Railway Bills (Group 11).

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills be revived.

North Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the North Western Railway Bill be recommitted to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Controverted Elections.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had named days for the appointment of Select Committees on the Election Petitions following, from Panel No. 4:—

Maldon Borough, Petition of S. Clarke and others.

Maldon Borough, Petition of J. M. Peacock.

Lanark County, Petition of A. D. Hare and others.

Lanark County, Petition of G. V. Irving.

Wemyss, &c. Borough, Petition of J. D. Hare and others.


Fallalh, &c. Boroughs.

Huntingdon County, Petition of C. Lewis and another.

Huntingdon County, Petition of E. Feltowes.

Queen’s County.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Group P. of Tweed Petitions.

Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report, so far as relates to the Tweed Fisheries Bill.

Mr. Fenwick reported from the said Committee; (Special Report.)

That the Committee had received evidence which shows that the breed of salmon and fish of the salmon kind has materially decreased in the River Tweed, and to such an extent that unless strict remedies are applied their utter extermination may be expected, and the supply of a nutritious and favourite article of food from that river entirely destroyed.

That this result has been produced by the confluence of many causes, which are partly natural or such as no legislation can provide against, and partly such as may be remedied if not entirely done away with by such means.

That among the former may be reckoned the spread of manufactures in the districts through which the river flows, and the consequent increase of population and the extended system of drainage now everywhere in operation.

That among causes which may be remedied by legislation are the killing of unclean and unwholesome fish, the killing of fish in the spawning beds, or when approaching them by means of the leister or spear and the severe fishing by nets of all kinds, more especially of those nets which operate as a bar to the fish proceeding up the river.

That for the causes first enumerated, the Committee have no remedies to suggest.

That an organised trade in unclean and unwholesome fish has been for some time in operation, the extent of which may be inferred from the fact that between the 15th February and 1st May of the present year, one fishing Company at Berwick alone exported to Paris upwards of 3,200 kegs of salmon utterly unfit for human food.

That the system of leistering or spearing salmon both by poachers and others has been most extensively practised, and has contributed much to the decrease of fish, and that this system has not met with the opposition it would otherwise have done in consequence of those on whose property the young salmon were bred having little or no interest in their preservation.

That another and perhaps the greatest cause of injury
Injury has been done by nets, which taking a few fish operated as a bar to the progress of many up the river to their spawning beds.

That witnesses were examined who stated that they had seen schools of salmon thus driven back on their approaching such nets.

That the habits of the salmon on the Tweed have been much changed of late, and more than formerly, coming up the river later, and not spawning in consequence at such favourable seasons.

That this result is in the opinion of the Committee mainly attributed to the operation of those nets.

That Mr. Plennel, one of the Commissioners of Fisheries in Ireland, was examined before the Committee, and gave very valuable evidence.

That similar causes to those above enumerated had in that country produced similar results to those observable in the Tweed, when the Legislature passed general Acts of Parliament for the better preservation of fish in that country.

That the remedies contained in those Acts of Parliament, and carried out by Commissioners appointed for the purpose, have been most beneficial in their operation, and the breed of salmon has been increased to an extraordinary degree, and is still increasing.

That the Committee have applied many of the remedies contained in the Irish Fisheries Acts to the River Tweed.

That they have inserted clauses abolishing all fixed nets whatever, the destruction of unclean fish, and the complete prohibition of the use of the leister or spear.

They have also placed the commencement of the annual close time one month earlier than heretofore, taking the principle of the Scotch Fisheries Acts as their guide, and they believe that the salmon may be expected to resume the earlier habits from which they have been driven, a result which the Committee believe to be very desirable.

That the Committee have increased the time for rod-fishing after the net-fishing has closed from three weeks to one month, and in this respect they have followed the operations of the Irish Fisheries Acts.

That they believe that this will be found, as it has been in Ireland, to be a great inducement to the preservation of fish in the upper parts of the River Tweed.

That, the causes of the diminution of salmon to a greater or less extent the same throughout the entire kingdom, the Committee had under their consideration to recommend that the several subject of salmon fisheries should receive the early attention of Parliament, but they abstain from doing so because they feel that such a recommendation is not within the natural scope of the functions which they were called upon to perform.

Mr. Fenwick also reported the Tweed Fisheries Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the Select Committee on the Sheep, Sheep, &c. Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Bentinch reported from the said Select Committee on the Sheep, Sheep, &c. Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Resolved, That the humble Address be presented Water to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns, in Tabular Form, of the Sales made at the Tower and the several Naval Yards of the Home Establishment, since the 1st day of January 1856; stating the Amount received for each Description of Store, with the Average Rate, and Number of Purchasers at each Sale.

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, Seamen Returns of the Number and Ages of Seamen, at the present Date, Inmates of the several Poor Law Unions or Workhouses in England; showing also the Weekly Cost of their Maintenance in such Unions:—And, of the Number of Seamen in actual receipt of Out-door Relief from the same.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Water to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased Companies. to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing during each of the years 1854, 1855 and 1856, the Gross Receipts for Water supplied by each of the Public Companies incorporated for the Supply of Water in England, and showing the Aggregate Amount at and on which such Companies were, in each of the same years, assessed to and liable to pay the Poor Rate.

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 Sheep, Sheep, &c. Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Resolves, That the 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 Name of every Bank, other than Private Banks, whether Unincorporate or In corporate, trading in the United Kingdom or the Colonies, specifying the Nature of the Liability of the Shareholders in every such Bank, whether the Liability is limited or unlimited, and, if limited, to what extent.

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.
already been adverted to in this Report with reference to the House Trade. 

Your Committee are also of opinion that ample Powers for the purposes of precaution are already vested in the Executive, and they would earnestly recommend the utmost vigilance on the part of the proper authorities in dealing with a question of such vital importance to both the producers and consumers of animal food in this Country. 

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

Mr. Bentinck also reported from the said Select Committee; That, having regard to the Special Report of the Committee, they had not considered it expedient to go through the said Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Improvements.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Metropolitan Improvements, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

National Collections.

Ordered, That the Return relative to National Collections, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Divorce (Scotland).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Divorce (Scotland), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Tunbridge Trusts (Ireland).

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Tunbridge Trusts (Ireland), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Hops, &c.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hops, &c., which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

East India (Territorial Accounts).

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Territorial Accounts, which were presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Australian Colonies (Land Sales).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Australian Colonies (Land Sales), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Science and Art.

Mr. Groper presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Report of the Department of Science and Art.

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

Probates and Letters of Administration.

The Probates and Letters of Administration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Fraudulent Trustees, &c.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 2, 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 Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 27° die Junii, 1857:

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 Committee on the General Board of Health 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 Sites for Workhouses 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 second Court of the Session (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 6th day of July next.

The Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) Bankruptcy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 6th day of July next.

The Bill Chamber (Scotland) Bill was, according Bill Chamber to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Summary reading of the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Municipal reading of the Municipal Corporations Bill;

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

The Christchurch (West Hartlepool) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Hesley Borough Incorporation 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 Consolidated Fund (£8,000,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Bill, Tithe be, An Act to apply the Sum of Eight millions out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven.

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

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Supply.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,504, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge of Inspection and General Superintendence over all the Prisons in the United Kingdom, to the 31st day of March 1858.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £426,670, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Government Prisons and Convict Establishments at Home, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £139,523, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Maintenance of Prisoners in County Gaols, Reformatory Institutions, and Lunatic Asylums, and the Expenses of the Removal of Convicts, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £43,815, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Expenses connected with the Transportation of Convicts, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £259,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Convict Establishments in the Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £301,233, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Public Education in Great Britain, to the 31st day of March 1858.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to enable Ecclesiastical Persons in Ireland to grant (Ireland) Bill 95.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert presented a Bill to abolish the Rate known as the East Quay Wall Tax, in the City of Dublin, and make other Provision in lieu thereof; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

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

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PRAYERS.

M R. Bouhan-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th and 26th 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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Hereford one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of the Hereford Cathedral Restoration 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 North Western one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the North Western Railway Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

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.
Ordered, That the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Land Transport Corps have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Sandwich Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Mr. George T. Gibson, as Agent for Robert Coxon and James Smith, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sunderland:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.


Sir,

As Agent for the Petitioners, Robert Coxon and James Smith, in the matter of the Petition against the Return of George Hudson, Esquire, as a Member for the Borough of Sunderland, I beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

George T. Gibson.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Tweed Fisheries Bill.

Ordered, That the Special Report which, upon the 26th day of this instant June, was made from the Committee on the Tweed Fisheries Bill, be printed.

Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Dundalk and Enniskillen Railway Bill.

The Dundalk and Enniskillen 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.

Great Southern and Western Extension Railway Bill.

The Great Southern and Western Extension 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.

Great Yarmouth Water Bill.

The Great Yarmouth Water 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.

West Somerset Railway Bill.

The West Somerset 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.

Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of London Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of London Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Somerset Railway Bill, as amended in the Railway Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern and Western of Ireland 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 London (City) Coal Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern Railway Acts Amendment Bill, which is re-committed to the former Committee:—And that they have leave to sit and proceed Tomorrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London (City) Coal Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Investment Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newquay Pier and Harbour and Railway 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 Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railways 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 South Eastern Railway (Greenwich) Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West of Fife Mineral Railway Bill, as amended in the Free Bridge Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Westford Free Bridge Bill, as amended in the Free Bridge Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Workhop and the Attercliffe Road Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to sitting-borne take into consideration the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Pimlico Improvements Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Public Offices Extension Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.
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Petitions.

Ordered, That the Pettway Town Harbour Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.—And that they have leave to sit and proceed To-morrow.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Railway Traffic Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

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

Public Petitions.

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Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Monies voted by Parliament for the Erection of a Public Record Office on the Rolls Estate, and to whom and when, and for what particular Contracts, the same have been paid or applied; also, the Amount of every Contract entered into for the erection of such Record Office, and the Names of the Architect and Clerk of the Works engaged to superintend the Works.

Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill.

Mr. John Leech reported from the Committee on the Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by altering the recitals; and having the names of the Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s Most honourable Privy Council.

Marlborough Election.

Mr. Ker Seymuer, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of William Daniel Lewis, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Marlborough, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That Henry Bingham Baring, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Marlborough.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Minutes ordered.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

Audit Office. No. 157.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Audit Office, which was presented upon the 21st day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Oxford University, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Cambridge University, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Electoral Law (Tasmania), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant June, be printed.

Fire Insurance.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of May last, for a Return relative to Fire Insurances.

Return to an Order, dated the 23rd of this instant June, for a Return relative to Hops, &c. Vol. 112.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions Civil List of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—A List of all Pensions granted between the 20th day of June 1856, and the 20th day of June 1857, and charged upon the Civil List.


Mr. Corry reported from the Committee on Group Taff Vale 7 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Taff Vale Railway Bill, Vale Railway (re-committed) Bill, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposit with the Court of Chancery, under Standing Order, No. 64, had not been withdrawn, the Committee had, pursuant to the Standing Orders for the suspension of Private Bills of 12th March last, inserted a Clause enacting that the Subscription Contract entered into with respect to the proposed Undertaking previously to the commencement of the last Session of Parliament shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the said last Session; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the re-committed 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. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, Broadsheet dated the 19th day of this instant June, for a Return, Harbour, &c., relative to Broadsheet Harbour, &c.

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

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

(Who the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 45,854, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the General Management of the Department of Science and Art, of the Schools throughout the Kingdom in connexion with the Department, and of the Geological Surveys of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 45,087, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the General Management of the Department of Science and Art, of the Schools throughout the Kingdom in connexion with the Department, and of the Geological Surveys of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 34,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the General Management of the Department of Science and Art, of the Schools throughout the Kingdom in connexion with the Department, and of the Geological Surveys of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Spooner, Yea, Mr. Holt;
Noes, (The Earl of Mulgrave):
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Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 45,087, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the General Management of the Department of Science and Art, of the Schools throughout the Kingdom in connexion with the Department, and of the Geological Surveys of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858;
The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the North Eastern Railway (Capital) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Dumbarton Water, &c. Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton, Hove and Preston Omnibus Service Water Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Philip’s Church (Liverpool) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Ingestre (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 Henry John Chetwynd Earl Tolbot to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that the Title, Dignity and Peerage or Honours of Earl of Shrewsbury may be declared and adjudged to belong to him; together with Her Majesty’s reference thereof to their Lordships’ House, and the Report of the Attorney General thereon, stand referred.

And Viscount Ingestre, 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 Viscount Ingestre, 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 Viscount Ingestre 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Trusts Abolition (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 Constabulary Force (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 revising reading of the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Sits for Workhouses Bill was, according to Sits for 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 Committee on the Church (West Hartlepool) (West Hartlepool) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Com- Ways and mitter of Ways and Means;

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

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The Marriéd Women's Reversionary Interest 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 Weights and Measures Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Inclosure Acts Amendment 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 Election Petitions 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 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, Sir John Shelley, Mr. Hankey; 55.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adderley, Mr. Malins; 77.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;—It passed in the Negative.

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 to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill;

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Protection of Female Children and Idiots Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Lord Oercston to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the Bank Acts; And that the Clerk 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, Copy of a General Order, signed "G. J. Williams," addressed to the Constabulary of the West Riding of Yorkshire, dated "Chief Constable's Office, Wakefield, April 2, 1857," instructing the Police Constables of the County in their duty with Vol. 112.

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 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, and their Observations thereupon, to the House —And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Wilson, Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Heygar, Sir John Ramsden, Mr. Williams, Mr. Heret, Mr. Benjamin Hall and Viscount Duncan; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That Lord Robert Cecil, Sir William Ecclesiastical Heathcote and Mr. John Abel Smith be added to the Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill, and the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, and also the Laws for the suppression and prevention of Illicit Distillation in Ireland: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Cruelty to Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to continue and amend an Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, and also the Laws for the suppression and prevention of Illicit Distillation 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.

Mr. Mitchell reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group S. of Private Bills; That the Parties oppos- ing the Belfast Improvement Bill had stated, that the Evidence of Mr. William Tracey was essential to enable them to establish their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move, That the said William Tracey do attend the said Committee forthwith.

Ordered, That William Tracey do attend the said Committee forthwith.

A Petition of Richard Henry Wyatt, Parliament-Times, and Agent, praying that Provision may be made in Atheneum the Times, Atheneum and Boscum Assurance Com-panies to amalgamate the Companies' said Companies with the State Fire Insurance Com-Ammalgama- (Group 5) tions and Assurance companies, for uniting the Capitals of the said Companies, 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 after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Railway Bill.
Kinross-shire Bill. upon-Avon Stratford-
Selby and Mar-

Western Rail-

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tion

this day received a Letter from Messrs. Baxter, Rose and Norton, as Agents for Henry Dana and Richard Marks, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bodmin.—And the said Letter was read, as follows:

3, Park-street, Westminster, June 29th, 1857.

Sir,

As Agents for Henry Dana and Richard Marks, in the matter of their Petition delivered in on the 20th day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bodmin, we hereby beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servants,
Baxter, Rose and Norton.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Dorset Central Railway Bill.

The Dorset Central 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.

Fife and Kinross Railway Bill.

The Fife and Kinross Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Fife and Kinross Railway Company to divert part of their Main Line, and to make an Extension from Milnathort to Kinross.

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

Haslington and Toddmen- den Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Haslington and Toddmeneden Roads Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Kineass-shire Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Kinross-shire Railway Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Leslie Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Leslie Railway Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Streamstown and Clara Junction) Bill, changed from Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Tullamore Line), was read.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enable the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company to make a Railway from Streamstown to Clara, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Selly and Market Weighton Road Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Gas 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.

A Motion being made, That the Watchet Harbour 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.

A Motion being made, That the West Somerset Mineral 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 the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Pen- Pontefract and Wakefield Election Petitions have leave, on the application of the Parties, to adjourn from this day till Twelve of the clock on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration London and Liverpool Gas-Light Company (Capital) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Orders, &c. not to extend to the driving of cattle imported by sea to their lairs), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration North Level Drainage Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration North Level Drainage Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, as amended in Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, as amended in Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "further consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be adjourned till this day three months," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed
posed to be left out stand part of the Question:—
It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Offices Extension Bill.
The Public Offices Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to Sir Benjamin Hall, Lord Robert Grosvenor, Sir John Shelley, Mr. Brand, Mr. Ridley, Mr. Hoford, and five Members to be added by the Committee of Selectors.
Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.
Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed on giving two days' notice.

Islington Railway Acts.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23d day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Finsbury Park (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 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.

Public Offices Extension Bill.

Sir John Walsh reported the Pulteney Town Harbour (re-committed) Bill; further Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment Bill.
The Earl of March reported from the Committee on the London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment (re-committed) Bill; That they had amended the Bill, by striking out the Provisions then relating to the Wimbledon Railway Company entering into arrangements with the London and Brighton and the South Western Railway Companies regarding the Wimbledon Line, and the mode of carrying such arrangement into effect, and of managing and working the Wimbledon Railway under such arrangement, and amended the Preamble accordingly; and made other Amendments in the Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bills and Public Petitions.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 75, 181 and 182, be suspended in the case of the District Parish Acts Amendment Bill, and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered upon due Notice thereof being given at the Private Bill Office, and upon amended Prints being deposited with the Doorkeepers one clear day before such consideration.

Public Petitions.

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

Order of Business.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of all Poor Law Unions in England and Wales where the School is mainly tained in a separate Building from the Union Workhouse:—And, of such Unions under the Poor Law Board as have united for the purpose of educating the Pauper Children separately; stating the Names of such Unions, and the Average Number of Children in each Union School during the year 1856.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the Committee of Selection, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Fifty-second Report of the Commissioners for making and maintaining the Caledonian Canal.
Copy of Warrant granting Compensation for loss of Fees to the Sheriff Substitute at Perth, and to the Sheriff Substitute at several Sheriff Clerks in Scotland.
The Thirty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, in obedience to the Acts 10 Geo. 4. c. 56, and 2 Will. 4. c. 1, being the Sixth Report under the Act of the 14 & 15 Vic. c. 49.
Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Caledonian Canal, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fire Insurance, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hops, &c., which was presented upon the 29th day of this Instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Civil List Pensions, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Finance Accounts, which were presented upon the 29th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Printed Pa-Papers, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant June, be printed.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

Clauses, N° 133 to N° 160, inclusive, agreed to.
Clause, N° 161 (No suit by a creditor of a Company against the person or property of any individual member to affect his right to file petition of bankruptcy or prove against the Company; and a creditor of a Company, or a person or property of any individual member, not to affect any action by a creditor against the person or property of any individual member; 8 & 9 Vic. c. 98, s. 9.).
Amendment proposed, in p. 42, l. 2: To leave out the word "to" in the word "against," in l. 6, in order to insert the words "action, suit or other proceeding shall be taken by any creditor of such Company."

Clause proposed, That the words "such petition or proof" stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause disagreed to.
Clauses, N° 162 to N° 314, inclusive, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.
Clause, N° 315, disagreed to.
Clauses, N° 316 to N° 406, inclusive, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.
Postponed Clause, N° 406, amended, and agreed to.
Clauses added. Schedules A. to Y. inclusive, agreed to.
Schedule Z. 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.

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Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill, a Clause has been inserted in the Bill, under the Standing Orders of the House of the 12th day of March last, enacting that the Subscription Contracts shall be as valid as if the Bill had passed in the last Session, it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the deposits in respect of the same Subscription Contracts have not been withdrawn; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by confining the arrangements with other Companies to such as are specified in the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

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

Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty's Most honourable Privy Council,—Copy of Report on the Ordnance Survey, by Lieutenant Colonel James, R. E.,

Sir James Buller East reported from the Committee on the North Western Railway (re-committed) Bill; That they had amended the Preamble, by adding a recital as to the expediency of Powers being granted for the Sale or Lease of the North Western Railway to the Midland Railway Company, and the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway Company, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and made Amendments in the Bill for carrying such Powers into effect.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of the Parishes and Places in Durham and Northumberland which have been surveyed upon the Twenty-five inch Scale; distinguishing those portions of the Survey which have been already published from those which yet remain unpublished.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Correspondence relative to the ground of the Prussian Bark "Mentel," while in charge of a Newport Pilot in February last, including the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Commissioners of Pilotage at Newport; with the Opinion expressed by the Board of Trade upon the case.

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 Petitions or Memorials which have been presented to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, complaining of the present system of Burials within the Metropolitan Police Districts;—And, Copies of any Reports made by Government Inspectors 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to cause the Votes of the Parliamentary Electors of Great Britain and Ireland to be taken by way of Ballot; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Henry Berkeley, Yes, [Sir John Shelley: 199.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Grey, Noes, [Viscount Galway: 367.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of the Lords their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Forth and Clyde and Junction Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Chinese Surveys.

Mr. Osborne also presented, pursuant to the directions of the House, a Copy of the Acts passed for the Sale or Lease of the North Western Railway, with Amendments thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Registration of Newspapers, being granted for the Sale or Lease of the North Western Railway; and the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Conveyance of Money, &c. of Debts by Railways.

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 the Case submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, respecting the Registration of Newspapers and other Printed Papers, and their Opinion thereon;—It passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Superannuation Act, to repeal the twenty-seventh Section of the Superannuation Act, 1834: And that Lord Nais and Mr. Hanley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Poor Rate, &c. Return showing the Gross estimated Rental and Net Rateable Value of Property assessed to the Poor Rate; also the Annual Value thereof assessed to the Income Tax under Schedule (A.) in the year 1856; the Gross Amount expended from Poor's Rate, and the amount expended in Relief of the Poor, and the Rate in the Pound on the Gross estimated Rental, and on the Net rateable Value respectively of each Amount, in every Parish, and in every Extra-parochial Place within the Metropolitan Districts, as defined by the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 149, called "The Metropolitan Local Management Act," for the years ending the 29th day of March in 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, and from 1850 to 1857; the Parishes in Unions being placed under the Head of their respective Unions.

Ordered, That Mr. Dodson, Mr. Clay, Mr. Joseph Seph Escourt and Mr. Macarney be added to the Select Committee on Harbours of Refuge.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Conveyance of Money, &c. of Debts by Railways; And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming India, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of June last, That the Question which was then proposed, relative to India, be now put.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways, &c. of Subjects abroad, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of June last, That the Question which was then proposed, relative to India, be now put.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Acts Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.
Mr. Wilson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £48,655, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the General Management of the Department of Science and Art, &c., to the 31st day of March 1858.

Department of Science and Art, &c.

Education (Ireland.)

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £145,030, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Public Education in Ireland, under the Charge of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £405, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay the Salary of the Secretary and the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,692, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the University of London, to the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,016, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to pay Grants to Scottish Universities, formerly defrayed from the Hereditary Revenues of the Crown, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Scottish Universities.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,625, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the Queen's University in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray certain Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £200, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary towards defraying the Expenses of the Royal Irish Academy, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Royal Irish Academy.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary towards defraying the Expenses of the Royal Hibernian Academy, to the 31st day of March 1858.

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

Inclusion Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inclusion Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision for protecting from nuisances town and village greens, and allotments for exercise and recreation); 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 debate therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bootham-Carter reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made an Amendment thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be now received.
Mr. Bootham-Carter accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was made part of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Superannuation Acts Amendment Bill.

Lord Nairn presented a Bill to repeal the twenty-seventh Section of the Superannuation Act, 1834: 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 make further Provision for the Conveyance of Mails by Railways, to the same as read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

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

Mercurij, 1st die Julii;
Anno 21a Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

Prayrs.
ORDERED, That the Committee on Group A, Mersey Conveyance of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report relative to the Mersey Conveyance and Docks Bill.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee Controversied of Elections; That they had selected the following two additional Members; the Right honourable E. Horaceman and the Lord Stanley, to be Members of the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee Members of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Election Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maidstone, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Sir H. Ferguson Davie, Baronet; Sir William Payne Gulley, Baronet; Samuel Gregson, Esquire; Anthony Wilson, Esquire; Chairman, George Alexander Hamilton, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee Oxford City of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Election Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Oxford, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Peter Blackburn, Esquire; Sir Thomas Burke, Baronet; Colonel Gipps, Christopher Rice; Colonel Talbot; Esquire; Chairman, Edward Christopher Eyton, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee Yorksby of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Election Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Yorksby, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—William Henry Adams, Esquire; Walter Buchanan, Esquire; Lord Hildas, William Gwinn, Esquire, (S. White); Chairman, Edward Ells, junior, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee Bury Election of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Election Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bury, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Francis Bernard Beauchesne, Esquire; Colonel the Honourable Percy Herbert, the Honourable Charles Wentworth Howard, William Francis Knatchbell, Esquire; Chairman, William Hall, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Oley and Skipton Road Bill was read, as amended in the Committee:—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Haslingden and Todmorden Roads 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 Oley and Skipton Road Bill was read, as amended in the Committee:

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Leslie Railway 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 Selby and Market Weighton Road 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 Eile Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Eile Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Lancaster and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Bill, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newry and Enniskillen Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Fleming’s Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Boulton-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 29th day of June 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.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a New General Copy of a Letter, dated the 9th day of June 1857, addressed by the First Commissioner of Works, &c., to the Lords of Her Majesty’s Treasury, containing the Award of the Judges appointed to report upon the Designs for the proposed New Government Offices.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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, or Extracts from, any Papers connected with the Confinement of Chinese Prisoners at Hong Kong, and with the Trial of a Baker and others on the Charge of Poisoning.

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 Medical Profession (No. 1) 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—

Ordered, That Standing Orders 70 and 169 be suspended in the case of the Petition, that the Provision in the Times, Athenaeum and Beacon Assurance Companies’ Assurance Companies’ Amalgamation Bill; and that the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Mr. Denzey reported from the Select Committee Cambridge, appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Robert Alexander Shafto Adair, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cambridge; That on the meeting of the Committee this day, at the hour to which they had adjourned from the previous sitting, the Marquis of Blandford, one of the Members of the said Committee, did not attend, and was not present within one hour after the meeting of the Committee, and that he, the Chairman, had received a Certificate from Edward Vendon, Surgeon, for additional Oath before Joseph Prior, Mayor of Woodstock, and stating that the Duke of Marlborough was alarmingly ill, and in a state that made his recovery very improbable; that the Marquis of Blandford was at the bedside of his father, and it seemed absolutely necessary, on every ground, that he should remain with him; and that a Letter had since been received by the Chairman from the Marquis of Blanford, stating that his father’s death had subsequently taken place.

Then the said Certificate was delivered in, and read, as follows:—

“I hereby state that the Duke of Marlborough is
is alarmingly ill, and in a state that makes his recovery very improbable.

Lord Blandford is at the bedside of his father, and it seems absolutely necessary on every ground that he should remain with him.

Edw. Headland, Surgeon.

Blenheim, June 30, 1857.

Deposed and sworn before me, Joseph Prior, Mayor of Woodstock.

Ordered, That the Marquis of Blandford be excused for not attending, and be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. Dasy further reported from the said Select Committee; That they had adjourned till this day, at half after One of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Headland, 225.
Tellers for the [Lord Elcho, 78.

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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Medical Profession (No. 1) 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 Medical Profession (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
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 Vaccination 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 Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Amendment 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 Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) 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 Medical and Surgical Sciences (Queen's University) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Public Charities 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 Burials Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Christchurch (West Hartlepool) 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 Comm-iitee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir John Yarde Beller, from the Select Committee Rockdale appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Electors complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Rockdale, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That Sir Alexander Ramsay, Baronet, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Rockdale.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Sir John Yarde Beller, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

1. That it appeared from the evidence of Abraham Rothwell, Mary Ann Hughes, Richard Hughes and Martin Daley, that the said Abraham Rothwell, Richard Hughes and Martin Daley were bribed by various sums of money being given to and offered to them, but the evidence was contradictory and unsatisfactory that the Committee feel that very little reliance can be placed upon it.
2. That there was no evidence to show that the aforesaid acts of bribery were committed with the knowledge and consent of the said Sir Alexander Ramsay or his agents.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re-

Probate and Administration, (Stamp Duty) Bills; That the Committee do take into consideration the allegations contained in the Petition, and in the said Return for the Borough of Rochdale, which Mr. Labouchere presided, is announced in the following terms:— That the earliest opportunity present Committee to consider of imposing a Stamp Duty on every Person admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Probate to be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England; and of authorizing the Collection, by means of Stamps, of the Fees to be received under the said Act.

Sir James Graham reported from the Committee of the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill (Special Report on Group A. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bills, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the said Abraham Rothwell, and amended the same, by the alteration of recitals to meet the requirements of the case, and by the substitution of the term "agreement for a lease," for "a lease;" and found the same, as amended, to be true.

That the Committee, in considering the Liverpool and Birkenhead Docks Bills, and the Mersey Conservancy Bill, referred to them, had given their first and immediate attention to the latter measure, in conformity with the Special Report of the Committee of 1855, presented when the Liverpool and Birkenhead Docks were amalgamated by an Act of that Session.

The first recommendation of that Committee, over which Mr. Labouchere presided, is announced in the following terms:— "That the earliest opportunity should be taken of carefully considering the constitution of the Dock Trust, with reference to the altered circumstances in which it will be placed in consequence of this amalgamation." The Committee have endeavoured to give full effect to this recommendation, by vesting the management of the Dock of Liverpool and Birkenhead in an independent public body, elected by the persons who pay rates and dues levied on shipping frequenting the Port of Liverpool; and furthermore they have provided, that all rates and dues so levied, other than rates and dues payable to Her Majesty, shall henceforth be applied for the benefit of the Port of Liverpool, and of the shipping that frequent that Port, and for no other purpose.

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With a view to the full attainment of these objects, the Committee have found it necessary and just to transfer to the New Dock Trust the Birkenhead Dock Estate, and the entire debt incurred for its purchase, and for works now in progress there. They have also thought it necessary to include in this transfer the Fore-shore at the northern extremity of the Birkenhead Works, so that every obstacle to their future development may at once be removed; and to secure this object they have charged the Dock Trust with a sum which covers the entire debt incurred by the Corporation of Liverpool for the purchase of this Fore-shore.

The question of the Liverpool Town Dues was necessarily brought before the Committee, inasmuch as these dues are levied on shipping, and seem rightly to form part of the funds available for shipping purposes, under the sole control and at the disposal of the Dock Trust. They have hitherto been administered by the Corporation of Liverpool, henceforth they will be levied and applied by the Dock Trust, without prejudice to any question as to the legality of such dues, and with a strict reservation of all claims of creditors upon them.

The Committee have therefore transferred to the Dock Trust a charge greater than a moiety of the Corporation debt. They have relieved the Corporation from the obligation of transferring this charge to the Dock Funds, but without prejudice to the claims of creditors; their rights and securities are fully preserved, notwithstanding the division of the debt and the transfer of the Town Dues.

The Committee have provided that the Dock Trust shall render to Parliament an annual account of all their receipts during the preceding year, and of the manner in which the proceeds have been applied. It would be desirable to frame a Schedule of the dues to be levied, and to fix a maximum beyond which no existing rate shall be raised, and no new rate imposed without the consent of Parliament.

An independent audit of the annual accounts, and an annual publication of the accounts, ought also to be provided.

The debt at present existing on the Dock Funds amounts to no less a sum than £6,000,000; and for the gradual extinction of this debt, for the supply of additional Dock accommodation, and for annual Harbour expenditure, the Dock Rates, even with the additional aid of the Town Dues, will be barely sufficient. Both these funds are a charge on the trade of the Port, and it is therefore a matter of urgency that the re-constitution of the trust, recommended in the Special Report of the Committee of 1855, should at once be enacted. The Committee have imposed on the new trust in the present Bill the duty of applying to Parliament in the next Session for a measure consolidating the Dock Acts.

The fitting opportunity will then present itself for supplying any additional checks and provisions which may be found wanting. The Bill, as it is now submitted to the House, is an immediate remedy to many existing evils.

Sir James Graham further reported that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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Then the Bill was read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway Bill was read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Railway Bill, Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London (City) Coal Duties Bill was read the London (City) third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Mallow and Fermoy and Great Southern and Western Railways Bill was read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Railways Bill, Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Then the Bill was read the third time. 
Resolved, That the Bill pass. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. 

Maidstone Election. 
The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maidstone, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk. 
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee. 
Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Twelve of the clock.

Oxford City Election. 
The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Oxford, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk. 
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee. 
Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

Twickenbury Election. 
The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Twickenbury, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk. 
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee. 
Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Twelve of the clock.

Bury Election. 
The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bury, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk. 
Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee. 
Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill. 
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of London Bill. 
The Burial of the Dead within the City and Liberties of 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.

East Someret Railway Bill. 
A Motion being made, That the East Someret Railway Bill be now read the third time; 
And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein; 
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 the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Salford and Bury Saint Peter Ferry and Roads Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir John Yarde Buller reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, and discharged.

Temporary Assurance Companies' Amalgamation, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Ordersought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill on proving before the Committee on the Bill that the Amalgamated Company effect no Insurances on Lives; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That a Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £29,314, to complete the Sum for New Buildings and Fittings at the British Museum.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cox]

Yes, [Lord Elcho] 89.

Noes, [Mr. Hayter] 94

The Earl of Malvern:

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Yes, [Mr. Spooner] 161

Noes, [The Earl of Malvern] 161

Original Question put, and agreed to.

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8. £3,541, to complete the Sum for the Civil Establishment of the British North American Provinces.


10. £3,541, for the Indian Department in Canada.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Veneris, 3° die Julii, 1857:

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 Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration [Stamps].

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That the same amount of Stamp Duty as is now payable on the admission of a Proctor to any Ecclesiastical Court, shall be payable by every person admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Probate to be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England.

2. Resolved, That the Fees payable to the Officers of the said Court of Probate, or of any County Court, in respect of business under the said Act, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

Resolutions to be reported.

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Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Court of Grand Juries Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill; ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant July, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Weights and Measures Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Inclosure Acts Amendment 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 Order of the day being read, for the second Lessees and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill upon Monday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Gaskell, from the Select Committee appointed in the House, to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Mr. Gaskell, in the House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Wareham, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That John Hales Calcraft, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Wareham.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Gaskell, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had come to the following Resolutions:

That it was proved to the Committee, that two persons hereinbefore named were bribed and unduly influenced by William Joseph Pike, a member of 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 Copy of Correspondence between the Sheriffs of Counties and the Lord Advocate, on the Report of the Commissioners on Lunacy (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.

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 the Parishes and Towns in Cumberland and Westmoreland which have been surveyed upon the twenty-five inch scale; distinguishing such portions of the Survey, if any, which have been already published from those which remain unpublished.

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 on Expiring Laws; That they had examined the matters referred to them, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and to make further Provision for the Accommodation of the Traffic thereon: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examining Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Survey of Copy of recent Correspondence between the War Department and the Treasury in respect of the Scale upon which the Survey of Great Britain is to be drawn in future.

Mr. Wilson accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented,—Return to Hong Kong an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Hong Kong.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Veneris, 3° die Julii:

Anno 21° Victoriae Regnis, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SIR JAMES GRAHAM reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Liverpool Town and Dock Dues (Saint Helen's Canal and Railway Company) 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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Pontefract Election Petitions 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 Forth and Clyde Junction 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Saint Philip's Church, Liverpool Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with an Amendment 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 an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London Gas-Light Company (Capital) 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 Metropolitan Cattle Market 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.

A Motion being made, That the North Level Drainage 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.

A Motion being made, That the Orkney Roads Bill be now read the third time:

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 to empower the Staines, Wokingham and Woking Railway Company to make a Railway to connect the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway with the Great Western Railway, and for other purposes.

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

The Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill was read Salisbury the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Motion being made, That the South Eastern South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill be now read the third time:

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to make a Railway from the North Kent Railway near Greenwich to Dartford; and also to make or complete a short Line of Railway at Twombridge, and for other purposes.

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

The Swansea Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock 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 Victoria Gas 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 West of Fife Mineral Railway Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass:

And that the Title be, An Act to enable the West of Fife Mineral Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to Roscobie, and for certain other purposes.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration Bourn and Essendine Parish Acts Bill, as amended with an Amendment in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Tweed Fisheries Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
A Message was delivered by Mr. Pelman, Young Usher of the Black Rod :—
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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:

1. An Act to apply the Sum of Eight millions out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven:

2. An Act to continue the Act for extending, for a limited time, the Provision for Abatement of Income Tax in respect of Insurance on Lives:

3. An Act to amend the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 11, with a view to the Abolition of Ministers' Money in Ireland:

4. An Act to revive and amend certain Acts relating to the Collection of County Cess in Ireland; and also to provide for the Appointment, in certain cases, of Collectors to levy the Charges and Expenses of additional Constabulary appointed under the Act 19 & 20 Vic. c. 36:

5. An Act to alter the Constitution and amend the Procedure of the Court of Exchequer Chamber in Ireland:

6. An Act for conferring upon the Calcutta and South Eastern Railway Company certain Powers:

7. An Act for enabling the Portsmouth Railway Company to execute certain Works in connection with their Railway, and for other purposes:

8. An Act to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to cancel unissued and forfeited Shares, to create New Shares in lieu thereof, and raise authorized Capital, and for other purposes:

9. An Act for supplying the Borough of Dembarston and Places adjacent with Water; for embanking and reclaiming the Broad Meadow there; and for extending the Municipal Boundaries of the said Borough:

10. An Act to amend an Act made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, “An Act to repeal the several Acts for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Mary, Ildefonso, in the County of Middlesex; for Lighting and Watching and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate, through Maiden-lane, and several other Roads in the said Parish, and for providing a Channel of Ease, and an additional Burial-ground for the same, and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof,” and for other purposes:

11. An Act to grant further Powers to “The Brighton, Hove and Preston Constant Service Waterworks Company,” and to amend the Act relating to the Company:

12. An Act to extend the Time for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for Parts of the Exeter and Exmouth Railway:

13. An Act for more effectually empowering the united General Gas-Light Company to light the City of Cork and the Suburbs thereof with Gas:

14. An Act to establish Markets and Fairs in the Parish of Kidsgrove, in the County of Stafford:

15. An Act to amend and extend the Provisions of the “Waterford and Treemore Railway Act, 1851,” and to revive and extend their Powers, and increase their Capital, and for other purposes:

16. An Act for constructing and maintaining a Pier at Great Yarmouth, in the County of Norfolke, to be called “The Great Yarmouth Britannia Pier Bill.”

17. An Act to confirm the Incorporation of the Under-taking of the Dublin and Wiclow Railway Company with that of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company; to dissolve the former Company, and to extend the Railway in the City of Dublin:

18. An Act for regulating the Markets and Fairs in Bridgewater, and for other purposes:

19. An Act for enabling the Trustees in whom the Lands and Estate of Soestraigne, in the County of Estcare Bill, Fife, are vested, to grant Feus of certain Portions thereof:

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Thames and Medway Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 19, by inserting after the word “Plantations” the words “and one other of such Conservators shall be appointed by the ‘Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strong.”

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—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 those words be there inserted.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Hereford Cathedral Restoration Bill was read Heredford a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 178 and 204 be suspended in the case of the Finlady Park (No. 2) (No. 3) Bill; and that the Committee of Selection have Power to fix the first meeting of the Committee on the Bill upon giving three clear days' Notice thereof.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 178 and 204 be Westminster suspended in the case of the Westminster Improvement Bill; and that the Committee of Selectors have Power to fix the first meeting of the Committee on the Bill upon giving three clear days' Notice thereof.

Ordered, That in the case of the Caledonian and Colomibian Crinan Canals Bill, the Examiner of Petitions for and Crinan Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Com: Controverted mittee of Elections; That they had named days for the
the appointment of Select Committees on the Election Petitions following, from Panel No. 5:—


Tewkesbury Election. Mr. Edward Pllicer, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Edvard Moore, and Joseph Knight, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Tewkesbury, informed the House, That the said Committee had determined;

That John Martin, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Tewkesbury.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Moody reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the East Kent Railway (Strood to Saint Mary's Cray) 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.

East Kent Railway (Strood to Saint Mary's Cray) Bill. Ordered, That there be laid before this House; Copies or Extracts of Despatch from the Court of Directors to the Governor General of India in Council in the Military Department, dated the 29th day of February 1850. Paragraphs 50—62:—

Of Letter from the Governor General of India to the Court of Directors in the Military Department, dated the 14th day of March 1854. No. 60:—Of Despatch from the Court of Directors to the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, dated the 12th day of April 1856. No. 32:—And, of Despatch from the Court of Directors to the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, dated the 25th day of June 1856. No. 60.

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 in respect of each Parish or Combination of Parishes in Scotland, of the Amount paid annually during the last Five years for Medical Relief to Paupers, distinguishing the Amount paid to the Medical Officers from that expended in Purchase of Medicine;—Of the Amount contributed from the Grant in Aid, where the Minimum established by the Board of Supervision has been found by the Parish;—And, of the Amount paid where there is no Contribution from the Grant in Aid.

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 Ramsden presented,—Return to an Address (Foreign dress to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of June last, for a Return relative to Foreign Legions.

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

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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, Returns in respect of each Parish or Combination of Parishes in Scotland, of the Amount paid annually during the last Five years for Medical Relief to Paupers, distinguishing the Amount paid to the Medical Officers from that expended in Purchase of Medicine;—Of the Amount contributed from the Grant in Aid, where the Minimum established by the Board of Supervision has been found by the Parish;—And, of the Amount paid where there is no Contribution from the Grant in Aid.

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 Ramsden presented,—Return to an Address (Foreign dress to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of June last, for a Return relative to Foreign Legions.

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

Mr. Low presented,—Return to an Order, dated Prussian Bark the 5th day of June last, for a Return relative to "Memel," the Prussian Bark "Memel." Ordered, That the said Return do 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 Select Committee on the Wareham Election Petitions.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of Richmond an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table Bridge:

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Chain of the Prussian Bark "Memel." be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hong Kong, Hong Kong, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Channiz Chamber of Cash Accounts for the years 1855 and 1856.

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.

Mr. Headlam, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Benjamin Oliver, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Pontefract, and to defend which Return Matthew Dawson and other Electors were admitted Parties, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That William Wood, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Pontefract.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Headlam, from the Select Committee, ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.
Supply.

The Committee think it, however, right to report to the House, That by the Evidence of the Petitioner, Benjamin Oliveira, Esquire, and Emma Oliveira his Wife, it appears that at the Election for Pontefract in the year 1852, the said Benjamin Oliveira paid, at and shortly after the time of the Election, a very large sum, amounting to about £3,000, through William Wood, Solicitor of Pontefract, and William Clough; and that the said Benjamin Oliveira was cognizant of the fact that the same or a considerable part thereof was employed in the nature of bribery and treating.

That, after the Election of 1852, a Petition was presented against the Return of the said Benjamin Oliveira, and that the said Emma Oliveira procured the same to be withdrawn by the payment of a sum of £2,000 into the hands of Thomas Roundhill and Mr. Moxon.

That, in addition to the payment of the said sums of £3,000 and £2,000, a further sum of £1,200 was sent down to Pontefract by the said Benjamin Oliveira for the payment of still outstanding claims arising out of the Election of 1852; and it was clearly made known to the said Benjamin Oliveira, that the same was employed in changing claims in the nature of bribery and treating.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Order, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

New Writs.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £90,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Construction of certain Harbours of Refuge, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £224,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of constructing certain Harbours of Refuge, to the 31st day of March 1858.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply.

Supply.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £21,228, 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 1858;—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. £3,831, for the Charge of the Falkland Islands.

7. £5,700, for the Charge of Labuan.

8. £10,000, for Expenses occasioned to the Colony of Hong Kong, for measures of precaution and defence consequent upon the state of Affairs in China.

9. £15,434, for the Charge of the Emigration Officers, and of the Emigration Officers at the different Ports of this Kingdom, also to defray certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

10. £2,175, on account of Emigration Expenses incurred in Canada and New Brunswick.

11. £129,000, for Works at the New Packet Harbour and Harbour of Refuge at Holyhead, &c.

12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £24,728, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of constructing certain Harbours of Refuge, to the 31st day of March 1858.

13. £12,000, for Salaries and Expenses of the British Embassy at the Mauritius.

14. £11,050, for Salaries and Expenses of the British Embassy at Hong Kong, for measures of precaution and defence consequent upon the state of Affairs in China.

15. £3,831, for the Charge of the Falkland Islands.

16. £22,500, for Extraordinary Disbursements under the Acts for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

17. £11,050, for Salaries and Expenses of the British Embassy at the Mauritius.

18. £3,831, for the Charge of the Falkland Islands.

19. £122,556, for Salaries, Allowances and Contingencies of Stipendiary Justices in the West India Colonies, and the Mauritius.

20. £10,930, for Civil Establishments on the Western Coast of Africa.

21. £19,690, to complete the Sum for Charges connected with the Island of Saint Helena.

22. £960, for the Charge of Helligoland.

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3. That
British Museum Purchase of Objects.
National Gallery.
Magnetic Observations &c.
Royal Geographical Society.
Bermudas.
Ecclesiastical Establishment (British North America.)
Indian Department (Canada.)
Reformatory Schools Bill.
Assessments (Scotland) Bill.
General Board of Health Bill.
Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill.
Glebe Lands (Ireland) Bill.
East Quay Wall Tax (Dublin) Bill.
Ways and Means.
Probates and Letters of Administration (Stamps) Bill.
Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration (Stamps), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That the same amount of Stamp Duty as is now payable on the admission of a Proctor to any Vol. 112.

Ecclesiastical Court, shall be payable by every person admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Probate to be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England.

2. That the Fees payable to the Officers of the said Court of Probate, or of any County Court, in respect of Business under the said Act, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Constabulary take into consideration the Constabulary Force (Ireland) 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 Committee on the Election Petitions 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 Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment 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 22d day of June last, That the Question which was then proposed, relative to India, be now put:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant July.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Letters of Administration (Stamps) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 13th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Public Health apply the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Parish of Act (Admiralty Aldershott, and to constitute a Local Board of Health, &c.) therein: And that Mr. Mowatt and Mr. Cooper do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Land Tax appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Commission Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Tax Names. Taxes: 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 Boundaries of New Zealand. make further Provision for defining the Boundaries of Land in Ireland for Public Purposes: And that Mr. Herbert and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on New Zealand was nominated New Zealand, viz. Mr. Secretary Labouchere, Lord John Russell, Lord Stanley, Sir John Fiddington, Mr. Adair, Mr. John Abel Smith, Mr. Henley and Mr. Wise; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum. P P Mr.
Mr. Bowham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had an agreed to a Special Report; and the same was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have from time to time published, for the information of Members, the Orders and Proceedings of the House which regulate the framing and presentation of Public Petitions. Amongst other rules is the following:

"Every Petition must be signed by the Parties whose names are appended thereto, by their names or marks, and by no one else, except in case of inexactness by sickness."—Vide Commons' Journals, 1675, November 8; 1689, November 14; 1774, June 2; 1826, December 18; 1836, June 28.

Your Committee, as instances of Petitions in disregard of this rule have come under their notice, have reported them to the House, at the same time informing the Member presenting the Petition of such irregularity.

Your Committee observe with regret, that notwithstanding such publicity, Petitions more or less, in contravention of this rule, are frequently presented.

Your Committee have this day had under their consideration a Petition in which the violation of this rule is so marked and obvious, that they feel bound to report the same to the House.

The Petition is headed as "The Memorial of the Inhabitants of Tullaghobegley and Roymunterdoney." It states, that the Memorialists are Farmers, Occupiers and Inhabitants, in numbers, as is affirmed in the body of the Petition, 2,079.

Your Committee observe, that, upon the sheet containing the Prayer of the Petition, there are three signatures which appear to be authentic, including that of the writer of the Petition, but all the subsequent names, the whole number being 2,072, appear to your Committee to be in the handwriting of one and the same individual; that, to the great majority of these, a mark is affixed ostensibly as a compliance with the rules of the House, but that such mark appears to be that of the writer of the names, and is in every case unattested. On certain of the sheets it has apparently been affixed subsequently, in the handwriting of another person, and a large number of the names have no mark attached.

Your Committee refrain from any remark on the subject-matter of the Petition itself, but they consider that the affixure to a Petition of a large number of names and marks purporting to be those of persons seeking redress from this House, such names being appended by some other person than the presumed Petitioners, is calculated to mislead the House as to the subject-matter of the Petition itself; but they consider such irregularity, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, to constitute a Local Board of Health therein: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Caledonian one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Canada Bill; and Ordered, That in the case of the Caledonians and Oronsay Canals Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

M. FitzRoy reported Fleming's Estate Bill, Fleming's Estate Bill; with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bowham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th day of June last, and 1st 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.

Public Petitions (Special Report.)

Public Health Act (Aldershot) Bill.

Bill 102.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

Bill 103.

Mr. Herbert presented a Bill to make further Provision for defining the Boundaries of certain of Land (Ire.) Denominations of Land in Ireland for Public Purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

A Public Petition, presented upon the 30th day of July last, was referred to a Select Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, &c. die Julii ;


PRAYERS.

Mr. FitzRoy reported Fleming's Estate Bill, Fleming's Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bowham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 30th day of July last, was referred to a Select Committee.

A Motion being made, That the Clyde Navigation 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, give 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 to continue or renew the Powers conferred on the Trustees on the River Clyde and Harbour of Glasgow to take Lands and execute Works for the Improvement of the Navigation, and for other purposes.

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

A Motion being made, That the Elie Harbour 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, give 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.

A Motion being made, That the Metropolitan Railway (No. 2) 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, give Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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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.

Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) Bill.
The Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland (Sligo Extension) 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.

Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Bill.
The Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford 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.

Newquay Pier and Harbour Railway Bill.
A Motion being made, That the Newquay Pier and Harbour 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.
And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein:
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 the Prince of Wales'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.

Nevery and Enniskillen Railway Bill.
The Nevery and Enniskillen Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act enabling the Nevery and Enniskillen Railway Company to construct their Railway as far as the City of Armagh; for changing the Name of the Company, and for consolidating their Acts.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Railford Borough (No. 1) Bill.
The Railford Borough (No. 1) 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.

Stockport, Didsbury and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill.
The Stockport, Didsbury and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill was read the third time; and a verbal 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.

Whitchurch and Furness Junction Railway Bill.
The Whitchurch and Furness Junction 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.

West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill.
The West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill was read the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for authorizing Traffic Arrangements between the West End of London and Crystal Palace, and the London, Brighton and South Coast, the South Eastern, and London and South Western Railway Companies; for Sale of the West London and Crystal Palace Railway; for extending the Time for completing Railways, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had appointed Tuesday the 21st day of July instant, to choose further, from Panel No. 5, Select Committees severally to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the Borough of Athlone and the County of Clare.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Consiston Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That Standing Order 212 be suspended in the case of the said Bill; and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dextorham Turnpike Trust Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rutland Town Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Richmond and Ken Extension Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That Standing Order 212 be suspended in the case of the said Bill; and that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taff Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on Bleaching and Dying Works (First Report) No. 151, and the Committee on the New Houses of Parliament up to the 30th day of June 1857:—Of the Cost of the same; distinguishing the Cost of the Gold Leaf from the other Cost of the New Houses of Parliament up to the same Date:—And, Estimate of the entire further Sum which will be required for the completion of the Work.

Ordered, That Mr. Muntz have leave of absence for a month, on account of ill health.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com—Agricultural—Tables relative to Agricultural Statistics (Ireland), showing the estimated Average Produce of the year 1856, also the Diversity of Weights used in buying and selling Corn, Potatoes and Flax in Ireland; and the Emigration from Irish Ports, from 1st January to 31st December 1856.

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the directions and resolutions of an Act of Parliament,—An Abstract of the Penalties and Fines imposed on all Fines and other Penal Sums in Ireland, against persons who have been convicted of an offense under the Provisions of the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90, for the year ending the 31st March 1857, 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 1857.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Liverpool the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address, Town Dues, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to Liverpool Town Dues, &c.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, Portpatrick dated the 24th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Portpatrick and Buncrage Harbours, &c.

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 Amount in Weight of Gold Leaf used in decorating the outside of the Clock Tower up to the 1st January, and Returns of 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 1857.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in all cases when the Seat of any Member has been declared void by an Election Committee, on the ground of bribery or treating, no Motion for the issuing of a new Writ shall be made without two days' previous Notice being given in the Votes.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question,
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory Schools Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) 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 Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) 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 Bill Chamber (Scotland) 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 Assessments (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Election Petitions Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, re-olived itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill.

(In the Committee.) Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Interpretation Clause).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 28: To leave out from the word "established" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "District Courts to be presided over by the County Court Judge in the County Court District except those of the Metropolis (Nos. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47 and 48), and a public registry shall be attached to each Court, the Registrar thereof shall be under the control of the Court of Probate."

Question proposed, That the words "for each of the districts" stand part of the Clause:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 11, agreed to.

Clause, No. 12, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 13 (Clerks and other officers of Probate Court to be transferred to like offices in Court of Probate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13: After the word "Court" to insert the words "giving clerks who have been continuously employed in any Diocesan Court for fifteen years and upwards, immediately before the passing of this Act."

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 14, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 15 (Appointment to offices).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 27: After the word "Judge" to insert the words "there shall be paid to the several officers mentioned in Schedule B to this Act the several salaries set opposite to their respective titles in the same Schedule, and the said district registrars shall have the remunera-
tion for the performance of their duties under this Act, including the services of any clerks they may employ, be entitled to take in respect of the business in their respective district registries such fees as shall be fixed as hereinafter provided; and, except as aforesaid, there shall be paid to the several clerks and other officers appointed under this Act, such salaries or other remuneration as the Judge, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time in each case direct."

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, in p. 4, l. 39: To leave out from the word "Schedule" to the word "and," in p. 6, l. 3.

Question, That the words "and the said district registrars" stand part of the said proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 16 to No. 23, agreed to.

Clause, No. 24 (Registrars, &c. to have power to administer oaths).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 31: After the word "Probate" to insert the words "provided that in every city, borough and town throughout England, containing not less than Five thousand inhabitants, the Judge shall appoint the Registrar of the County Court of the district in which such city, borough or town is situate, or some other fit and proper person within such city, borough or town, to be such Commissioner or Commis-
sioners." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 25, agreed to.

Clause, No. 26 (Procedure of the Court).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, isl. 14 and 15: "To leave out the words "so far as the circum-
stances of the case will admit." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
The Lords have agreed to the North Eastern and Harlepool Dock and Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, with any Amendment:

North Eastern and Harlepool Dock and Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (the Amendment Bill), with Amendments:

Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1856) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Town Byelaws to enable one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State to revise Byelaws in certain cases therein provided:

Town Byelaws Act.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Robert Shepherd, Clerk, to exercise his Disqualifications Office of a Priest, and to hold any Benefice or Prebendary in the United Church of England and Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Osserstone to Bank Acts.

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The Lords give leave to the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Attent to give Evidence before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Bank Acts, as desired by this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. 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 Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

Preamble postposed.

Clause, No. 1 (Justice, on application of a party aggrieved, to state a case for the opinion of superior court).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17: To leave out the words "at Westminster."

Question proposed, That the words "at Westminster" stand part of the Clause.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply. Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,728, be granted to Governors and others (West Indies, &c.) to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and others, in the West Indies, and certain other Colonies, to the 31st day of March 1858.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,450, be granted to Stipendiary Magistrates in the West Indies Colonies and the Mauritius, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,609, be granted to Saint Helena, to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Civil Establishments on the Western Coast of Africa, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,099, be granted to Saint Helena, to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray Charges connected with the Island of Saint Helena, to the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,960, be granted to Beligum, to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Heligoland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,831, be granted to Falkland Islands, to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Charge of the Falkland Islands, to the 31st day of March 1858.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Banking Bill, reading of the Banking Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Turnpike take into consideration the Turnpike Trusts Aboli- tion (Ireland) 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 taking into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ire., and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Superscription Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Attornies into a Committee on the Attornies and Solicitors (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 Order of the day being read, for the second Justice and reading of the Rights and Police Force (Dublin) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Revising reading of the Revised Barristers (Dublin) Bill; reading of the Barristers (Dublin) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Ilicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Glebe Lands (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Constabulary Force (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 Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill was, Land Tax Commission-according to Order, read a second time; and commis- sions the Members of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill:

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom: And that Sir John Ramsden and Mr. Brand do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Lowe be added to the Select Committee on New Zealand.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Incorporation and Regulation of Insurance Companies: And that Mr. Wilson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Lowe do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Incorporation of Mutual Companies: And that Mr. Wilson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Lowe do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for raising a Sum of Money for building and improving Stations of the Metropolitan Police, and to amend the Acts concerning the Metropolitan Police: And that Mr. Mussey and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill concerning the Petition of Inhabitants of Tullaghobegly and Rawayntercondy, which was presented upon the 29th day of June last, complaining of Distress in Ireland, and praying for Relief, be lie upon the Table, be read, and discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. Mussey presented a Bill for raising a Sum of Money for building and improving Stations of the Metropolitan Police, and to amend the Acts concerning the Metropolitan Police: 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 Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the Incorporation and Regulation of Insurance Companies: 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 Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the Incorporation of Mutual Companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee on New River, the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Company Bill. River 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 Bourn and Essendine Railway Bill was read for 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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Ordered, That Standing Order 203 be suspended in the case of the Caledonian and Crinan Canals Bill; and that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 13th day of June last, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Breakwaters, Piers or Harbours of Refuge, the Works of which have not been commenced, and when the Recommendations have not been adopted — And, of the Nature of the Works recommended; the Period required for Completion; the Estimate of Total Cost; and the Outlay recommended per annum.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burial Acts Amendment Bill. (In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No 1, agreed to.

CLAUSES, Nos 2 and 3, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 4 (With the approval of Secretary of State, a Burial Board may be appointed for a district, subject to the laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England; and where any such cemetery is shut up, in the case of the Caledonian and Crinan Canals Bill, the Board may purchase cemeteries which have been closed).—Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8 and 9: To leave out the words "to one of Her Majesty's "Principal Secretaries of State." Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put, and negatived.

CLAUSE, No 5 (Guardians may provide burial-grounds for paupers).—An Amendment made. Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put, and negatived.

CLAUSES, Nos 6 and 7, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, No 8 to N° 13, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 14, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 15 (Burial Boards may, in certain cases, purchase cemeteries which have been closed).—Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 18: After the word "discontinued," to insert the words "it shall be lawful, and be it enacted, That interments shall be permitted in existing cemeteries beyond the Metropolis in family graves, or in family vaults purchased prior to the passing of the Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England; and where any such cemetery in which burials are so to be discontinued." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 16 (Orders in Council may be made for regulating burial-grounds, &c.) Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 30: To leave out from the beginning of the Clause, to the words "for the protection." Question proposed, That the words "it shall be lawful for Her Majesty," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 7, l. 7: After the
the word "ground" to insert the words, "Provided "always, That no more than one body shall be "buried in any vault or grave in any cemetery "within the Metropolitan Distric," except in a vault or grave purchased for "the exclusive use of a family.""

Question put, That those words be there inserted ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for 

Mr. Locke King, Yeas, 33.

(Colonel Freestun.)

Mr. Hayter, 188.

(The Earl of Malgrave:)

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided also, That such "regulations shall not prohibit the burial of any "number of bodies, not exceeding Six, in the same "common grave on the same day in any of the "cemeteries mentioned in Schedule (B) of the Act "fifteenth and sixteenth Victoria, chapter 85, or in "any other cemetery established in pursuance of any "Act of Parliament, provided that every coffin so "buried shall be separated from any other coffin by "at least a foot of earth, and be buried at least Four "feet below the surface of the ground, and provided "that such grave shall be filled in on the day of "burial, and never again opened until the remains "of the bodies buried therein shall be completely "decayed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-

Roy reported, That the Committee had made Pro-

gress 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 of the clock, again resolve itself into 

Committee. The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Return relative to East India (Bengal Military Fund), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Portpatrick and Donaghadee Harbours, which was presented upon the 29th day of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign 

Legions, which was presented upon the 3d day of 

June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign 

East India Company and that Fund: And the 

relations existing between the 

Mr. Lowe also presented, pursuant to the direc-

tions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in 

Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, 

approving a Capitulation made by the Trinity House 

Corporation of Hull, reducing the Rates of Pilotage 

at Spalding, in respect of Coasting Vessels.

Question put, That in the opinion of this House, the Office

and the Previous Question being put, That that 

Question be now put;

The House divided.

Statute Law

Commission.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a 

Return showing how the Balance of £ 2,609, 11. 7. d. remaining in the Treasury on the 30th day of April 1856 (Parliamentary Paper, No. 216, of Session 1856), on account of the Statute Law Commission, has been expended:—Account in Detail of the Ex-

penditure of the Sum of £ 1,911, voted in 1856 for the Statute Law Commission:—Of Total Amount voted for the Statute Law Board and Commission since its first Appointment in 1853; together with the Total Amount paid to each of the Officers and Persons employed under the Board or Commission since that Period, and the Names of such Persons:—And, Return of the Names of the Draftsmen employed to prepare Consolidation Bills, and the Fees paid to each Draftsman since the last Return in 1856.

Mr. Locke presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Railway Acts.

—A Return of the Railway Acts passed in the 

Session of 1846, showing the Length of each Line; 

the Sums authorized to be raised on Loan, and the other principal Pro-

visions contained therein (in continuation of Return of Acts passed in the Session of 1855, Parliamentary Paper, No. 8, of Session 1856).

Mr. Locke also presented, pursuant to the direct-

ions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in 

Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, 

approving a Capitulation made by the Trinity House 

Corporation of Hull, reducing the Rates of Pilotage 

at Spalding, in respect of Coasting Vessels.

Copy of two Orders in Council, suspending during Copyright, 

the continuance in force of an Ordinance and Act 

passed in Natal and Jamaica respectively, the pro-

hibition into such Colony and Island of Foreign Re-

prinits of British Books.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the 

Table.
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 Militia (Ireland) Act (1864) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to continue the Powers of the Commissioners under an Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty, concerning the University of Oxford and the College of Saint Mary, Winchester, and further to amend the said Act: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Newport Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from J. Henry Hearn, Agent for the Petition of Henry John Turner and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Newport, stating that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agent for Henry John Turner, James George and John Lock, Esquires, in the name of their Petition delivered in on the 19th day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Newport, 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,

J. Henry Hearn.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

Taunton Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from James Coppock, Agent for the Petition of James Kallend and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Taunton, stating that it is not intended to proceed further with the said Petition:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agent for James Kallend, James Billings, and William Mortall, in the matter of their Petition against the Return of Arthur Miles, Esquire, for the Borough of Taunton, I 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,

James Coppock.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

Portsmouth Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from H. and R. W. Ford, Agents for the Petition of Edwin Low and Samuel Hogg, Esquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Portsmouth, stating that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agents for Edwin Low and Samuel Hogg, Esquires, in the matter of their Petition delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Portsmouth, I beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition:

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servants, H. and R. W. Ford.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Rates of the reserved Steamers at each Port, their House Power, whether High or Low Pressure, Screw or Paddle, Number of Officers, Men and Boys, Engineers and Stokers employed to take care of them, and how many were ready for Commission on the 1st day of June 1857;—And, Similar Return of the Steamers in Commission at the various Ports, with their Crews, how many Coastguard Men are borne on their Books, the Number of Coast Volunteers enlisted, and how many have been called out and drilled;

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

Mercurii, 8° die Iulii, 1857.

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.

Then the Main Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Adjournment.

That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Hankey,

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Magan,

Yeas,

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Noes,

54.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being then a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Wednesday morning;—The House accordingly adjourned till this day.

Mercurii, 8° die Iulii;

Anno 21° Victoræ Reginiæ, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bury St. Edmunds, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections; That they had selected William Tatton Ejector, Esquire, Lord Robert Grosvenor, and John Abel Smith, Esquire, to be Members of the Chairman's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees in the room of Edward Ellice, junior, Esquire, Richard Deary, Esquire, and Henry Ker Seymour, Esquire, who have claimed to be excused during the remainder of the Session.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lambeth, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto;—Charles Bannister, Esquire; Alexander Mathewson, Esquire (Inverness); Viscount Sandos, Mayor Wortley (Huntingdon); Chairman, Robert Ingham, Esquire.
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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of the Town of Galway, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto, and the List of Voters delivered in to the Committee on behalf of the Petitioner:—Joseph Christopher Ewart, Esquire; Alexander William Kingsley, Esquire (Bridgnorth); Lord Lovaine, Henry Gerard Stuart (Dorset); Chairman, George Close, Esquire.
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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Bath, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto, and the Lists of Voters severally delivered in to the Committee on behalf of the Petitioner and of the Sitting Member:—John Cheatham, Esquire; William Seymour FitzGerald, Esquire; Viscount Galway, Sir Henry Vernon, Baronet; Chairman, Right Honourable Edward Horsman.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The British and Irish Grand Junction Railway 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 Lowestoft and Burgh Saint Peter Ferry and Roads Bill; And a Motion being made, That the 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Pulteney Town Harbour Bill; And a Motion being made, That the 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill (changed from Thames and Medway Conservancy); And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the 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.
And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;
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 the Prince of Wales' interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
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 Yes: James Duke.
Tellers for the Noses: Mr. Alderman Cubitt; [172]
Mr. Ayton.
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.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to provide for the Conservation of the River Thames, and for the Regulation, Management and Improvement thereof.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Besselsleigh Road Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Colonial and Crimen Canals Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway Acts, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Barracks, &c., which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Bengal Military Fund), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Desiries Her Majesty's Command,—An Estimate of the Sum required to be voted in the year 1857, towards the re-imbursement to the East India Company of a Moiety of the Extraordinary Expenses of the Expedition to Persia.
An Estimate of the Sum required to be voted in China (Naval and Military Operations), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned:
A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned;—And the
the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Public Charities Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22d day of this instant July.

Burials Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Burials Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Weights and Measures Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Weights and Measures Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Court of Session (Scotland) Bill. 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 To-morrow.

Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bill Chamber (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bill Chamber (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assessments (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Assessments (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Lunatics (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railway Traffic Act Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Railway Traffic Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 15 to No. 17, agreed to.

Clause, No. 18 (Penalties on persons inducing children to abscond, &c.). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, Nos. 19 to No. 24, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, No. 8, disagreed to.

A Clause added.

Clause (The Justices may forthwith, if the parent be found, or otherwise, at the time and place mentioned in the aforesaid Notice, make full inquiry into the matter; and may, if they think fit, discharge the child altogether, or deliver him up to his parents, on their giving an assurance in writing (according to Form B.) that they will be responsible for the good behaviour of the child, for any period not exceeding twelve months; and in default of such assurance being given, may, by writing under their hands and seals (Form C) order the child to be detained for such period as they think necessary for his education in any certified Industrial School, or to be placed in any religious persuasion to which the parent of the child in the opinion of the Justices shall belong, and the managers or managers of which school shall be willing to receive him, such child shall be sent to such last-mentioned school, and not to any other), brought up, and read 1st, 2nd.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words "three necessary," to insert the words "not exceeding six months."

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to; and added.

Other Clauses added.

Clause (No order of the manager or managers of such Industrial Schools, nor any bye-law, shall compel any inmate of any such school to attend or be present at any religious service which may be celebrated in a mode contrary to the religious principles of such inmate, nor shall authorize the education of any child in such school in any religious creed other than that professed by the parents or surviving parent of such child), brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule A.

An Amendment made.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule A, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules B. C. and D., amended, and agreed to.

And it being a quarter before six of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Edward Egerton, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Thomas Wells and Thomas Stanfield, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maidstone, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That Alexander James Beresford Bewesford Hope, Esquire, and Captain Edward Scott, are duly-elected Members of Parliament for the said Borough, and have taken their seats in the House of Commons.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Thomas Wells and Thomas Stanfield, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maidstone, informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Evidence given before them has been satisfactory and contradictory; and although there has been no sufficient proof of corrupt practices at the late Election, the Committee think it necessary for the good behaviour of the child, for any period not exceeding twelve months; and in default of such assurance being given, may, by writing under their hands and seals (Form C) order the child to be detained for such period as they think necessary for his education in any certified Industrial School, or to be placed in any religious persuasion to which the parent of the child in the opinion of the Justices shall belong, and the managers or managers of which school shall be willing to receive him, such child shall be sent to such last-mentioned school, and not to any other), brought up, and read 1st, 2nd.

That among the number so employed and paid, Charles William Harwood was bribed with 15s.; Thomas Farmer with £1; James Hypas with 5s.; Walter Simmons Cartwright with 5s.; William Bosson with 5s.; Thomas Golding with 5s.; Thomas Beesley with 10s.; Thomas Tipping with 7s. 6d.; John Goodall with 15s.; William Cartwright with 5s.; Thomas Beesley with 7s. 6d.; Thomas Knight with 5s.; William Henry Beesley with £1.; William Fox with 5s.; Henry George with 7s. 6d.; Charles Sharrock with 15s.; and Abraham Hillsdon with £1.

That these sums were paid under the pretence of remuneration for services as messengers and runners during the Election; and although it was not proved before the Committee that these payments to the voters were the primary motive in deciding their votes, yet it appeared to the Committee that, in many of the cases, no adequate services or work were in reality performed.

That it was proved to the Committee that the aforesaid acts of bribery were committed without the knowledge and consent of the said Charles Neate, Esquire.

That it was proved to the Committee that there was treating to some extent at the last Election for the said City; but it was not proved to have taken place by the order or authority of the said Charles Neate, Esquire, or his Agents.

That the Committee do not think it right to recommend that the issue of a new Writ for the said City of Oxford should be suspended.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken Minutes before the Committee be laid before this House.

Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Thomas Wells and Thomas Stanfield, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maidstone, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That Alexander James Beresford Bewesford Hope, Esquire, and Captain Edward Scott, are duly-elected Members of Parliament for the said Borough of Maidstone.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. George Alexander Hamilton, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:

That the Evidence given before them has been very unsatisfactory and contradictory; and although...
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juris (Ireland) Act (1839) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration [Salary of Judge, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That Provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for payment of the Salary and Retiring Annuity to be granted to a Judge of the Court of Probate to be established under any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England, and also of all Commissions to be granted under the said Act.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to public Works authorize the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to sell Mill Sites and Water Power, notwithstanding Final Award, in any Drainage or Navigating District: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Salary and Retiring Annuity to be granted to a Judge of the Court of Probate to be established under any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in Ireland, and of all Compensations to be granted under the said Act, and also of imposing a Stamp Duty on every person admitted as a Proctor in the said Court;

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, 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.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of his present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein-mentioned, and for substituting other Provisions for the like purposes;" I do hereby nominate, appoint and authorize the Honourable Harry George Vane, commonly called Lord Harry Vane, the Right honourable Robert Grosvenor, commonly called the Right Honourable Lord Robert Grosvenor, Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron Eustace, Esquire, Colonel John Wilson Patten, and Thomas William Bramston, Esquire, being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the Powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants.
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Anno 27° Victoriae Reginae, 1857. 

PRAYERS. 

The London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment 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 Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill was 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.

The North Western Railway Bill was read the third time;  

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; And that the Title be, An Act authorizing the North Western Railway Company to divert a portion of their Railway, and to sell or grant a Lease of their Undertaking to the Midland and Lancashire and Carlisle Railway Companies.

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

The Taff Vale 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 Select Committee on the Caledonian and Crinan Canals Bill was nominated of Mr. Wilson, Viscount Duncan, Mr. Caird, Mr. Henry Baillie, Mr. Finlay, and Mr. Blackburn; 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 on three days' notice being given in the Privy Bill Office.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory Schools 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 Names of the five Members appointed to try Bath Election and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Bath, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition and Lists 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 Twelve of the clock.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try Galway Town Election and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Galway, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk Assistant.

Ordered, That the Petition and Lists 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 Twelve of the clock.

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. Hayter,  

Mr. Alcock,  

Mr. Hanbury,  

Mr. Finlay,  

Mr. Cauley.

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And the Question being proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clauses, N° 3) (Justices of a county or Council of borough sessions may grant money in aid of Reformatory Schools).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14: To leave out the words "subject to such conditions as the Justices or Council may think fit."  

Question, That the words "subject to such conditions" stand part of the Clause—put, and carried.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clauses, N° 2 and N° 3)
Election.

Lambeth

Bury Election.

Glebe Lands (Ireland) Bill.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

Burial Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Acts Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Glebe Lands (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 To-morrow.

Mr. Hutt, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Electors complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bury, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, that Robert Needham Phillips, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Bury.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Hutt, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:

That it has been proved by uniform Evidence before the Committee, that the late Election for the Borough of Bury was conducted with unusual sobriety and order, and that although in the course of it some practices of an illegal complexion were resorted to by partisans of the Sitting Member, nothing was aduded to show, and the Committee has no reason to believe, that such practices were in any way authorized by the Siting Member.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lambeth, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk Assistant.

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Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Scinde Railway Company, Scinde Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Railway Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition accordingly.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken Postfoot before the Select Committee on the Ponsford Election.

Election Petitions, which were presented upon the No. 169. 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was Oxford City laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,— Election. Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select No. 170. Committee on the Oxford City Election Petition.

The following Paper, also laid upon the Table Income Tax, by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, &c. (London.) dated the 23d day of June last, for a Return relative to Income Tax, &c. (London.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Convict Estab- of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the lishment, Gibraltar.

The Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Oxford City Election Petition, be printed.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Com-Cool Mines. mand,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Coal Mines to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to Decem- be 1856.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Order, Constabulary constabulary dated the 28th day of May last, for a Return relat- tive to Constabulary (Limerick).

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of May Constabulary last, for a Return relative to Constabulary Force Force (Waterford).

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June Constabulary Hop Grounds, last, for a Return relative to Hop Grounds.

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

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the Select Com- Public Offices Extension Bill: That the Committee mittee on the Pimlico Improvements 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, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

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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 Select Committee on New Zealand have Power to report their opinion to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.
Mr. Secretary Labouchere reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to report their Opinion thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Resolution of the Committee was read, as follows:

That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, it is expedient that the guarantee of the Imperial Government should be given to a Loan for a Sum not exceeding Five hundred thousand pounds, which it is proposed to raise under the New Zealand Land Act, 1856, upon such conditions as may be best calculated to secure the regular liquidation of the principal and interest of the debt.

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

Times, Athenæum and Beacon Assurance Companies' Amalgamation Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Times, Athenæum and Beacon Assurance Companies' Amalgamation Bill; That the Parties promoting the 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.

Ordnance Survey.

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 Statement of the Number of Men employed in the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Ireland, including the Establishment at Southampton, on the 1st of January 1857, as compared with the establishment at 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.

Pensions, &c. (Ireland).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all Persons now receiving from the Exchequer either Pension or Compensation in Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 383, of Session 1850).

Mr. Richard Hall.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between Mr. Richard Hall and the Poor Law Commissioners, relating to his Retirement and Superannuation; And, of all Correspondence between the Poor Law Commissioners and the Treasury on the same subject.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Sir George Forster have leave of absence for a month, on account of ill-health.

Mr. Scholefield reported from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of George Gore Dudley Higgins, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Mayo; That two Letters addressed to Colonel Higgins, and duly verified, had been produced before the Committee, alleging that one of the Witnesses, John M'Laughlin, examined before the said Committee, had been maltreated; and another Witness, John Cannon, had been so seriously injured, by a mob led on by one John Sheridan, that his life is in danger, such maltreatment and injury having been inflicted upon them in consequence of Evidence given before the said Committee; The Committee have, therefore, instructed him to report the circumstances to the House, in order that the House may take such steps as may seem to the House to be proper and necessary.

And the House being informed that several persons had already been apprehended, and that measures were being taken to bring them to Trial, at the approaching Assizes, for the Outrages referred to in the said Report:

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And the House being informed that several persons had already been apprehended, and that measures were being taken to bring them to Trial, at the approaching Assizes, for the Outrages referred to in the said Report:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lunatics (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatic Trustees, &c., Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 3, agreed to.

Clause, N° 4 (Builees fraudulently converting property to their own use).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5: After the word "property" to insert the words "or being entrusted with any property of any description for the purpose of performing or causing to be performed any work or labour upon or in respect of the same." Question proposed, That those words be ther inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, N° 5 to N° 11, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 12 (No prosecution shall be commenced without the sanction of some Judge or the Attorney General).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 21: To leave out from the word "commenced" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "or carried on otherwise than in the manner hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—If in any civil proceeding against a Trustee, or in any proceeding under the bankruptcy of any person being a Trustee, it shall appear to the Court or Judge before whom such proceeding shall be pending that there is reasonable and probable cause for a criminal prosecution against such Trustee under this Act, it shall be lawful for such Court or Judge to make an order sanctioning such prosecution; and such order sanctioning a prosecution may be made at any stage of the proceeding pending before such Court or Judge, and may be obtained upon motion or petition in a summary way; and if the Court or Judge, on an application being made to sanction such prosecution, shall be of opinion that the Trustee should be held to bail until either such sanction shall be refused, or until a warrant for the arrest of such Trustee shall be issued in due course of law, it shall be lawful for the Court or Judge direct a writ or writs of ne exeat regno to issue against the Trustee, marked for such sum as the Court or Judge shall think fit, not exceeding the estimated value of the property alleged to have been misappropriated; and such writ or writs of ne exeat regno shall thereupon be issued and executed, and shall be returnable in the usual manner, provided that the Court or Judge shall have power to require from the person applying for any such writ security to answer any damages in case it shall be found that such writ was improperly obtained. Question proposed, That the words "without the sanction of some Judge" stand part of the Clause:

-Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 13 to N° 18, with an Amendment to one of them, 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; and be printed.

Mr.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Assessed reading of the Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- General Board of Health Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Municipal into a Committee on the Municipal Corporations 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 Public Health reading of the Public Health Act (Alderhott) Bill; Act (Alderhott) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Probate and mitte on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Summary mittee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices mittee of the Peace Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Bill;

next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Banking Bill was, according to Order, read Banking Bill; a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Malt reading of the Malt (Ireland) Bill; Bill;

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

The Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Militia Ballots Suspension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Suspension Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill was, Metropolitan 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 Com- Land Tax mittee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Commission- er's Names Bill;

Ordered, That the Knights of Shires do propose;

Lists of the Christian and Surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective Counties.

Ordered, That the Members for Cities, Boroughs and Places having Commissioners exercising exclusive jurisdiction within the same, under the said Acts, do propose similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within such Cities, Boroughs and Places respectively.

Ordered, That the Members for other Cities, Boroughs and Places which have been admitted to return Members of Parliament since the passing of
the Act 2 Will. 4, c. 45, do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the Counties in which such last-mentioned Cities, Boroughs and Places are respectively situated.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Joint Stock Companies Act Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Joint Stock Companies 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.

Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

Probates and Letters of Administration (Salary of Judge, &c.)

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration [Salary of Judge, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That Provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for payment of the Salary and Retiring Annuity to be granted to a Judge of the Court of Probate to be established under any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in England, and also of all Compensations to be granted under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) (Salary of Judge, &c.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) [Salary of Judge, &c.] (In the Committee).

1. Resolved, That Provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment of the Salary and Retiring Annuity to be granted to a Judge of the Court of Probate to be established under any Act of the present Session relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in Ireland, and also of all Compensations to be granted under the said Act.

2. Resolved, That the same amount of Stamp Duty as is now payable on the admission of a Proctor to any Ecclesiastical Court, shall be payable by every person admitted as a Proctor in the said Court of Probate.

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.

Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill.

The Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Industrial Schools Bill.

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

Schedules E. to K., with Amendments to three of them, agreed to.

Preambles 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.

Ordered, That the Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Edinburgh; to abolish the Annuity Tax levied within the City of Edinburgh, Parish of Canongate, and Burgh of Montrous, and to make Provision for the future Payment of the Stipends of the Ministers thereof.

And that the Lord Advocate and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

The Dulwich College Bill was read the first time; and Mr. FitzRoy ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Savings Banks Committee, this day, on the Savings Banks Act (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to authorize the Public Works Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to sell Mill Sites and Water Power, notwithstanding Final Award, in any Drainage or Navigation District: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve Stamp Acts.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to abolish Edinburgh, Canongate and Montrous, Annuity Tax and to make Provision for the future Payment of the Stipends of the Ministers thereof; 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.

Ordered, That the Examiners have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

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

Veneris, 10° die Julii;  
Anno 21° Victoriae Regnae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Contracts (Public Departments) have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Wise reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th, 7th and 8th 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. Wolpole reported from the General Com...
Sunday the 22d day of May last, for a Return relative to Burials.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Mr. Duff, and read, and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Land Transport Corps have Power to report their Observations to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Thomas Duncombe reported from the said Committee; That they had examined the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

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

Bath Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bath Election Petition have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave, on the application of the Parties, to adjourn till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Committee on the Finsbury Park (No. 2) Bill have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Reports of the Directors of Convict Prisons on the Discipline and Management of Pentonville, Millbank and Parkhurst Prisons, and of Portland, Portsmouth, Dartmoor, Chatham and Brixton Prisons, with Fulham Refuge, and the Invalid Hulks, for the year 1856.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of June last, for a Return relative to Burials.

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

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Ordered, That the said Committee have leave, on the application of the Parties, to adjourn till Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; 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 22d day of May last, for a Return relative to Spirits (Ireland).

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hop Grounds, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Orders of Account, in detail, of the Sum of £ 4,025. 10 s. 7 d., charged in the Civil Contingencies for Iobes, Colars, Badges, &c., for Knights of the several Orders:

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bath Election have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave, on the application of the Parties, to adjourn till Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, relative to the Upper or Queen’s Dock at Leith.

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, in a Tabular Form, of the Sums received by the Sale of Maps of the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, on Scale of One inch and of Six inches to the Mile, for each County in Ireland, and of the Number and Value of Maps supplied to Government Departments, and to Literary and Scientific Institutions, gratuitously.

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.

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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.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 40, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, Vol. 112.
CLAUSES, 
No. 41 to No. 46, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 47 (Where personally under £200, and real property under £300, County Court to have jurisdiction).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 28: To leave out the word "Two," in order to insert the word "Three."

Question proposed, That "Two" stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 48 to No. 50, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 51 (Appeal from Judge of the County Court).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 4: To leave out from the word "to" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "the Court of Probate, " whose decision shall be final."

Question proposed, That the words "any of the " Superior Courts," stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 52, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 53, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 54 to No. 64, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 85 (53 Geo. 3, c. 127, ss. 8 and 9, repealed in part as to the Court of Probate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 33: To leave out from the word "from" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "allowing any attorney or solicitor to participate in the profits of and incidental to the transaction of any contempts, causes and matters."

Question proposed, That the words "acting as an agent" stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 86 to No. 88, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Postponed CLAUSES, No. 32 and No. 33, disagreed to.

Clause (There shall be paid to the Judge the net yearly salary of Four thousand pounds, and to his Secretary the net yearly salary of Three hundred pounds, and to his usher the net yearly salary of One hundred and fifty pounds), brought up, and read 1st, 2d.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "Four," in order to insert the word "Five."

Question, That the word "Four" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Another Clause added.

Clause (Her Majesty, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, may grant unto any person executing the office of Judge of Her Majesty's Court of Probate an Annuity, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, or if such person be also executing the office of Judge of the said Court of Admiralty, not exceeding Three thousand five hundred pounds, to commence immediately after the day when the person to whom such Annuity shall be granted shall resign the said office or offices, and to continue during his natural life; provided that Her Majesty may, in and by such Letters Patent, limit the duration of payment of such Annuity; and if they pass by Act, to such periods of time during the natural life of such person in which he shall not exercise any office of profit under Her Majesty, so that such Annuity, together with the said profits of such other office, shall together not exceed in the whole the said sum of Two thousand pounds or Three thousand five hundred pounds, as the case may be: Provided also, that no Annuity granted to any person having executed the office of Judge under this Act, except the present Judge of the Prerogative Court, shall be valid unless such person shall have held such office for the period of Fifteen years, or have held such office and any of the offices of Judge in any of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity or the High Court of Admiralty for periods counting together to Fifteen years, or shall be afflicted with some permanent infirmity disabling him from the due execution of his office, which shall be distinctly recited in the said Grant), brought up, and read 1st, 2d.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 8: To leave out the word "Three," in order to insert the word "Two."

Question, That "Three" stand part of the Clause——put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to, and added.

Other Clauses added.

Clause (In compensation for such claim, title, and interest as aforesaid, the said Robert Moore, his executors or administrators, shall be entitled to receive such sum of money, and in such instalments, as shall be agreed upon by two competent persons, one of whom shall be appointed by himself, his executors or administrators, and the other by the Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury, in case such persons disagree they shall appoint a third, whose award shall be final, and such compensation shall be paid to the said Robert Moore, his executors or administrators, out of the fund standing in the names aforesaid, entitled "The Testator's Fee Fund Account"), brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time——Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Clauses added.

Clause (The acting Judge and Registrar of every Ecclesiastical, Royal, Peculiar, Manorial or other Peculiar Court, and other person now having jurisdiction to grant Probate or Administration, and every person having the custody of the documents and papers of or belonging to such Court or person, except the Registrars of the Courts mentioned in Schedule A. to this Act annexed, shall, upon receiving a requisition for that purpose under the Seal of the Court of Probate from a Registrar, and at the time and in the manner mentioned in such requisition, transmit to the District Court of Probate in which such Ecclesiastical, Royal, Peculiar, Manorial or other Peculiar Court is locally situated, all books, grants, probates, letters of administration, administration bonds, notes of administration, court books, calendars, deeds, processes, acts, proceedings, writs, documents, and every other instrument relating exclusively or principally to matters or causes testamentary, to be deposited and arranged in such District Registry so as to be easy of reference), brought up, and read 1st.

Motions made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time——Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule A. (Districts and Places of District Registries throughout England and Wales).

Amendment proposed in p. 34, l. 8 and 6: To leave out the words "Newcastle-on-Tyne."

Question, That "Newcastle-on-Tyne" stand part of the Schedule——put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 34, l. 9: To leave out from the word "Westmoreland" to the words "County of Lancaster," in l. 17, in order to insert the word "Yorkshire.

Question proposed, That the words "West Riding of the County of York" stand part of the Clause; the Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Heyser, Yes, [The Earl of Mulgrave : 177.]
Tellers for the [Sir John Johnstone, Noes, Colonel Smyth : 67.]

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 41: To insert after the words "County of Suffolk," the words "Eastern Division of the."
Election.

Lanarkshire Election,

[Text obscured]

Lymington Election,

[Text obscured]

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Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Earl Jermyn,

Mr. Bennet: 154.

Tellers for the Sir FitzRoy Kelly:

Mr. Adair: 53.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 41 and 42: To leave out the words " and North Division of the County of Essex." 

Question, That the words " and North Division of the County of Essex" stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 14 and 15: To leave out the words " Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth."

Question, That the words " Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth" stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 32: To insert before the words " County of Devon," the words " Northern Division of the." 

Schedule A. as amended, agreed to.

Schedule B. as amended, and 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 Saturday morning;

Sabbati, 11th die Julii, 1857:

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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Baxter, Rose and Norton, as Agents for George Vere Irving, Esquire, and Alexander Dundas Rose Wishart Baillie Cockrane, Esquire, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their respective Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lymington; and the said Letter was read, as followeth:

3, Park-street, Westminster, 10 July 1857.

Sir,

As Agents for George Vere Irving, Esquire, and Alexander Dundas Rose Wishart Baillie Cockrane, Esquire, in the matter of their Petitions delivered in on the 19th and 21st days of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lanark—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

9, Great George-street, Westminster, 10 July 1857.

Sir,

As Agent for Matthew Martin and John Gatrell, in the matter of the Petition delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lymington—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

and Return of William Alexander Mackkinson the younger, Esquire, for the Borough of Lymington, 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,

Thomas Wells.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Adair reported the Finsbury Park (No. 2) Finsbury Park Bill, with Amendments, Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill:

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

The Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Bill Chamber take into consideration the Bill Chamber (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 Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Committee reported, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Public Health Act (Aldershot) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia Ballots Suspension Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Committee reported, 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 Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill; [Salary of Judge, &c., several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That Provision be made, out of the Consolidated, 

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glebe Lands (Ireland) 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 Committee on the Boundaries of Land (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 Stamp Acts.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, upon the admission of an Attorney or Solicitor in any Court of Law or Equity in England of any person who shall have been previously admitted an Attorney or Solicitor in any Court of Law or Equity in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Dependencies, there shall be paid to Her Majesty, in addition to the Stamp Duty now payable on any such admission as first mentioned, such further Stamp Duty as, together with the amount of Stamp Duty paid on Articles of Clerkship and admission as an Attorney or Solicitor in such Colony or Dependency, shall be equal in amount to the Duty payable at the time of the said first mentioned admission on Articles of Clerkship in order to any such admission in England.

2. Resolved, That there shall be paid for every License to keep a Private Lunatic Asylum in Scotland, a Stamp Duty of Ten shillings.

Resolved 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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Election Petitions 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 being put, That this House do now adjourn; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the Mr. Hainger, 95.
 Tellers for the Mr. Pesse, 25.
 So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being then a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning:

The House accordingly adjourned till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Mr. Ed. Election, word Dress, as Agent for John Reynolds and John Ralph, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town and Port of Sandwich;—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir, Sandie, 10th July 1857,

As Agent for John Reynolds and John Ralph, in the matter of their Petition delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sandwich, 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, Ediz. Drow.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Edinburgh, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, State, and Montrose Annuity Tax Abolition Bill, no Standing Abolition Bill. Orders are applicable.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration Fleming's Fleming's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Jury Sanit Edmund's Election Petition have leave to sit Edmund's this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to Darcy 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 Duchy of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Gregson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th and 10th days of July 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.
several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of their Honourable Houses 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 confirm certain Provisional Orders made during the session of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty, to be held at Tebay, in the County of Westmorland, in lieu of the existing Bridge across such River near the Lands of Anthony Dutton, Esquire, and for making Arrangements with the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, and for vesting the Undertaking of such Bridge and Ferries, and the Appointment of such Bridge and Ferries and further Powers for the Maintenance and Improvement of the same; and for other purposes: 

An Act to enable the Trowbridge and Fownhope and Fownhope and Newhope Railway Bill. 

An Act to confirm the Terms and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the Wilmoloe and Botley Turnpike Road, in the County of Chester: 

An Act to enable the Trowbridge and Fownhope and Newhope Railway Bill. 

An Act for making a Railway from the Llantrissant to the Mynydd Gellyrhaidd, both in the said Parish of Llantrissant: 

An Act for enabling the Glasgow Gas-Light andingenious 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 carry into effect a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of Denmark: 

An Act to facilitate the procuring of Sites for Workhouses in certain cases: 

An Act to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856: 

An Act for continuing the Term and amending and to regulate the Supply of Water at Hertford, and to amend the Acts relating thereto; 

An Act for better supplying with Water the Town and Neighbourhoods in the Parishes of Southampton and the Borough of Portsmouth, and the Water Bill. 

An Act for making a Bridge over the River Wye, near to the Eeven Pitt Ferry, and Approaches thereto; for discontinuing and regulating Ferries near to the Bridge, and for other purposes: 

An Act to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to make a Branch from their Railway (Lancashire Valley Branch) Road to the Consolade Iron Branch) Works, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes: 

An Act for better supplying with Water the Town of Ipswich: 

An Act to make a Railway from the Llantrissant Station of the South Wales Railway to Penrhyther, in the Parish of Llantrissant, in the County of Glamorgan, with Branches to Glangyroll and Vol. 112.
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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 electing of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Oxford, in the room of Charles Nesta, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

Mr. Ingham reported from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Nathaniel Elgar Toomer, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with the said Petition, as Agent for Dominick Donogh and others, in the matter of their Petition against the Return for the County of Sligo; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he has this day received a Letter from Mr. George Buchanan, as Agent for Thomas Beveridge and Nathaniel Elgar Toomer, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Chatham; and the said Letter was read, as follows:

Sir,

Chatham, 13 July 1857.

As Agents for Thomas Beveridge and Nathaniel Elgar Toomer, in the matter of their Petition against the Election for the Borough of Chatham, reported upon the 1st day of June last, I beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

I have the honour to be,
Your very obedient servant,
George Buchanan.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had this day received a Letter from Mr. James Cuppoch, as Agent for Dominic McDonogh and others, informing him that they are not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Sligo; and the said Letter was read, as follows:

Sir,

As Agent for Dominic McDonogh and others, Petitioners against the Return for the County of Sligo, in this present Parliament, in the matter of their Petition delivered in to the House of Commons the 1st day of May last, I 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,
James Cuppoch.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Sir John Ramsden presented, Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of June last, for a Return relative to Netley Hospital.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of June last, for a Return relative to Ordnance Survey (Durham and Northumberland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Netley Hospital be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table:

1. E. 109,842, to complete the Sum for Superannuation Allowances and Compensations to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service.
2. £. 2,005, for Relief to Tolunese and Corsican Emigrants, Saint Domingo Sufferers, American Loyalists, and others.
3. £. 1,300, to complete the Sum for the Expense of the National Vaccine Establishment.
4. £. 325, for the Refuge for the Destitute.
5. £. 2,680, to complete the Sum for Polish Refugees, and Allowances to distressed Spaniards.
6. £. 4,281, for Miscellaneous Allowances formerly defrayed from the Civil List, the Hereditary Revenues, &c., and for which no permanent provision has been made by Parliament.
7. £. 1,895, for Treasurers of Public Infirmaries in Ireland.
8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,185, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expenses of the Westminster Lock Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858 — put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. £ 700, to complete the Sum for the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin.

10. £ 400, to complete the Sum for the Coombe Lying-in Hospital, Dublin.

11. £ 4,900, to complete the Sum for the House of Industry, Dublin.

12. £ 5,500, to complete the Sum for the House of Recovery and Fever Hospital, Cork-street, Dublin.

13. £ 400, to complete the Sum for the Meath Hospital, Dublin.

14. £ 100, to complete the Sum for Saint Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital, Dublin.

15. £ 1,805, for Doctor Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.

16. £ 427, for the Board of Superintendence on Hospitals in Dublin.

17. £ 4,393, to complete the Sum for Charitable Allowances charged on the Concordatum Fund in Ireland, and other Allowances and Bounties formerly defrayed from Grants for the Lord Lieutenant's Household, Civil Contingencies, &c.

18. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £59,098, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Non-conforming, Seceding and Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,306, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Non-conforming, Seceding and Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Baxter, Yes, [Mr. Gilpin] 41.

Tellers for the Mr. Hoyter, Noes, [The Earl of Mayo] 177.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

19. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858— put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

20. £ 575,482, to complete the Sum for the Customs Department.

21. £ 979,132, to complete the Sum for the Inland Revenue Department.

22. £ 49,120, to complete the Sum for the Revenue Police, Ireland, and “Steamen” Steamer.

23. £ 1,268,181, to complete the Sum for Post Office Services, and the Collection of the Revenue.

24. £ 233,150, to complete the Sum for Superannuation and Compensation Allowances, Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges, in the Departments of Customs, Inland Revenue and Post Office.

25. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £94,597, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1858— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to. 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Athlone this day received a Letter from Mr. J. W. Fair, as Agent for the Honourable Henry Handcock, and for Edward Hudson and Robert English, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Athlone—and the said Letter was read, as follows:—

Sir, Athlone, 9 July 1857.

As Agent for the Honourable Henry Handcock, and for Edward Hudson and Robert English, in the matter of their Petitions reported on the 25th of May and the 2d of June last, complaining of the Return for the Borough of Athlone, I beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with either of the said Petitions.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

J. W. Fair.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Orders for referring the said Petitions to the General Committee of Elections, were read, and dis-charged.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Mansfield and Workop Road Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Water Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Fownhope and Holme Lacy Bridge Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the North Eastern Railway (Lanchester Valley Branch) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Spanish Water Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Margate Water Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords Water Bill desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for rendering more effectual the Police in Counties and Burghs in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill, Trustees, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Any person entrusted with any property of any description for the purpose of performing, or causing to be performed, any work or labour upon, to, or in respect of the same, who shall fraudulently sell, transfer, pledge, dispose of, or covert, in point of law or of fact, to his own use or benefit such property, or any part
Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Divee and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the other Orders of the day.

Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Insurance Companies Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Insurance Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mutual Companies Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mutual Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Orders and Police Force (Dublin) Bill.

Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Orders and Police Force (Dublin) 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 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;—Martiis, 14° die Julii, 1857.

And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yea; [The Earl of Mulgrave No, [Mr. Grogan, No, [Mr. Fane,]

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 this day.

The Revising Barristers (Dublin) 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 taking into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pimlico Improvements Bill, and the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

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 Bills, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Municipal consideration the Municipal Corporations Bill, as amended in the Committee; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being then One of the clock on Tuesday morning, the House accordingly adjourned till this day.

Martiis, 14° die Julii; Anno 21° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

R. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Committees appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto, and the List of Voters delivered in to the Committee on behalf of the Petitioners:—William Fagan, Esquire, Thomas Berry Horsfall, Esquire, Sir John B. Walsh, Baronet, Henry W. Wickham, Esquire; Chairman, William Tutton Egerton, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Maldon, on the names of the Members of the Select Committees appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maldon, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Henry James Shafile, Esquire, William Edward Baxter, Esquire, Honourable Henry Arthur Cole, Robert Duncombe Shafio, Esquire; Chairman, Sir John Treflops, Baronet.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the amended Panels.

Ordered, That the said Panels be printed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Grand Jury (Metropolitan Police District) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1. Question again proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Tellers for the: Mr. Hooper, 88. Mr. Ayrton: 87.

Question again proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

And it being ten minutes before Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lambeth Election.

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House that, pursuant to their Order of the 12th day of this instant July, he had taken Joseph Tredre into his custody.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms do take the said Joseph Tredre to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lambeth, when and so often as he shall be required by the said Committee so to do.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Acts 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 Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Scholefield, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Mayo, informed the House, That the Committee had determined.

That George Henry Moore, Esquire, is not duly elected a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Mayo.

That the last Election for the said County, so far as regards the Return of the said George Henry Moore, Esquire, is a void Election.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Scholefield, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

1. That George Henry Moore, Esquire, was by his Agents guilty of undue influence at the last Election for the County of Mayo.

2. That undue influence and spiritual intimidation prevailed to a considerable extent at the last Election for the County of Mayo.

3. That in the exercise of such undue influence and spiritual intimidation, the Reverend Peter Conway and the Reverend Luke Ryan were so prominently active, that the Committee deem it their duty specially to report their conduct to the House, in order that such steps may be taken as may seem to the House to be proper and necessary.

4. That it does not appear to the Committee that the said George Henry Moore, Esquire, personally sanctioned, or was cognisant of, the said undue influence and spiritual intimidation.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House, ordered.
No. 2, the number of Sheets so completed, or so far in progress, is to be stated.)

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. Woods have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of a domestic affliction.

Public Income and Expenditure.

No. 176.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure for the year ended the 30th day of June 1857, 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.

Pension Expedition.

No. 177.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—An Estimate of the Extraordinary Expenditure on account of the Expedition against Persia.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Criminal Offenders (Ireland.)

Indictment.

No. 178.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Tables showing the Number of Persons committed or held to Bail, for Trial at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions in each County in Ireland, in the year 1856, and the Result of the Proceedings, with other Particulars.

Copy of Special Report of the Indictment Commissioners, 1857.

Copy of Thirty-fifth Report of the Inspectors-general, on the General State of the Prisons of Ireland, 1856; with Appendices.

Court of Chancery (Ireland.)

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Court of Chancery (Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Court of Chancery, &c. (Ireland).

Militia (Ireland.)

Sir John Reynolds presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Court of Chancery (Ireland).

Ordinance Survey (Cumberland and Westmoreland.)

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

Sir John Reynolds presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of June last, for a Return relative to Nechey Hospital.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2d day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Ordinance Survey (Cumberland and Westmoreland).

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

Spirits (Ireland.)

No. 179.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits (Ireland), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ordinance Survey (Durham and Northumberland), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Coimago, No. 180.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coimago, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Civil Contingences.

No. 181.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Contingences, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the Civil Service experience acquired since the issuing of the Order in Council of the 21st day of May 1855, is in favour of the adoption of the principle of Competition as a condition precedent to the Civil Service, and that the application of that principle ought to be extended, in conformity with the Resolution of the House, agreed to on the 24th day of April 1856.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from her Majesty's Privy Council, was as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Deeside Extension Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Tyne Improvement Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Ely Tidal Harbour Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for more effectually preventing the Sale of obscene Books, Pictures, Prints and other Articles; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

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 Mr. Marcy's Letter to the French Government, in answer to the communication of the Resolution of the Paris Conference upon the subject of Privateering.—And, of any other Papers or Correspondence that may have passed between the British Government and other Powers upon the same subject:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to employ all the means in Her power, in order to put down the African Slave Trade, and to obtain the execution of the Treaties made for that purpose with other Powers.

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 a Select Committee be appointed County and District Surveyors and (Ireland.) to inquire into the duties, functions and mode of remuneration of County and District Surveyors and Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, and also as to the best mode of Examination to be henceforth adopted in reference to such Officers, with a view to establish a system of Competition, and secure to the Public the services of the best qualified Candidates.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Baronies and other Districts in Ireland (Ireland.) to give guarantees for the construction of Railways passing through such Districts: And that Mr. Butt and Mr. Beecham do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Railways to enable Railways to be carried on and to be made Act (1848) Amendment. in the best manner adopted in reference to such Officers, with a view to establish a system of Competition, and secure to the Public the services of the best qualified Candidates.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Public Health Amendment. amend the Public Health Act, 1848, and to make Act (1848) Amendment. a further Provision for Town Improvement: And that Mr. Cooper and Mr. Moulton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Payment of Clerks of Petty Sessions in Ireland, by Salaries instead of Fees, and to amend the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851: And that
Mr. Walpole reported from the General Com-
mittee of Elections, the names of the Members of the
Select Committee appointed to try and deter-
mine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an
undue Election and Return for the Borough of Pen-
ter-borough, to which they had annexed the Petitions
referred to them by the House relating thereto; and
the Lists of Voters severally delivered in to the Com-
mittee on behalf of the Petitioners and of the Mem-
bers returned.—Sir Edward Bering, Baronet, C.
Neve, Esquire; Charles William Grew, Esquire (Wind-
or); Chairman, John Abel Smith, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Com-
mittee of Elections, the names of the Members of the
Select Committee appointed to try and deter-
mine the matter of the Petition complaining of an
undue Election and Return for the County of Hun-
brogh, to which they had annexed the Petition re-
tained by the House relating thereto; and
the Lists of Voters severally delivered in to the Com-
mittee on behalf of the Petitioners and of the Mem-
bers returned.—Sir Edward Bering, Baronet, C.
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bers returned.—Sir Edward Bering, Baronet, C.
Neve, Esquire; Charles William Grew, Esquire (Wind-
or); Chairman, John Abel Smith, Esquire.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try Weymouth
and the determination of the matter of the Petitions com-
plaining of an undue Election and Return for the
Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, were
called over; and being come to the Table, they
were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petitions and List relative to the said Election be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-mor-
row, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House,
Tlwaee of the clock.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try Maldon
and the determination of the matter of the Petitions com-
plaining of an undue Election and Return for the
Borough of Maldon, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the
Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-mor-
row, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House,
Tlwaee of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Burdham and
the Amendment made by the Lords to the Burdham
Town Hall Gas Bill; and the same was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House has
agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Finsbury Park
the Finsbury Park (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the (42) Bill
Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 212 be suspended
in the case of the said Bill; and that the Bill be
read the third time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public
Petitions; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Com-
mittee of Elections, the names of the Members of the
Select Committee appointed to try and deter-
mine the matter of the Petition complaining of an
undue Election and Return for the Finsbury Dist-
trict of Burghs, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto; and
the Lists of Voters severally delivered in to the Com-
mittee on behalf of the Petitioners and of the Mem-
bers returned.—J. Booker Blakemore, Esquire; Robert
Steyning Holford, Esquire; James Kershaw, Es-
quire; Francis William Russell, Esquire (Limerick);
Chairman, Sir John Somerset Pakington, Baronet.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert presented a Bill to authorize the Clerks
of Payment of Clerks of Petty Sessions in Ireland
Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill.

Bill 117.

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Bill 117.
and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Alderley presented a Bill for uniformity of Measure in the Sale of Corn and other Grains: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to authorize the Incorporation of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Incorporation Commissioners for England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

A Petition of James Merry, Esquire, alleging that the Falkirk Election Petition presented to the House is not the Petition in respect of which the Recognizance dated the 19th of May was entered into, but that an entirely new and different Petition was presented, being the Petition before the House; or, if not an entirely new Petition, that the Petition presented is so obliterated, altered and erased, as to render not only the said Recognizance null and void, but also to invalidate and make the said Petition of no force and effect; and praying for inquiry, was presented, and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Industrial Schools Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Mayo Election Petition.

Ordered, That the said Minutes of Evidence be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Election Petitions Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Judgments Execution, &c. Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 9. Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Married Women 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 [Sir Erskine Perry,
Yes, 120.
Mr. Monckton Milnes, 65.
Tellers for the [Sir John Yarde Buller,
Noes,
Mr. Spooner, 81.

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 next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scientific and Literary Societies Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 2. Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 14: To leave out the words "Science, Literature," stand part of the Clause;

Question put, That the words "Science, Literature," stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hutt, 131.
Mr. William Ewart;]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Spooner, 81.
Mr. John Locke;]

Another Amendment proposed, same line: To leave out the word "Education."

Question put, That the word "Education" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hutt, 82.
Mr. William Ewart;]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hardy, 111.
Mr. Spooner;]

Another Amendment proposed, same line: After the word "the," to insert the word "fine."

Question put, That the word "fine" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hardy, 97.
Lord Nase;]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hutt, 96.
Mr. William Ewart;]

Another Amendment proposed, same line: After the word "Arts" to insert the words "or elementary instruction."

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

Another Amendment proposed, same line: After the word "Arts" to insert the word "exclusively."

Question put, That the word "exclusively" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hardy, 114.
Mr. Spooner;]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hutt, 69.
Mr. William Ewart;]

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Medical and Surgical Sciences (Queen's University) (Ireland) 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 Medical Profession (No. 1) 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 Medical Profession; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re-
solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill, and, after some time therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thurlow 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re-
solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Tenants Right (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Reformatory Schools Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Mr. Grey reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,099,492, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge of Superannuation Allow-
ances and Compensations to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service, to the 31st day of March 1858.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.2,680, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to pay, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Salaries and Expenses of the Theological Professors, &c.
3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the National Vaccine Establishment, to the 31st day of March 1858.
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £.325, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the support of "The Refuge for the Destitute," to the 31st day of March 1858.
5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.2,690, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary for Payment of the Subsistence of the Polish Refugees, and Allowances to distressed Spaniards, to the 31st day of March 1858.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,281, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Salaries of the Theological Professors, &c.
7. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,895, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay, to the 31st day of March 1858, the Treasurers of Public Infirmaries in Ire-
l and, the Allotments granted under certain Acts of Parliament.
8. That a Sum, not exceeding £.5,135, be granted Westmoreland to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Westmoreland Lock Hos-
pital, Dublin, to the 31st day of March 1858.
9. That a Sum, not exceeding £.700, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Expense of the London, and "Seamen" Stuarmer, T. T. which
Post-office Services.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,289,181, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 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 1858.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £223,150, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge for Superannuations and Compensation Allowances, Pensions, and other Non-effective Charges, in the Departments of Customs, Inland Revenue, and Post-office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1858. The first twenty-four Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The last of the said Resolutions being read a second time:

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Justice and Police Force (Dublin) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Justices and Police Force (Dublin) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Savings Banks (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Public Works (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Bill Chamber (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.

Land Tax Commissionrs' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Ingham, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Patteen Nicholls and Robert Henry Brittsome, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lambeth, informed the House, that the Committee had determined.

That William Roupell, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Lambeth.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Ingham, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, that the Petition of Patteen Nicholls and Robert Henry Brittsome was frivolous and vexatious.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had this day received a Letter from Mr. S. M. Crosse, as Agent for George Hammond Whalley, informing him that it is not his intention to proceed with his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Peterborough:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agent for George Hammond Whalley, Esquire, in the matter of his Petition delivered on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Peterborough, 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, St. Massey Crosse.

To the Right honourable the Speaker

Of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Baxter, Rose and Norton, as Agents for James Thompson Macneice, Esquire, informing him that it is not his intention to proceed with his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Totnes:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agents for James Thompson Machenberg, Esquire, in the matter of his Petition presented on the 19th day of May last, complaining of the Return for the Borough of Totnes, we beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with such Petition.

We have the honour to remain, Sir, Your most obedient servant, Baxter, Rose and Norton.

To the Right honourable the Speaker

Of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Payment of the Land and Assessed Taxes, and Property and Income Tax, in Scotland:—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 amend the Act seventeenth and eighteenth of Victoria, for the Valuation of Lands in Scotland:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Act, 1848, and to make further Provision for Town Improvement:—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 leave be given to bring in a Bill Turnpike Acts Continuance.

And that Mr. Massey and Sir George Grey 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 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 Vic. c. 35, distinguishing Cities, Boroughs, Towns, Boards of Health, 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.

Mr. Massey 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 Friday next; and to be printed.

The Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.

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PRAYERS.

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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Queen's County, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Beriah Bottfield, Esquire, James Wentworth Buller, Esquire, George Cornwall Leigh, Esquire, Sir John Ogilvy, Baronet; Chairman, Lord Robert Grosvenor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Australian Agricultural 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Margate Water Bill.

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 Besselsleigh 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.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Ley’s Divorce Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Finsbury Park (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.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Galway Town Election Petition be laid before this House.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Falkirk District of Burghs, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Twelve of the clock.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon, were called over; and Sir Edward Dering not being in the House, Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received a Letter from Sir Edward Dering, stating that his health rendered him incapable of a protracted attendance upon the Committee; and that Dr. Latham was prepared to give Evidence at the Bar, that his attendance from day to day would materially injure his health—And the said Letter was read, as follows:

Sir,

I have been selected by the General Committee to serve on the Huntingdon Election Committee, and I beg to submit to you some reasons why I venture to hope that the House may be pleased to dispense with my attendance. I was sent abroad last year on account of my health, and the result is, that I am now quite competent to discharge the ordinary duties of attendance in the House; but as the Huntingdon Committee involves a scrutiny of a very protracted nature, I think it only fair towards the duties of attendance in the House; but as the Huntingdon Committee involves a scrutiny of a very protracted nature, I think it only fair towards the

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The House was moved, that the Entry in the Journal of the Proceedings of the House of the 26th day of January 1703, in relation to the Aylesbury Election, might be read; and the same was read, as followeth:

"Mr. Freeman (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom it was referred to consider of the Report of the Journals of the House of Lords, touching the case of Ashby and White, and the case of Bernardston and Soame, the Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as follow; viz.:"

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That, according to the known laws and usage of Parliament, it is the sole right of the Commons of England, in Parliament assembled (except in cases otherwise provided for by Act of Parliament) to examine and determine all matters relating to the right of Election of their own Members."

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That, according to the known laws and usage of Parliament, neither the qualification or the right of any person elected, is cognizable or determinable elsewhere than before the Commons of England, in Parliament assembled, except in such cases as are specially provided for by Act of Parliament."

"Resolved, That, according to the known laws and usage of Parliament, it is the opinion of this Committee, That the examining and determining the qualification or right of any Elector, or any person elected to serve in Parliament, in any Court of Law or elsewhere than before the Commons of England in Parliament assembled (except in such cases as are specially provided for by Act of Parliament), will expose all mayors, bailiffs and other officers who are obliged to take the poll, and make a return thereupon, to multiplicity of actions, vexatious suits, and insupportable expenses, and will subject them to different and independent jurisdictions, and inconsistent determinations in the same case, without relief."

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That Mathew Ashby, having in concert with the jurisdiction of this House commenced and prosecuted an action at Common Law against William White and others, the Constables of Aylesbury, for not receiving his vote at an Election of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for that Borough of Aylesbury, is guilty of a Breach of the Privilege of this House."

"5. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That whoever shall presume to commence or prosecute any action, indictment or information at Common Law, which shall bring the right of the Electors, or persons elected to serve in Parliament, to the determination of any other jurisdiction than that of the House of Commons (except in cases specially provided for by Act of Parliament), such person and persons, and all attorneys, solicitors, counsellors and serjeants-at-law, soliciting, prosecuting, or pleading in any such case, are guilty of a high breach of the Privilege of this House."

"The 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Resolutions, being severally read a second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed unto by the House."

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"Resolved, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, so amended, That whoever shall presume to commence or prosecute any Action, indictment, or Information, which shall bring the right of the Electors, or persons elected to serve in Parliament, to the determination of any other jurisdiction than that of the House of Commons (except in cases specially provided for by Act of Parliament), such person and persons, and all attorneys, solicitors, counsellors and serjeants-at-law, soliciting, prosecuting, or pleading in any such case, are guilty of a high breach of the Privilege of this House."

"Ordered, That the said Resolutions be fixed upon Westminster Hall Gate, signed by the Clerk."
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 Court of Session (Scotland) Bill: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Assessments (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Banking 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 Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Egerton reported from the Committee on the Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Saunders presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to Army Promotions.

Ordered, That an 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 was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of June last, for a Return relative to Army Medical Expenses.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of June last, for a Return relative to Vessels and Tonnage.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Mr. James Coppock, as Agent for Robert Hamilton Stubber, &c.

Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty’s Navy, an Estimate for the year 1857-58. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; 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 Correspondence between the Australian Colonists in London and the Colonial Office, on the subject of a Federal Association of the Australian 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.

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 detail, Receipts and Expenditure by Municipal Corporations in England and Wales, on account of Public Works and Improvements:

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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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Assessment of the Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Address do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Egerton reported from the Committee on the Westminster Improvements (No. 3) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Saunders presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to Army Promotions.

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

Ordered, That Sir John Carnac have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of ill health. Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Dobbs a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Maidstone Election Petition be laid before this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Town of Galway, in the room of Anthony O’Flaherty, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void; and that he was directed to move, that the words “the Writ for the Town of Galway be suspended until Thursday next,” 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.

Ordered, That the Writ for the Town of Galway be suspended until Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do not issue his Warrant for the electing of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Mayo, before Thursday next.

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Sir Charles Wood presented, by Her Majesty’s Navy, Command,—Supplementary Estimate of Her Ma-

jesty’s Navy, for the year 1857-58. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
And a Motion being made, and the Question 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 “War with Persia was declared, prosecuted and concluded without information of such transactions being communicated to Parliament; while expensive armaments were equipped without the sanction of a vote of this House,” instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; and the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

**Veneris, 17° die Juli, 1857:**
And the Question being put; The House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. Ogilvy, The Earl of Malbye]; Tellers for the [Mr. Peto, Mr. Asquith];

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 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, 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 Banff, Macduff and Turriff Extension Railway Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Stockton New Gas and Stockton Gas Consumers' Companies Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Banff, Portsoy and Strathbula Railway Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Stamford and Montrose Dock Bill.

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**The Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill.**
The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

**The British Ferry Docks Bill.**
The Lords have agreed to the British Ferry Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

**The Victoria (London) Docks Bill.**
The Lords have agreed to the Victoria (London) Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

**The Durham of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition) Bill.**
The Lords have agreed to the Durham of Lancaster (Bertolacci's Petition) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

**The Coalwhippers Bill.**
The Lords request, that this House will give leave to visit to Count Godrieh and the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, Members of this House, to attend the Select Committee of their Lordships' on the operation of the Coalwhippers Act, 14 & 15 Vic., and on the state of the Trade of Coalwhipper since the expiration of said Act," and to give evidence before the said Select Committee.

**The House, according to Order, proceeded to Supply.**

Take into consideration the last of the Resolutions which, upon the 16th day of this instant July, were reported from the Committee of Supply; and the same was again read, as followeth:

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be Civil Con- granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Armaments; Civil Contingencies, to the 31st day of March 1858.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Bill of reading of the Insurance Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Fraudulent Trustees, &c. 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- Land Tax mittee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Commit- preservation of Names Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Insurance reading of the Insurance Companies Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Mutual Companies Bill;

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

The Deobrich College Bill was, according to the Order, read a second time; and committed to a Collaco Bill, Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- General Board mittee on the General Board of Health 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 Edinburgh, reading of the Edinburgh, Canongate and Mon- trose Annuity Tax Abolition Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Wills, &c. mittee on the Wills, &c., of British Subjects Abroad British Sub- mittee Bill.

Ordered, That the Right honourable William Ewart Gladstone have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Right honourable William Ewart Gladstone 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 the Right honourable William Ewart Gladstone 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Supply.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords (Ireland) Act to the Grand Juries (Ireland) Act (1836) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Abolition reading of the Abolition of Food or Drink Bill: Of Food or Drink Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant July.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Industrial consideration the Industrial Schools Bill, as Schools Bill, amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (In every Industrial School a book shall be kept by the managers, to which access shall be had at all reasonable hours, in which the religious denomination of the child when admitted to the Industrial School shall be entered; and it shall be lawful, upon the representation of the parent, or, in case of an orphan, then of the guardian or nearest adult relative, of any inmate placed in such Industrial School, for the officiating minister of the religious persuasion of the inmate of such Industrial School, officiating within the district in which such Industrial School shall be situate, at certain fixed hours of the day, which shall be fixed by the managers for the purpose, to visit such schools for the purpose of affording religious assistance to such inmate, and also for the purpose of instructing such inmate in the principles of his religion):—And the said Clause 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:

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 Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—It passed in the Negative.

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 Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Constitution reading of the Attorney and Solicitors (Colonial Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Amendment reading of the Attorney and Solicitors (Colonial Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Superannuation reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Convention reading of the Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunatics (Scotland) 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 Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve o'clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Freight Money (Greenwich Hospital.) 
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the several Sums of Freight Money received by the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital since the 11th day of May 1865, with the Date of such Payments, and whether on Public or Private account; and of the Name of the Ship or Vessel in which the Treasure was conveyed, and of the Captain or Officer commanding the same (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 225, of Session 1855).

Slave Vessels, &c. 
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, in detail, of the manner in which the Sums of £ 2,568. 8s. 1d. for Expenses incurred relative to Slave Vessels captured by the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty’s Ships, and £ 692. 7s. 2d. for the Maintenance and Care of Emancipated Slaves, voted in the Estimates for Civil Services, Class 6, have been expended.

Order of the Bath. 
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 the Persons upon whom Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the Most honourable Order of the Bath, from the year 1847 to the present time; stating the Amount of Fees actually paid by each Individual, and, in cases where Fees have not been paid, the Causes of such Non-payment.

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.

Committees of Supply. 
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the present forms for the conduct of Public Business in Committees of Supply, with Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.

Canada and New Brunswick Boundaries. 
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain an Act for the Settlement of the Boundaries between the Provinces of Canada and New Brunswick: And that Mr. Secretary Labouchere and Mr. Chichester Fortescue do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act of the ninth and tenth years of Victoria, c. 39, as authorizes a Toll to be taken for crossing the River Thames, pursuant to such Act: 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, 17° die Iulii; 
Anno 21° Victoriae Regni. 1857.

P R A Y E R S.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tyne 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.

Ordered, That Smith’s Divorce Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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

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

Ordered, That Shepherd’s Disabilities Removal Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Smith’s Divorce Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Ley’s Divorce reading of Ley’s Divorce Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill. 
(In the Committee.) 
Bill 134.

CLAUSE, N° 17 to N° 49, with Amendments to 10 of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 50, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 51, amended, and agreed to.

V U CLAUSE,
To leave out the words " for the first year after the " opening of the same."

Question proposed, That the words " for the first " year stand part of the Clause."

Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 53 to N° 56, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 57 (District Boards may agree with existing asylums for the reception of pauper lunatics).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 19: To leave out from the word " them" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words, " the district Boards of " such districts shall, before proceeding to assess for " or erect any district asylum, contract with the pro-

prietoors or parties interested in any such asylum, " for the use of the whole or any part of the same, " or for the reception and maintenance of the pauper " lunatics of such district, or any portion of them, " upon such terms as shall be arranged between the " district Board and such proprietors or parties in-

terested; and in case of difference between the " district Board and proprietors or parties interested " relative thereto, such difference shall be subject to " the decision of the Board; and where any such " agreement shall be completed with a public asy-

lum, the portion of such asylum which shall, in " teras thereof, be appropriated to the reception of " such pauper lunatics, shall be equivalent to a dis-

trict asylum for pauper lunatics, according to the " meaning of this Act, and shall be and remain " under the care and management of the proprietors " or parties interested therein, subject to the power " of inspection and visitation, and power of making " regulations hereinbefore conferred upon the Board " and further, in the case of any county or district " availing itself of the accommodation afforded by " the existing public asylum, the district Board " is hereby empowered to assess such county or dis-

trict for such portion of the debt due by such " asylum as shall be arranged, after due regard " being had to the accommodation afforded between " such district Board and the proprietors or parties " interested in such asylum; and, in case of their " difference in opinion, shall be fixed by the " Board," instead thereof.

Question, That the words " it shall be lawful for " the district Boards" stand part of the Clause— put, and negatived.

Proposed words amended, and added. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 58 to N° 93, with Amendments to 10 of them, agreed to.

Clause, N° 94, disagreed to.

Clauses, N° 95 to N° 108, with Amendments to five of them, agreed to.

Three Clauses added.

Another Clause (The whole provisions of this Act, with respect to licenses, shall subsist as after the expiration of the said period of five years, with this variation, that, after the expiration of the said period, the whole powers and duties of the Board and the Secretary, in the matter of licenses, shall devolve upon the Executors Ge-

eral, subject to the directions of Her Majesty's Se-

cretary for the Home Department, who shall have Power to make all such rules and regula-

tions in regard to licenses as he may deem proper, with a view to give substantial effect to the pro-

visions of this Act, in that matter after as before the said period of five years)—brought up, and read 1st. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—not, and negatived. Four other Clauses added.
Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to Select Committees. 22 VICTORIE. 17° Julii. 321

Public Record Office. Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Public Record Office.

Leith Harbour and Docks. Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Amount of Debt due by the Harbour and Docks of Leith.

Leith Harbour and Docks. Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Revenue and Income of the Harbour and Docks of Leith.

Rochdale Election. Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Rochdale Election Petition.

Maidstone Election. Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Maidstone Election Petition.

Galway Town Election. Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Galway Town Election Petition. Ordered, That the said Minutes of Evidence be printed.

Army Promotions. Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Promotions, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Army Medical Expenses. Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Medical Expenses, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Vessels and Tonnage, &c. Ordered, That the Return relative to Vessels and Tonnage, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Militia. Ordered, That the Return relative to the Militia, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Bath Election. Mr. Horsman, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Arthur Edwin Way, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Bath, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That William Tate, Esquire, is duly elected a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Bath.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Horsman, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution: That it proved to the Committee that Mark Duncombe was bribed by James Dolphin, by a promise of employment to vote in favour of Arthur Edwin Way, Esquire, but that it was not proved that such bribery was conversed with the knowledge and consent of the said Arthur Edwin Way, Esquire.

Mr. Horsman, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That they had altered the poll taken at the last Election for the City of Bath, by striking off the names of Jesse Corbough, William Franks, John Smith, Francis Davis, Francis Clarke, William Smith, Edward Pearce, Thomas Bradford, Aylmer, William Reynolds, Daniel Brethman, Samuel Giles, Charles Cockle, Joseph Wood, Salvador Marchione, Daniel Thomas Green, William Henry Walshe, Jesse Stamp, Edwin Bartlett, John Vaughan, Mark Duncombe, James Dolphin and George Lewis, as not having had a right to vote at such Election; and had also altered the poll, by striking off the name of Benjamin Bailey from the votes given for William Tate, Esquire, and by adding it to the votes given for Arthur Edwin Way, Esquire; and had also altered the poll, by adding thereto the names of John Perry Sinclair, Joseph Perry Sinclair, William Moore and Francis Yerbury, as having had a right to vote at such Election.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Vol. 112.

Colonel Wilson Patton reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which Orders was read, as follows:—

That in the case of the Eastern Bengal Railway Eastern Bengal Company, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for Bill accordingly.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Woodstock 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 Woodstock, in the room of John Winton Spencer Churchill, Marquis of Blandford, now Duke of Marlborough, called up to the House of Peers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Coalgippers, that part of the Message from the Lords, of the 16th day of this instant July, wherein their Lordships request that this House will give leave to Viscount Goderich, a Member of this House, to attend the Select Committee of their Lordships the whole Session of the Parliament of the Coalgippers Act, 14 & 15 Vic., and on the state of the Trade of Coalgipper since the expiration of said Act, and to give evidence before the said Select Committee.

And Viscount Goderich, 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 Viscount Goderich 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 Viscount Goderich 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.

Mr. Wilson reported from the Select Committee caldonian on the Caldonian and Crinan Canals Bill; That and Crinan they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendment, and referred the same to the Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by East India Her Majesty's Command,—An Estimate of the Sum required to be voted in the year 1857, ending 31st March 1858, for the Final adjustment of the Account required to be voted in the year 1857, ending 31st March 1858, for the Final adjustment of the Account, in connection with the late War in China. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of the Whole House; and be printed. No. 191.

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 Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by East India Her Majesty's Command,—An Estimate of the Sum Company required to be voted in the year 1856, ending 31st March 1858, for the Final adjustment of the Account with the East India Company, for the Expenditure in connection with the late War in China. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Poor Law Returns from each Poor Law Union in Ireland of (Ireland), the name of the Electoral Division in which the Expenditure on the Valuation was the Highest, and of the Electoral Division in which the Expenditure was the Lowest, with the Poundage Rate in each case, for the years ending 29th day of September 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855;—Of the Rate which would have been required to support the Poor of each of the above years, levied as a Unia Rate:—Of the Rate which would have been required to support the Poor of each of the above years, levied as a National Rate:—Of the Average Amount of Rate for the Five years ending the 29th day of September 1849 in the highest rated Electoral Division in each Union:—Of the Average Amount of Rate for the Five years ending the 29th day of September 1855 in the highest rated Electoral Division in each Union:—Of the Average Amount of Rate for the Five years ending the 29th day of September 1849 v i e w 2 i n
in the lowest rated Electoral Division in each Union:
—Of the Average Amount of Rate for the Five years ending the 29th day of September 1855 in the lowest rated Electoral Division in each Union:
—Of the Average Amount of National Rate for the same periods.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next;
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, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill, and the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill, have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.
Sir George Grey reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matter of the said Bills, and agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and the same was read, as followeth:
That the object of the two Bills committed to them is, to a great extent; the same; but the Committee are not prepared to recommend to the House to proceed further with the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir George Grey also reported from the said Select Committee: That they had gone through the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. 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 Thursday next.

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 Bristol, South Wales and Southampton Union Railway Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Leek Roads Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Langport, Somerton and Castle Cary Roads Bill, without any Amendment:
The Lords have agreed to the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Bill:
The Lords have agreed to the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names and Tonnage of the Vessels placed on the Line between Suez and Melbourne, according to the Contract with the Australian Mail Company; with the Dates of their Departure from the Port of England and Arrival at their Stations:—And, the Voyages performed by each Vessel; giving the Day of Departure from Port, and Arrival at Port.

Resolved, That the object of the two Bills committed to them is, to a great extent; the same; but the Committee are not prepared to recommend to the House to proceed further with the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Ecclesiastical Corporations Bill, and the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill, have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.
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Resolved,
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Reformatory Schools 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commit- mittee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace 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 Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. 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 Revising Barristers (Dublin) 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 East Quay Wall Tax (Dublin) 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 Bankruptcy and Insolvency (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 Committee on the Justices and Police Force (Dublin) 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 Probates and Letters of Administration (Dublin) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—It passed in the Negative.

Oaths Validity Act Amendment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths;” 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 Yeas, Mr. Newdegate, Mr. Lord Burghley: 55. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Ridley: 109. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths;” 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. Warren, Mr. Nevepage: 52. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Dilhoy: 100. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths;” 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 Yeas, Mr. Hume, Mr. Park: 51. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Dilhoy: 97. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths;” 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, Sir Brooke Bridges, Mr. Knightley: 49. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. Dilhoy: 83. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths;” 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of guaranteeing a Loan to be raised for the Service of New Zealand.

Sir George Grey, 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Westminster to consider the state of Westminster Bridge, and the Bridge course to be taken in relation to the Works which have been suspended.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Companies imposing Stamp Duties on the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association to be executed by any Mutual Company, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for the Incorporation of Mutual Companies.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Lunae, 20° die Iulii; Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. FitzRoy reported the Hereford Cathedral Restoration Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Hereford Cathedral Restoration Bill.

Mr. Bowkman-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 16th and 17th 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Briton Ferry the Amendments made by the Lords to the Briton Ferry 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 House proceeded to take into consideration Glasgow City the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow City and Suburban Gas 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 Scottish Central 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Scotch the Amendment made by the Lords to the Scottish Central Rail- Central 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Stamford and the Amendment made by the Lords to the Stamford and Essendine 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Victoria (London) 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.

Ley's Divorce Bill.

Ley's Divorce 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Lords in the case of the said Bill, be returned to their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Smith's Divorce Bill.

Smith's Divorce 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Lords in the case of the said Bill, be returned to their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Shepherd's Disabilities Removal Bill.

Shepherd's Disabilities Removal Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill.

Ordered, That in the case of the Petition for the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill, the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.

Huntingdon County Election.

Mr. Walpole reported from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Committee secondly appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon; -- Mr. Alderman Copeland, Joseph Locke, Esquire, Henry W. Schneider, Esquire, William Stirling, Esquire; Chairman, John Morgan Cobbett, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Controversy.

Ordered, That the Right honourable Sidney Herbert be discharged from continuing on the Chairman's Panel.

Falkirk Election.

Sir John Pakington, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of William Forbes and James Rossell, junior, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Falkirk District of Burghs, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That James Merry, Esquire, is not duly elected as Agent for the said District, and that of the Total Expenses of the Election Expenses were duly appointed by James Merry, Esquire, in the manner specified in 31st section of that Act: and that of the Total Expenses of the Election returned by Mr. Merry's Agents to the Auditor, amounting to £2,456. 16s. 7d., only £61- 8s. 5d. were paid by the said Auditor, as required in section 18 of the said Act, and the Auditor does not know by whom the balance of £225 7s. 2d. was paid.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Baxter, Rose and Norton, as Agents for William Unwin Heygate, Esquire, and George Bolton, senior, John Greenham and George Francis Roberts, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bridport: -- And the said Letter was read, as followeth:


As Agents for William Unwin Heygate, Esquire, and for George Bolton, senior, John Greenham and George Francis Roberts, in the matter of their Petitions delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bridport: -- And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir, Your very obedient servants,

Baxter, Rose and Norton.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petitions to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Twenty-sixth Report. (Railways) Directors of the East India Company upon the Railways in India sanctioned and projected; with Map.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Memorandum laid before the Court of Railways (East India).

An Abstract of the Net Produce of the Revenue of Ireland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1856; and showing the whole of the Ways and Means charged.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Lords in the case of the said Bill, be returned to 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 same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Lords in the case of the said Bill, be returned to their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

That it was proved to the Committee that a bribe was offered to Thomas Wyse, through his Wife; but that it was not proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that these acts of bribery were committed with the knowledge and consent of the said James Merry, Esquire.

That James Merry, Esquire, was by his Agents guilty of treating at the last Election; but that it was not proved to the Committee that such treating was committed with the knowledge and consent of the said James Merry, Esquire.

That it has been proved to the Committee that the requirements of the Act 17 & 18 Vic. c. 102, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bribery, Treating and undue Influence at Elections of Members of Parliament," were not complied with at the last Election for the said Burghs, inasmuch as no Agent or Agents for Election Expenses were duly appointed by James Merry, Esquire, in the manner specified in 31st section of that Act; and that of the Total Expenses of the Election returned by Mr. Merry's Agents to the Auditor, amounting to £2,456. 16s. 7d., only £61- 8s. 5d. were paid by the said Auditor, as required in section 18 of the said Act, and the Auditor does not know by whom the balance of £225 7s. 2d. was paid.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petitions to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Twenty-sixth Report. (Railways) Directors of the East India Company upon the Railways in India sanctioned and projected; with Map.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Memorandum laid before the Court of Railways (East India).
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Police (Bengal Copy of the Despatch from the Government of India Presidency) to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated the 14th day of May 1857, with its several Enclosures, relating to the system of Police in the Bengal Presidency.

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said paper.

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

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

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

A Petition of Members of the Provincial Committee of the proposed Eastern Bengal Railway Bengal Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporation, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Mossey presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report of the Civil Marriage Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England and Wales.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to determine the Site of the New National Gallery, Gallery Site, and to lay the plans therefor. Also a Copy of Eighth Report on the District, Criminal Lunatic Asylums and Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland; with Apps of the said estimated produce.

Mr. Mossey also presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of June last, for a Return relative to Paupers, and to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Lunatic Asylums (Scotland).

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

Mr. Lowes presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of two Orders in Council approving certain Bye-laws made by the Trinity House Corporation, in respect of Pilotage and Pilots, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

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

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Correspondence on the subject of Colonial Church Affairs in the Colonies of Canada and Victoria (in continuation of the House of Commons Paper, No. 131, Session 1856).

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

Sir John Romilly presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Ordnance Survey.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dover Mail an amended Return of the Number and Names of Packet Cor- poration, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dover Mail the Vessels employed in the Mail Contract Service from Dover, their Steam Power, Tonnage, and Names of Commanders, and whether manned by British Seamen, and how often and when last officially surveyed; such Return being made up year by year since the commencement of the Contract; stating whether, during the same period, any Government Vessels have been lent to the Contractors, and if so, how often, and for what time and on what terms.

Mr.
Mr. Barnes accordingly presented the said Return, Ordered, That the said Return do 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 £400,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Reimbursement to the East India Company of a Moiety of the Extraordinary Expenses of the Expedition to Persia.

2. That the Sum, not exceeding £400,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Naval and Military Operations in China, beyond the Ordinary Grants for Navy and Army Services.

3. That 2,000 additional Men be employed for the Sea Service for Nine Months ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,082, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of Provisions and Victualling Stores and other Charges for additional Seamen, which will come in course of payment during the Nine Months ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,276, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase of Provisions and Victualling Stores and other Charges for additional Seamen, which will come in course of payment during the Nine Months ending on the 31st day of March 1858.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from William Shae, as Agent for William Tyler, William Mills Robinson; George Bennett and Joseph Hide, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Finsbury:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, 8, Bedford-row, N. C.

Sir,

As Agent for William Tyler, William Mills Robinson, George Bennett and Joseph Hide, in the matter of the Petition delivered on the 20th day of May last, complaining of the undue Election and Return of William Cox, Esquire, for the Borough of Finsbury, 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 obedient servant, William Shae.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Probate and Letters of Administration Bill.

Four other Clauses added.

Clause. (Provided always, That no probate or letters of administration shall be granted by any District Registrar shall be of any force or effect so far as relates to any stock transferable at the Bank of England or the East India Company, or of the East India Company, or of any such other stock or shares as aforesaid, shall be as valid as if such probate or letters of administration had been lawfully granted; and, for the purposes of this provision, the Metropolitan District and all places within the jurisdiction of the Court of Probate not included in the districts specified in Schedule (A) to this Act)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Clause (Any party who shall be dissatisfied with the determination of the Judge of the County Court, in point of law or upon the admission or rejection of any evidence in any matter or cause under this Act, may appeal from the same to the Court of Probate, in such manner and subject to such regulations as may be provided by the rules and orders to be made under this Act.—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added.

Clause (No probate or letters of administration granted by any District Registrar shall be of any force or effect so far as relates to any stock transferable at the Bank of England or the East India House, unless and until the same shall have been sealed with the seal of the principal Registrar of the Court of Probate in London; and such probate and letters of administration when so sealed shall be of the same force and effect as if originally granted by the said Court of Probate; and it shall be lawful for the principal Registrar of the said Court of Probate, and he is hereby required, unless good cause be shown to the contrary, to seal such probate and letters of administration, upon application made to him for that purpose, by or on behalf of the executor or administrator therein named—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

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.

Reseated, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of the Lords their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Shrewsbury Gas Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Joint Stock Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Companies desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Cork and Youghal Cork and Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Youghal Railway desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Buckhurst Bridge Backwater and Read Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Backwater and Read desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield Bridge Bill, without any Amendment; to which the Lords Sheffield desire the concurrence of this House:

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate certain Proceedings in relation to the Election of Representative Peers for Ireland," to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills of Disposition in Ireland (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 amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to continue and amend an Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, and also the Laws for the Suppression and Prevention of Illicit Distillation in Ireland Bill; to constitute the Constabulary Force of Customs for certain purposes. 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Administration (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 amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to continue and amend an Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter eighty-nine, and also the Laws for the Suppression and Prevention of Illicit Distillation in Ireland Bill; to constitute the Constabulary Force of Customs for certain purposes.

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 Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday next.

The Clerks of Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Edinburgh, Canongate and Morningside Amenity Tax Abolition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday next.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committees on the Loan Societies Bill, the Commons' Inclosure Bill, and the Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

The Police (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Bills of Disposition in Ireland (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 three months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

The Yeas:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Haig]:

Yea, Mr. Earl of Mulgrave: 94.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bateinich]:

Noes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 74.

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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill, as (Scotland) Bill amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Midnight and Preventive Forces and Crinan Canals 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.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on New Zealand Loan Guarantee;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Mutual into a Committee on Mutual Companies [Stamps] (in the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Memorandum of Association, and the Articles of Association, to be executed by Mutual Companies under the Provisions of any Act of the present Session for the Incorporation of Mutual Companies, shall respectively bear the same Stamps as if they were Deeds, or were contained in Deeds.

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 of Supply;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Bankruptcies into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Justices and Police Force (Dublin) Police Force (Dublin) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, 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.


The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill, the Public Works (Ireland) Bill, and the Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

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 Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, and the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills, as amended, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Public Works (Ireland) Bill, and the Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, and Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, and the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill.

The Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) 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.

Municipal Corporations Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Municipal Corporations Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Lands and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Lounes and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Sale of Corn, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sale of Corn, &c. Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Court of Chancery (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Election Petitions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Election Petitions Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Industrial Schools Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Industrial Schools Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Health Act (Aberdeen) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Act (Aberdeen) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Vol. 112.

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, at Twelve of the clock.

The Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill was read Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill, the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill New Zealand to amend the Act for granting a Representative Government Act Amendment.

The Select Committee on Supply Committee was nominated of Sir Denham Norreys, Lord John Russell, Sir George Grey, Mr. Darrell, Sir Francis Baring, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Henley, Sir James Graham, Mr. Walpole, Sir Henry Willoughby, Colonel Wilson Patten, Mr. Dilwyn and Lord Hotham; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken in the House before the Select Committee on the Bath Election Bill be laid before this House.

The Select Committee on the Dulwich College Bill was nominated of Mr. Baines, Mr. Mites, Mr. William Cecil, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Headlam, Mr. Thomas Duncombe, Mr. Alderman Copeland, Mr. Aitch, Mr. Knight, Mr. John Locke, Mr. Tawern Miller, Mr. Wickham, Mr. George Clive and Mr. Cox; 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 County Court to supply an Omission in a Schedule to the Act to Judges (Judges) the Act relating to the County Courts: 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 Copyright for consolidating the Laws relating to Copyright in Works of Literature and Art: And that Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on Westminster Bridge was nominated of Sir Benjamin Hall, Mr. Henley, Mr. Bridge, Brampton, Colonel Boldiero, Mr. Ker Sezmen, Mr. Title, Mr. William Jolliffe, Mr. Jackson and Sir John Shelley; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The Select Committee on the Sligo Borough Bill was nominated of Lord John Russell, Mr. Attorney General, Sir James Graham, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Sir Frederick Trench, Mr. Baines, Mr. Reid, Mr. Renton, George Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hildyard and Mr. Warren; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Report by the Inspector, under the Act 14 & 15 Vic. c. 49, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in the case of x x 2 Bill.
of the Aldborough Harbour of Refuge and Improvement Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on Harbours of Refuge.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy or Extracts of the Correspondence which has passed, since the 1st day of April 1856, between the Court of Directors of the East India Company and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, and between the Court and the Governor General in Council, relating to the Number of European Troops in India.

Mr. Seymour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented a Bill to amend the Act for granting a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand: 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 consolidating the Laws relating to Copyright in Works of Literature and Art: 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 supply an Omission in a Schedule to the Act to amend the Acts relating to County Courts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the Salaries of certain Judges of County Courts.

Sir George Grey, 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Martis, 21° die Julii;
Anno 21° Victoriae Regine, 1857.

Prayers.

R. 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 Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Ipswich, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto:— Henry Austin Bruce, Esquire, John Hatchell, Esquire, Reinald Knightley, Esquire, Honourable Henry George Liddell, Chairman, Lord Stanley. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon, were called over; and Joseph Locke, Esquire, not being present, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a Letter from Mr. Locke’s Solicitors, Messrs. Swift and Wagstaff, stating that Mr. Locke had gone abroad under medical advice, and explaining the circumstances attending the health of himself and Mrs. Locke, which had induced him to return to Aix-la-Chapelle, after he had ascertained that all the Committees had been struck from the Panel in which his name was included:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Solicitors for Mr. Joseph Locke, we write to explain his non-attendance at the House this day, to be sworn as one of the Huntingdon Election Committee.

Mr. Locke met with a serious accident to his knee in November 1855, which confined him to his couch for several months, and in the autumn of last year he tried the effect of, and received much benefit from, the application of the douche baths at Aix-la-Chapelle.

Some short time since, having experienced a return of lameness, he was recommended by his medical attendant again to have recourse to the same application, from which he had received so much benefit last year; and he determined to adopt the recommendation as soon as his Parliamentary duties would permit.

Having served as Chairman of one Private Committee during the present Session, and having ascertained at the beginning of last week that all the Election Committees of the Panel in which his name was included had been struck, he did not consider it necessary to obtain leave of absence, but started for Aix-la-Chapelle at 130 p.m. on Thursday last, in company with Mrs. Locke, and arrived there after almost continuous travelling at 7:30 on Friday evening.

On that same day a new Committee for the Huntingdon Petition was struck in consequence of the discharge of Sir Edward Dering, and Mr. Locke was nominated one of such Committee.

A communication was at once made to Mr. Locke by Telegraph and by Letter, and a reply was received yesterday, intimating the length of the journey, the fatigue of Mrs. Locke, the fact of his having placed himself under medical advice, that it would be impossible for him to attend the Committee, and that he had left town under the impression that he had been absolved from all liability to attend.

Mr. Locke has had a medical adviser been seen, and will be in attendance at the sitting of the House; he will be prepared to prove that Mrs. Locke has been for several months in a very delicate state of health and that he has advised quiet and freedom from excitement; that he was strongly opposed to her accompanying Mr. Locke, thinking the long journey would be too exciting, but he reluctantly gave his consent, from an impression that, considering the nervous irritability of her system, it would be too exciting, but he reluctantly gave his consent, from an impression that, considering the nervous irritability of her system, it would probably be productive of as much injury to her to separate her from her husband as would be occasioned by the excitement of the journey. That he considers the excitement and fatigue, consequent on her immediate return, might be productive of serious consequences, and that if instead of returning with Mr. Locke, she were to stay at Aix-la-Chapelle, and allow him to return alone in order to attend the Committee, the same evils and injurious effects would probably be produced, and in an aggravated degree, for the avoidance whereof he reluctantly assented to Mrs. Locke’s undertaking the journey.

A Telegraphic Message was sent to Mr. Locke yesterday, urging him to return, if possible; to which he replied late last evening, “That he is unwilling, that Mrs. Locke cannot travel, and he cannot leave her.”
We trust that this explanation, which we are prepared to verify on the oath of the writer and of Mr. Atkins (Mr. Locke's medical attendant), will be considered by the House a sufficient case of necessity to admit of discharging Mr. Locke from attendance on the Committee.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient, humble servants,

R. R. Weatherhead.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker, & c. & c.

And the House being informed of the state of Mr. Locke's health by a Member in his place; Mr. Weatherhead was called in, and examined upon oath in relation to the circumstances attending Mr. Locke's health, and his departure for Aix-la-Chapelle:—And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, sufficient cause has been shown to the House why the attendance of Joseph Locke, Esquire, should be dispensed with.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had this day received a Letter from Mr. Weatherhead, as Agent for Charles William Gordon, informing him that it is not the Petitioner's intention to proceed with his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, so far as concerns the Election of John Stapleton, Esquire:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Berwick-upon-Tweed, 20 July 1857.

Sir,
As Agent for Captain Charles William Gordon, in the matter of his Petition delivered in on the 10th day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, so far as concerns the Election of John Stapleton, Esquire, 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 most obedient servant,
R. R. Weatherhead.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, that he had received a Letter from Mr. Weatherhead, as Agent for Charles William Gordon, informing him that it is not the Petitioner's intention to proceed with his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, so far as concerns the Election of Dudley Coutts Majjaribanks, Esquire:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Berwick-upon-Tweed, 20 July 1857.

Sir,
As Agent for Captain Charles William Gordon, in the matter of his Petition delivered in on the 10th day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, so far as concerns the Election of Dudley Coutts Majjaribanks, Esquire, 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 most obedient servant,
R. R. Weatherhead.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Orders for referring the said Petitions to the General Committee of Elections, were read, and discharged.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Keith and Dufftown Railway (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Manchester Lords to the Manchester Corporation Bill be taken Corporation into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That in the case of the Petition for the Scinde Railway Company Bill, the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

A Petition of the Scinde Railway Company, for Scinde Rail-leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Scinde Railway Company to extend their Operations, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, 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 Scinde Rail— one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, way Company. in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Scinde Railway Company Bill.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No 1 and No 2, agreed to.

Clauses, No 3 (Repeat of section 2 of Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16: To leave out from the word "Banking" to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words "subject to "this proviso" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No 4 to No 18, with an Amendment to one of them, 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 Loan Societies Bill was, according to Order, LoanSocieties 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 Commons Inclosure Bill was, according to Commons Order, read the third time.

Inclosure Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill was, ac— Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day, at Twelve of the clock.

Public Works (Ireland) Bill.

The Public Works (Ireland) 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.

Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) 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.

Public Health Act (Aldershott) Bill.

The Public Health Act (Aldershott) 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.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Providing for the Examination of Witnesses at a distance from Dublin) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Court may stay prosecution of action) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (That, so soon as any vacant seat shall arise in the office of Judge of said Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency, it shall and may be lawful for the present Judge of the Court of Insolvent Debtors in Ireland to succeed thereto, and until such vacancy and succession thereto shall arise, the said Judge shall be entitled to receive, during his life, by way of retiring pension, an annual sum equivalent to his present salary, payable out of the same funds and in the same manner as his present salary: Provided always, That in case of his declining to perform the duties of Judge of said Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency when any vacant seat shall arise, then and in that case the said before-mentioned retiring pension shall cease and determine: and further, should he so succeed to such office of Judge of said Court, or hereafter be appointed to any other office, the amount of the salary which he may be entitled to receive in respect of such office shall be deducted from the amount of such retiring pension which he is entitled to under this Act):—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.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

Sir John Trollope, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of George Warren Montague Provoce, and of the Petition of Stephen Clarke, and others, severally complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Maldon, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That Thomas Sutton Western, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Maldon.

That John Bramley-Moore, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Maldon.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Sir John Trollope, from the said Select Committee, for the Insolvent Debtors, informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That it was proved to the Committee that Joseph Riley attempted to bribe Henry Gazzetti, by the promise of a contract for work at a church of which the said Joseph Riley was the Churchwarden.

That the said Joseph Riley offered to bribe Thomas Webb, by the promise of a supply of flour for one year under the said price.

That the said Joseph Riley was proved to have engaged rooms at the Westminster Inn, where t'eating was extensively carried on upon the day of polling; but it was not proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, that anything was done by the said Joseph Riley, or by any one acting for him in that behalf, that would entitle him to the benefit of the Act of 17th & 18th Iz., c. 102, s. 15, for the appointment of an Election Auditor, was rendered nugatory by the fact that the son and partner of the Agent of the Sitting Member, for that borough, by which he became the And tor of his own accounts.

That the Petition presented against the Return of the said John Bramley-Moore, Esquire, was frivolous and vexatious.
That the said Petition was presented chiefly with the view of inducing other persons to withdraw a Petition presented against the Return of Thomas Sutton Western, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to Orders, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Fahanik Election and Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Rating of Mines on the 3d day of March, in the last Session of Parliament.

The following Paper was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of May last, for a Return relative to Excise and Customs.

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 all Additions which have been made to the Annual Charge of the Public Debt, by the Interest of any Loan that had been made or Amortised created in the last Ten years.

Copy of Act of Sedentariness, extending the next Winter Session of the First Division of the Court of Session.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence relative to the Fahanik Election be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lights for Steam and Sailing Vessels, which was presented upon the 22d day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax, &c. London, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ordnance Survey (Cumberland and Westmoreland), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Police (Bengal Presidency), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lonarcy (Scotland), which was presented upon the 50th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Dover Mail Packet Contract, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 30th June 1857, and Six Months ended 30th June 1857.

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

Sir John Yarde Buller reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that they prove before the Committee on the Bill that the guarantee of the East India Company for the Capital required for the Indus Steam Flotilla, mentioned in the Bill, has been given, and also the recommendation of the Board of Control; 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 Eastern Bengal Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Eastern Bengal Railway Company, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Gregson and Mr. Chetwood do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Lawford, Laguna, and Waterhouse, as Agents for John Coutts, James Ward and James Bolton, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Lisburn:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Dear Sir,

As Agents for John Coutts, James Ward and James Bolton, Petitioners against the last Election and Return for the Borough of Lisburn, in the County of Antrim, in Ireland, we beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with their said Petition.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servants,

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Articles of Returns of the Names of such imported Articles of Food as are also produced in the United Kingdom, on which the Customs Duties still continue to be levied; giving the Differential Duties on such Articles, if of Foreign and Colonial Production; specifying the Variations in the Rates of such Duties since the year 1845; showing also the Quantities of such Articles (distinguishing the Foreign and Colonial) imported into the United Kingdom in each year since the year 1845:—And, of the Value of similar Articles, the Produce of the United Kingdom, exported in each year for the same period.

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 Regiments of Militia in the United Kingdom who shall not have completed their respective Quotas; and also the Number of Men required to complete the Establishment in each of such Regiments:—And, of the Number of Men in each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom whose Period of Service shall expire within Six Months from 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.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for the Scinde Railway Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered,
Oaths Validity Act Amendment

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act first and second Victoria, c. 105, intituled, “An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths ;”
The House divided.

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 Lewes and Uckfield Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Newry, Warrenpoint and Rostrevor Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Mallow and Fermoy and Great Southern and Western Railways Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Bury Gas Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Connock Mineral Railway (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Selby and Market Weighton Turnpike Road Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Neetcum and Mackyulgall Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Prestwich, Bury and Radcliffe Roads Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal, London and North Western Railway, and Shropshire Canal Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Dudlele and Emsickilleden Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the East Somerset Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Dartmouth and Torbay Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Atlantic Telegraph Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for granting a Divorce Bill, to discontinue the Marriage of William Frederick Baring, Esquire, with Emily 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill for removing Claims of the New Zealand Company on the Proceeds of Sales of Waste Lands in New Zealand: And that Mr. Abel Smith, Mr. Magles and Mr. Hutt do prepare, and bring it in:

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

Mercuri, 22° die Iulii, 1857:

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Estimates of the Charge of the Disembodied Militia of Great Britain, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1858:

And a Committee was appointed of Sir John Hume, the Judge Advocate, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Ellice, Colonel Colon, Colonel Wilson, Colonel Snugth, General Peel, Colonel Gipps, Mr. Massey, Mr. Brand, Mr. Chichester Fortescue, the Earl of Mal grave, and all Colonels of Militia.

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 Copy or Extracts of a Letter addressed to the Right honourable Henry Labouchere, esq., by Mr. M. Forster, dated the 24th day of June 1857; together with Copy of the Correspondence accompanying the same (in continuation of Papers already 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, Sugar, &c.

Returns of the Quantities of Unrefined Sugar imported and cleared for Consumption in each year ending the 5th day of July, from 1842 to 1857, both years inclusive; distinguishing the Produce of the West Indies, Mauritius, and East Indies; showing a Total of the Produce of British Possessions, Foreign Countries, and the Aggregate of the whole for each year:—Of the same in every respect of Refined Sugar:—Of the same in every respect of Molasses:—Of the same in every respect of the Aggregate of Unrefined and Refined Sugar and Molasses, converting Molasses into Sugar at the rate of Three Pounds of Molasses to One Pound of Sugar:—Of the same of Rum:—Of the Amount of Duty received on Refined and Unrefined Sugar and Molasses, in each of the above years; distinguishing the Amounts paid on Foreign and on 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 Muscovado 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. 396, of Session 1856).
Ordered, That Sir John Pakington be added to the Select Committee on the Sligo Borough Election (Mr. Somers' Petitions.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Chelsea New Bridge Bill be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of the City of Dublin Police Fund realized in the year ending December 31, 1856; stating also, severally, the Amount derived from the Police Tax; the Amount received from the Consolidated Fund; the Amount derived from other Sources of Revenue; distinguishing the Amount received from each Source.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the General Board of Health Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad 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 General Board of Health Bill;

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

The Oxford University 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 Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace 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 Metropolitan Police Statutes, &c. 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 Revising Barristers (Dublin) 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 East Quay Wall Tax (Dublin) 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 Assessments (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.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Land Tax consideration the Land Tax Commissioners' Commission Names Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sale of Corn, &c. 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 Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police (Metropolitan District) 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 Sligo Borough Election (Mr. Somers' Petitions.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, for the third Industrial reading of the Industrial Schools Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Adderley, 56. Mr. Kinnaird: 6. Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Cobbett, 21. Sir John Trelawny: 21. Therefore, So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved,
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 County Courts (Judges' Salaries).

Resolved, That Provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment of the Salaries of certain Judges of County Courts.

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.

Baring's Divorce Bill.  
Baring's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Smoke Nuisance (Scottish) Abatement Bill.  
The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Smoke Nuisance (Scottish Abatement Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Oaths Validity Act Amend. Bill.  
Mr. John Abel Smith presented a Bill to amend the Act first and second Victoria, c. 105, intituled, "An Act for removing Doubts as to the Validity of certain Oaths:" And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill.  
Mr. John Abel Smith presented a Bill for discharging Claims of the New Zealand Company on the Proceeds of Sales of Waste Lands in New Zealand: And the same, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Agricultural Statistics Bill.  
Mr. Caird presented a Bill to provide for the Collection of Agricultural Statistics in England and Wales: 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, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mercurii, 22° die Iulii:  
Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae. 1857.

Prayers.

Great Yarmouth Election.

M. 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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Clare, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Sir Thomas Edward Colebrooke, Baronet, Edward Holland, Esquire, William Badeley Hughes, Esquire, John Tollmein, Esquire; Chairman, General Peel.  
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 Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Gloucester, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Stephen Edward De Vere, Esquire, Edward Basil Farnham, Esquire, George Ridgely, Esquire, George Slater, Esquire; Chairman, Lord Roberts Greencorn.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had Clare Election.  
this day received a Letter from Mr. H. H. Wyatt, as Agent for Sir John Forster Fitz-Gerald, informing him that it is not the Petitioner's intention to proceed with his Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Clare:—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,  
As Agent for Sir John Forster Fitz-Gerald, in the matter of his Petition delivered on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Clare, 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 most obedient servant,  
H. H. Wyatt.

The Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try petition and determine the matter of the Petitions contending, detailing of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Ipswich, who were called, were presented to the Members to and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Great Northern Railway (Capital) Bill.  
The said Amendments being read a second time, several were agreed to; and one was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendment to which this House hath disagreed:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Spencer, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Newdegate, Mr. Lane and Mr. Browne:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

A Bill for authorizing the Scinde Railway Company to extend their Operations, and for regulating their Capital; the said Amendments being read a second time, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Eastern Bengal Railway Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burial Acts Amendment Bill. (In the Committee.)

Another Clause added.

Clause (In any Burial-ground provided under the powers of the Acts hereinbefore recited or this Act, respecting which one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall have certified that the necessary provisions have been complied with, it shall be lawful for the incumbent of such parish, or his curate, or such duly qualified person as such incumbent may authorise, to bury in such Burial-ground)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Massey, Yea, 168.]

[Mr. Puller, Noes, 169.]

Mr. Hardy: Amendment proposed to the said Clause: After the words "compil'd with," to insert the words "upon such Certificata being sent to the Bishop of the diocese in which such Burial-ground is situate, the Bishop shall consecrate such ground."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

Another Clause (Unconsecrated part of Burial-ground, when certified, to be part of parish Burial-ground)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Three other Clauses added.

Another Clause (That it shall not be lawful for any Bishop, previous to or as a condition for consecration, to require the production of, or to examine into, the title-deeds concerning the purchase and conveyance of any Burial-ground; nor shall any sum exceeding the sum of £20 be allowed in payment of the fees charged for the deed of consecration, and any other charges and expenses connected therewith)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived. Preambles 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 upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-supp'y, mittee of Supply:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-ways and mittee 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 Municipal Corporations Bill Corporate into consideration the Municipal Corporations Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Oversores of the poor to make out burgess roll on or before first day of September in every year), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Banking Bill into consideration the Banking Bill, as amended in
the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Bankruptcy and Insolvency (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 Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Assessments (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Caledonian and Crinan Canals 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on New Zealand Loan Guarantee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That Her Majesty be authorized to guarantee the repayment of a Loan, to an amount not exceeding £500,000, for the service of the Province of New Zealand, together with the Interest thereon, not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, and that Provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment from time to time of such Sums of Money as may become payable by Her Majesty under such Guarantee.

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, Mr. Secretary Labouchere and Mr. Chichester Fortescue do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on County Courts (Judges' Salaries), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That provision be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment of the Salaries of certain Judges of County Courts.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law concerning detached parts of Counties, so far as respects the Establishment of courts; and that Sir George Grey and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Egerton, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and determine the matter of the Petition of George Mudd Butt, Esquire, and also of the Petition of James Dunnig Harvey, Thomas Shields, and John Lee, junior, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That Robert James Roy Campbell, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

That Colonel Williams Lockyer Freesten is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Egerton, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That it was proved to the Committee that Samuel Simmonds bribed Thomas Newman, to induce Thomas Boswell to give his vote, with the sum of Six pounds, for the payment of his travelling expenses at a previous Election.

That Samuel Simmonds bribed Samuel Edmonds for the purpose of giving his vote.

That it was not proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the said acts of bribery were committed with the cognizance or privy of the Sitting Members, or their Agents.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Spooner 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 Great Northern Railway (Capital) 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 the Amendment, if adopted, would decide a question of Law in dispute between the preference and ordinary Shareholders of the Great Northern Railway Company, which ought to be left to the decision of a Court of Law.

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.

Sir John Rawlens reported from the Select Committee on Militia Estimates; That they had prepared the said Estimates, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

And a Motion being made, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply;

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, 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.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Massey presented a Bill to amend the Law concerning detached parts of Counties, so far as respects the Establishment of courts; and that Sir George Grey and Mr. Massey do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That all Petitions presented this Session relative to the Debdale College Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill; and that such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by Counsel be heard accordingly, if they think fit.

Ordered, That the Petition of John Patrick Somers, Esquire, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant July, relative to certain Trials connected with the late Election for the Borough of Sligo, be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Rating of Mines on the 3d day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, which were presented upon the 21st day of this instant July, be referred to the Select Committee on Rating of Mines.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration Cark and other Amendments made by the Lords to the Cork Youghal Railway Bill, and Youghal 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into Manchester consideration the Amendments made by the Lords Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Hereford Cathedral Restoration 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 Standing Order 263 be suspended During the present Session, in the case of Baring's Divorce Bill; and that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public and ordered to lie upon the Table. Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Petitions of Henry Tritton, of Lombard-street, in Chelsea New City of London, Banker, and others, being Bridge Bill.

Proprietors of the Bridge over the River Thames, from Battersea, in the County of Surrey, to Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex; and, of the Vauxhall Bridge Company; praying that they may be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents and Witnesses, before the Committee to whom the Chelsea New Bridge Bill is referred, against the Preemptive and Amending Clauses as they may submit for the protection of their property, rights and interests, were presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill; with Power to be heard by Counsel, if they think fit.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Superannuation Act Amendmrent 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 proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Banking Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. The Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill.
Length of Railway open at the commencement and at the termination of the half-year; compiled from Returns made in pursuance of the Provisions of the Act 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97; together with a Summary, comparing the Traffic with that in the corresponding period in 1855.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland reported from the Select Committee on the Sligo Borough Election (Mr. Somers' Petitions); 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 was read, as follows:

That, assuming the allegations of fact made in the Petitions of J. P. Somers, Esquire, to be correct, this Committee is of opinion that there are no circumstances in the case affecting the Privileges of this House.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Edinburgh, Canongate and Montrose Amenity Tax Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Area and Population of each Division of each Presidency of India, from the latest Inquiries; comprising also the Area and estimated Population of Native States.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Freight Money (Greenwich Hospital).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply 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, Copies of any Correspondence which has taken place between the War Department and Mr. Huthmore, relative to his Apparatus for a Drying Room to be attached to a Laundry, and of any Reports which have been made on this subject by any Officers to whom the question has been referred,” 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.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the Committee, to the 31st day of March, 1858; were laid before the House, viz.:—

1. £7,125, be granted to Her Majesty, not exceeding £7,125, to defray the Expense of the General Board of Health, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

2. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £7,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sums required to defray the Expense of the General Board of Health, to the 31st day of March 1858:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter]; Yea's, [The Earl of Mulgrave]: 114.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams], Noes, [Mr. Mowbray]: 80.

4. Motion
4. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,548, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray a portion of the Expenses of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, } 147.
   Tellers for the [Sir John Trelawney, Nos, } 54.

5. £11,980, to complete the Sum for the Charity Commission for England and Wales. £1,911, for the Statute Law Commission.

6. £4,924, to complete the Sum for the Civil Service Commissions.

8. £3,524, to complete the Sum for sundry temporary Commissions.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Fees, Salaries, Expenses and Compensations, payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £19,958, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Fees, Salaries, Expenses and Compensations, payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1858:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £19,958, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Fees, Salaries, Expenses and Compensations, payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1858; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Monthroy, Yeas, } 73.
   Tellers for the [Mr. Spooner, Nos, } 136.

10. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,848, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,196, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1858:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Veneris, 24° die Julii, 1 8 5 7 :

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 reassemble.

Message from the Lords.

Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland) Bill.

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 Turnpike Trusts Abolition (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment:

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The Committee divided. Tellers for the Mr. Strange, Yeas, (The Earl of Malgrave) 163. Tellers for the Mr. White, Noes. 36. Clause, No. 4 (Like arrangement may be made before next avoidance on request of the Bishop). Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — put, and negatived. Cause agreed to. Clauses, Nos. 5 and No. 6, agreed to. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. (In Committee on the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill.) Preamble postponed. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. The Ecclesiastical Commission &c. Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. 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. Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Canada and New Brunswick Boundaries Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day. Mr. Fitz Roy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Oxford University Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day. Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) 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 Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative. The Insurance Companies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. The Mutual Companies 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 Public Health Act (1848) Amendment 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 Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. A. 1857. Sess. II.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the East Quay Wall Tax (Dublin) Bill; Wall Tax (Dublin) 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 Illicit Distillation (Dublin) 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 Election Petitions 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 Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill was, &c. Representing to Order, read a second time; and committing to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the County Court Judges (Falkland and Yates’s Salaries) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad Bill; Ordered, 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 Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) 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 Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sales of Waste reading of the Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Superannuation Debate on the Amendment which, upon this Act the 28th day of this instant July, was proposed to be read adjourned. The Committee on the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Banking Bill was, according to Order, read Banking Bill. 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 Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act Amendment 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 Constables (Detached parts of Counties) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Proof Gallons of British Spirits on which Duty was paid in Ireland in the year ending the 31st day of December 1856; the Amount of Duty received on same; the actual Deficiency in Proof Gallons; and the Allowance made by the Inland Revenue for such Deficiency in Proof Gallons and Money (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 224, of Session 1856).

The Libel Bill 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 a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

PRAYERS.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Repeal in part of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 83), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 23 stand part of the Bill. The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, in p. 24, l. 3, after the word "necessary," the words "and the expense of such portion of any public asylum as may be used by the District Board under this Act, or such part of said expense as may be agreed on by the District Board, and parties interested therein or failing their agreement, as may be fixed by the Board."

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. 27, l. 6, by leaving out the words "or any portion of them." 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 113 stand part of the Bill. The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police (Scotland) Bill; the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill, the Clerks of Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill, and the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill; and the Orders of the House made in the Committee of the Two Houses of Parliament, on the 13th day of March 1856 and 1857; together with the Adjournment of the House on the said day; the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee; and the Minutes of Evidence before the Committee appointed to consider the Charges on 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 each of the Two Houses of Parliament, and the Civil Departments; the the
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 Sums 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 the Account (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 382 of Session 1856).

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. George Henry Vanæurtart have leave of absence for a fortnight, on urgent business; and Mr. Percy the remainder of the Session, on account of ill health.

Adjournment.

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

Ordinance Survey (Scotland).


Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Breakwaters, &c.

Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Breakwaters, &c.

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

Leitrim Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from James Coppoch, as Agent for the Petitioners, Francis La Touche and Hugh Moore, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Leitrim.—And the said Letter was read, as followeth:

Sir,

As Agent for the Petitioners, Francis La Touche and Hugh Moore, in the matter of their Petition against the Election and Return for the County of Leitrim, delivered in to the House of Commons on the 20th day of May last, I beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with their said Petition.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

James Coppoch.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day month;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, [Mr. Bentham ;] 130.

Tellers for the Noes, [The Earl of Mulgrave ;] 217.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 agreed to the Great Northern and Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Great Southern and Western Extension Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Leslie Railway Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made Fleming's by this House to Fleming's Estate Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Islington Parish Acts Amendment Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan New Metropolitan Streets and Improvements Bill, with Amendments; New Streets to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this Bill:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove Certain Dwellings from the Dwellings premises of the Poor; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Statute Law of England relating to Rabbits, Game and Dogs: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill., (In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 1, agreed to.

Clause, N° 2 (The disposal of seizures provided for):

Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, [The Earl of Mulgrave ;] 88.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hassard ;] 46.

Clause, N° 3 (Penalties and proceeds of sales of seizures to whom to be paid).

An Amendment made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, [The Earl of Mulgrave ;] 80.

Tellers for the Noes, [Colonel Taylor ;] 37.

Clause, N° 4 (Lord Lieutenant may appoint officers for the prevention of illicit distillation).

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "and provided also, that nothing in this Act shall interfere with the distribution of the existing Constabulary Force in reference to their present duties in the respective counties."

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, [Mr. Maguire ;] 27.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien ;] 80.

Proposed words added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

Sabbati, 25° die Iulii, 1857:

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.

Supply.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £400,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Reimbursement to the East India Company of a moiety of the Extraordinary Expenses of the Expedition to Persia.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £390,692, be granted to Her Majesty, for the adjustment of the Account with the East India Company, for the Expenditure in connection with the Late War in China.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,125, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Expense of the General Board of Health, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,848, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray a portion of the Expenses of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, to the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,080, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, to the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,911, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,924, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commissioners, to the 31st day of March 1858.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,924, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Expenses of sundry temporary Commissions, to the 31st day of March 1858.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,988, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to defray the Fees, Salaries, Expenses and Compensations, payable under the Provisions of the Patent Law Amendment Act, to the 31st day of March 1858.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,843, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Pimlico Improvements Bill;  

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 New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Offices Extension Bill;  

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

Sale of Corn, &c. Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sale of Corn, &c. Bill; 

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

Oaths Validity Act Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Oaths Validity Act Amendment Bill; 

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

Court of Session (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill; 

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

Police (Scotland) Bill.
The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Police (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged. 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill.
The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged. 

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

Cambridge Borough Election.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Cambridge Borough Election Petition, be laid before this House.

Imports and Exports. Returns of the Value of the Articles imported into Canada from the United States, in each of the years 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856, and the Quantities and Values of the same Articles, in each of the years 1853 and 1854:—And, of the Value of the Articles exported from Canada to the United States, declared free by the Reciprocity Treaty, in each of the years 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856.

Royal Society.

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 Letter from the President of the Royal Society to the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India, in consequence of certain violence and threats directed at him to make a Report thereof to the House. 

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

Factory Children (York and Lancaster.)

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 Factory Children in the Counties of York and Lancaster, between the Ages of Eight and Thirteen, attending Schools under Injunction, giving a separate Return for each County. 

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.

Factory Children (York.)

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 Factory Children in the County of York attending School on the 31st day of October 1857, between the Ages of Eight and Nine, Nine and Ten, Ten and Eleven, Eleven and Twelve, and Twelve and Thirteen.—Of the Period for which Factory Children between the Vol. 112.

Also an Average of the whole Period of such Attendance:—Of the Number of Factory Children between the Ages of Eight and Nine who have attended any School previous to their becoming Half-timers:—Of the Total Number of Children who have been passed as Half-timers by the Factory Surgeons during the year ending the 31st day of October 1857:—And, of the Total Number of Children who have in like manner been passed as Full-timers during the same Period.

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. Butt presented a Bill to enable Baronies and Railways other Districts in Ireland to give Guarantees for the Construction of Railways passing through such Bill 158. 

Districts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of August 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.

M. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions (Twenty-seventh Report.) 

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made to the Lords by the Midland Great Western Railway Bill, and the Scinde Railway Company Bill, as well as the Scinde Railway Company Bill.

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

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

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

A Petition of John Mugg, stating that he was unable to discharge his duty as conducting agent at Drogheda, was read, and referred to a Select Committee.
the Select Committee on the *Drogheda* Election Petitions as a Witness; and praying the House to adopt measures for restraining persons from offering further violence or threats to the Petitioner, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

**Royal Assent.**

A Message was delivered by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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:

1. An Act to amend the Act of the sixth and seventh years of King William the Fourth, chapter One hundred and sixteen, for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the Presentment of Public Money by Grand Juries in *Ireland*:

An Act to discontinue the taking of Toll on the Turnpike-roads now existing in *Ireland*, and to provide for the Maintenance of such Roads as Public Roads, and for the Discharge of the Debts due thereon, and for other purposes relating thereto:

2. An Act to amend the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty, chapter Seventy-two, for the raising of further Monies, and for other purposes:

An Act for making a Railway from the Deeside Railway at *Branchy*, to *Charleston of Aboge*:

3. An Act to incorporate a Company for extending the *Banff, Macduff*, and *Turriff* Junction Railway from *Turriff* to *Banff and Macduff*:

4. An Act to unite and amalgamate the *Stockton New Gas Company* and the *Stockton Gas Consumers Company* Limited; and to authorize the United Company to raise additional Capital; and to sell their Undertaking to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of *Stockton*, and for other purposes:

An Act for making a Railway from the *Deeside Extension Railway Bill* at *Branchy*, to *Charleton of Aboge*:

5. An Act for making a Railway from *Burlington* to *Sligo*, with Branches therefrom:

An Act for enabling the *Newry, Warrenpoint, and Rostrevor Railway Company, to extend their Railway from Sligo to *Warrenpoint*, and to enter into Arrangements with the *Newry and Enniskillen Railway Company*:

6. An Act to incorporate the Stratford-upon-Avon *Railway Bill*, and for other purposes:

An Act to permit the *Newry and Warrenpoint Railway Company* to extend their Railway to *Warrenpoint*, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:

7. An Act for extending the *Newry, Warrenpoint, and Market Weighton Turnpike-road, in the East Riding of the County of *York*, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof:

An Act to authorize the *Newry and Enniskillen Railway Company*:

8. An Act to enable the *Midland Great Western Railway Company* to make the *Minehead Extension Railway Bill* and the *Clee Branch, and for other purposes*:

An Act to incorporate the *Stratford upon Avon Stratford-upon-Avon Gas Company*:

9. An Act for regulating the Payment of Dividends on certain Classes of Preference Shares in the *London Gas Light Company* (Capita*-

10. An Act for the Improvement of the Town of *Milford* and the Neighbourhood thereof, for establishing Gasworks, Waterworks, and a Cemetery there, and for other purposes:

An Act for making and maintaining the *Orkney and *Fermoy Railway Company*, to extend their Undertaking, and for other purposes:

and for other purposes:

An Act to amend the *East Kent Railway (Extension to Dover) Act, 1856*.

An Act to enable the *Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company* to make an Extension of the Line of Railway to *Sligo*, with Branches therefrom, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the *Midland Railways Bill* Company to make and maintain certain Railways in the
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An Act for the Abandonment of the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood), and for other purposes:

Brifton Ferry Docks Bill.

Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill.

Scottish Central Railway Bill.

Stamford and Basford Railway Bill.

Victoria (London) Docks Bill.

Great Northern and Western Railway Bill.

Great Southern and Western Railway Company Bill to make a Railway from Falmouth to London, and for other purposes:

Leicester Railway Bill.

Keighley and Skipton Railway Bill.

Derbyshire Turnpike Trust Bill.

European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company Bill.

West of Fife Mineral Railway Bill.

Clyde Navigation Bill.

Pulteney Town Harbour Bill.

Ellis Harbour Bill.

Newport Pier and Harbour, and Railway Bill.

Reading Railway and Navigation Bill.

Slaney River Improvement Bill.

Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill.

Workmenn and Attenders to Turnpike Road, and for other purposes:

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An Act for empowering the Britton Ferry Docks Company to raise Money, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking:

An Act for granting further Powers to the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow:

An Act to enable the Scottish Central Railway Company to make and maintain certain Extensions of their Denby Branch:

An Act to empower the Stamford and Essential Railway Company to Vancleef and Neubury, and for other purposes connected therewith:

An Act for authorizing the Victoria (London) Docks Company to make a New Cut eastward of their Dock, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes:

An Act for making Railways from Athlone to Roscommon and Castlereagh, to be called "The Great Northern and Western of Ireland Railway," and for other purposes:

An Act for making a Railway from Ediburgh, Perth and Dundee Railway, at Market Station, to the Town of Leslie, with Branches to Auchinleck, Lenan Bank Mill, and Prudhoe, Lower Mills, and for other purposes:

An Act for making a Railway from Keith to Dufftown:

An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to the Road from Bawtry Bridge, in the County of Nottingham, to Hainton, in the County of Lincoln, and other Roads, as relates to the Second District of Roads therein-mentioned, and to make other Provisions in that behalf:

An Act to allow a Drawback on the Duties payable on Coals, Cala, Coke and Cinders:

An Act for incorporating the European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company, and for other purposes connected therewith:

An Act to enable the West of Fife Mineral Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to Roscobye, and for certain other purposes:

An Act to continue or renew the Powers conferred on the Trustees on the River Clyde and Harbour of Glasgow to take Lands and execute Works for the Improvement of the Navigation, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the British Fisheries Society to enlarge, improve and maintain Pulteney Harbour, in the County of Caithness, and for other purposes:

An Act for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Ellis, in the County of Fife:

An Act for confirming the Title to Lands acquired for the purposes of the Newquay Railway, part of "The Tramway Estates," in the County of Cornwall, and for regulating the Railway, and for other purposes:

An Act to empower the Stones, Wokingham and Weybridge Junction Railway Company to extend their Railway to Buxton, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking:

An Act for the Workmen and Attenders to Turnpike Road, and in the County of Nottingham, and the West Riding of the County of York; Vol. 112.
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The Lords have agreed to the Fife and Kinross Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Kinross-shire Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill, with any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the street, in the matter of his Petition against the Return for the Borough of Portsmouth, reported June the 1st, I 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, 

James Coppock.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Grand Juries (Metropolitan Police District) Bill.

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 President of the Board of Supervision to the Secretary of State, and of a Statement transmitted therewith from the Board, relative to the Report of the Scotch Lunacy Commissioners.

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 withdrawn.

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster Terrace Roads Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Basildon and Hadleigh Turnpike Road Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Duke of Bridgewater’s Estate Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Francis Duke of Bridgewater to complete the Purchase of the Roscommon and Wessex Canal, and to enable such Trustees more effectually to administer the Trusts of the Will of the said Duke; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stockport, Disley and Whaley Bridge Railway Bill, with any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Workhouse and Aftercliff Read Bill, with any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Westminster Terminus Railway Extension (Clapham to Norwood Abandonment) Bill, with any Amendment:

The following Paper, pursuant to Order,

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

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was Cambridge laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, for the remainder of the Session, on urgent business.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Breakwaters, Breakwaters, &c., which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return be laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, for Returns relative to Slave Vessels, &c., which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Vessels (Suez and Melbourne.)

Ordered, That the said Return be laid upon the Table. 

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Report of the National Gallery Site Commission, together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendix and Index.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered. Mr. Alcock have leave of absence Leave of for the remainder of the Session, on urgent business. 

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Cambridge Borough Election Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Election Committee.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Return be laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, for Returns relative to Slave Vessels, &c.

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Ordered, That the Return be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered, That the Return be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Return be laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, for Returns relative to Slave Vessels, &c.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That there be laid before this House, Copies of any Minute or Despatch addressed to the Governor General of India, by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, the late Major General the Honourable George Anson, dated en or about March 1656, relative to the State of the Bengal Army—And, of a Report on the Organization of the Bengal Army, drawn up by the late Lieutenant General Sir Charles Napier, and transmitted to His Grace the Duke of Wellington, &c.;

Ordered, That the said Address be postponed till after the Notice of Motion relative to India.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to assure Her Majesty, that this House will cordially support Her Majesty in any efforts that may be necessary for the suppression of disturbances in India, and in any measures that may be required for the permanent establishment of tranquillity and contentment in that important portion of Her Majesty's Dominions, 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 Tuesday morning ;

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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. Ayrton,

Yea., [Mr. Hedges];

Tellers for the Mr. Haig,

Nees, [The Earl of Mulgrave];

So it passed in the Negative.

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 "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to assure Her Majesty, that this House will cordially support Her Majesty in any efforts that may be necessary for the suppression of disturbances in India, and in any measures that may be required for the permanent establishment of tranquillity and contentment in that important portion of Her Majesty's Dominions," be added in- stead thereof,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Question being put, 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second New Zealand reading of the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee on the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Copyright reading of the Copyright Acts Consolidation 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 Clerks of Petty Sessions (Ireland) Petty Session 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 Revising Barristers (Dublin) 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 Com-mittee on the Assessments (Scotland) Bill;—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Conveyance reading of the Conveyance of Mails by Railways Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee on the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee on the Assessments (Scotland) Bill;—

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Constables reading of the Constables (Detached parts of Counties) Bill;—

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

The Lunatics (Scotland) Bill was, according to Lunatics 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 Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee 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 Com-mittee of Supply;—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill;—

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Insurance Companies 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mutual Companies 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 Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) 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 County Court Judges (Falconer and Yate's Salaries) Bill;

Resolved, that this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 6, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

Four Clauses added.

Practicable 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, be taken into consideration.

The Oxford University 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representative Peers (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 Election Petitions 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, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Resolved, 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 Sales of Waste reading of the Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill;

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, as Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Bill; reading of the Sale of Corn, &c. Bill;

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Joint Stock Lords to the Joint Stock Companies Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, that there be laid before this House, Bombay Returns of the Date of the Commission issued by the Government of Bombay for inquiring into the Titles and resuming Lands held in Inam, or Rent-free, in hereditary occupation by Native Landowners; — Of the Despatch or Consultation in Council on which such Commission was founded; — Of the Number of Estates and Value of the Resumptions obtained by Government under such Commission; — And, of Proceedings in the three first and three last Trials (Accounts of which have been received in this Country), where Lands have been resumed yielding a Rental respectively of £ 100 a year.

Ordered, that there be laid before this House, Australian Returns of the Dates of Arrival and Departure of Mail Service, the Steamers employed by the Peninsular and Oriental Company while performing the Australian Mail Service, showing how often and to what extent the Vessels failed to forward the Mails in regular Course; — And, of the Dates of Arrival and Departure of the several Steamers of the Peninsular and Oriental Company employed by them in the Mail Service for the last Two years, showing the Rates of Speed of each Voyage.

Ordered, that Five be the Quorum of the Select Committee on the Chelsea New Bridge Bill.

Ordered, that there be laid before this House, Indian Army, Extracts of such Parts of a Report addressed by Sir Charles Napier, on the 27th day of November 1849, to the Governor General of India, as relate to the State and Discipline of the Indian Army.

The Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill was read Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Joint Stock Companies Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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The Town Byelaws Revision Bill was read the Town Byelaws first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Dover, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Honourable Hugh Annesley, Samuel Christy, Esquire, Honourable Arthur P. Kinnaird, Henry Gore Laughton, Esquire (Bristol); Chairman, John Abel Smith, Esquire.

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 Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Drogheda, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Lord Robert Pellam-Clinton, Sir Minto Farquhar, Baronet, Dudley Coste Murganjibanks, Esquire, James Rust, Esquire; Chairman, Thomas Sotheron-Eustace, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Mr. James Currie, as Agent for Isambard Kingdom; and William Clayton, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Dover:—And the said Letter was read, as follows:

Lincoln's Inn Fields, 28 July 1857.

As Agent for Frederick Hammond and William Clayton, in the matter of their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Dover, 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 most obedient servant,
James Currie,

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.

Bith and Tyne Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bith and Tyne 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.

Metropolitan New Streets and Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan New Streets and 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.

Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stratford-upon-Avon 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.

Manchester Corporation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Vol. 112.

Lords; and acquaint them, that the House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 178 and 204 be suspended in the case of the Scinde Railway Company Bill; and that the Committee have leave to sit and proceed, on one clear day's Notice being given in the Private Bill Office.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Twenty-eighth Report.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the General Board of Health 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, 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;

The House divided.

The Yeas;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Minto Farquhar, 
Mr. Ayerton: 

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Hayter,

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the General Board of Health Bill.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Clause No. 1 (On the appointment of a Committee of Council of Health, the General Board of Health to cease).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; and Question, That the Chairman now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Burial Acts consideration the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices Proceedings in the case of the Scinde Railway Company Bill; and that the Committee have leave to sit and proceed, on one clear day's Notice being given in the Private Bill Office.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Twenty-eighth Report.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices Proceedings.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday Bill. next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Macdougall Election, and Neavitt, as Agents for Thomas Southwick and John Ramsay, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley:—And the said Letter was read, as follows:

Sir,

As Agents for Thomas Southwick and John Ramsay, in the matter of their Petition delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sir Minto Farquhar, 
Dudley Coots, 
Lord Robert

Mr. Ayrton:

(On the appointment of a Committee of Council of Health, the General Board of Health to cease).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; and Question, That the Chairman now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices Proceedings.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday Bill. next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Sir,

As Agents for Thomas Southwick and John Ramsay, in the matter of their Petition delivered in on the 21st day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley,
we hereby beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your very obedient servants, Macdougall and Newall.

To the Right honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Order for referring the said Petition to the General Committee of Elections, was read, and discharged.

The Earl of March, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return in the year 1856, in the Borough of Great Yarmouth, informed the House, that Charles Woolfeen had this day been guilty of prevarication and other misbehaviour in giving his evidence before the Committee; and that he had, by direction of the Committee, by Warrant under his hand, committed the said Charles Woolfeen to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, to await the pleasure of this House.

Ordered, That Charles Woolfeen be for his said offence committed to Her Majesty's Gaol of Newgate till this House make further Order in his case: And that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

Lord John Manners reported from the Select Committee on_bleaching and dyeing works (Second report). No. 211.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons flogged in the Navy in the year 1856, and 1857, specifying the Name of the Ship, the Offence, the Sentence, and Number of Lashes inflicted on each Person (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 48, of Session 1857).

Ordered, That the Report do be 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 an inquiry be made into the existence of corrupt practices during the last as well as former Elections for the Town and County of the Town of Galway, in the room of Anthony O'Flaherty, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void;

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 "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that an inquiry be made into the existence of corrupt practices during the last as well as former Elections for the Town and County of the Town of Galway, instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that an inquiry be made into the existence of corrupt practices during the last as well as former Elections for the Town and County of the Town of Galway," be added instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Galway Town to Her Majesty, praying that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that an inquiry be made into the existence of corrupt practices during the last as well as former Elections for the Town and County of the Town of Galway.

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.

Mayo Writ.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Mayo, in the room of George Henry Moscow, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void;

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, "Mr. Attorney General for Ireland be directed to prosecute the Reverend Peter Conway and the Reverend Luke Ryan," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

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

Mercurii, 20° die Iuli, 1857:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Colonel French, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sholto](term); Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Puller;

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "Mr. Attorney General for Ireland be directed to prosecute the Reverend Peter Conway and the Reverend Luke Ryan," be added instead thereof;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being proposed;

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 Yeas, [Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sholto]; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Puller, Mr. Brady;

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being proposed; Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General for Ireland be directed to prosecute the Reverend Peter Conway and the Reverend Luke Ryan.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the issue of a Writ for the electing of a Knight of the Shire for the County of Mayo be suspended until the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.呈的 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 Number of Cases of Appeal decided by Commissioners of Supply in each County in Scotland, under the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 91, entitled, "An Act for the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in Scotland," in the years 1855, 1856 and 1857,— Of the Number of Days on which such Commissions in each County sat on such Appeals;—And, of the Number and Names of Places in each County at which such Courts were held, and specifying any Cases in which a Change was made in any year, either increasing or diminishing the Number of such Places.

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 Amendments made by the Joint Stock Companies Bill be printed. Lords to the Joint Stock Companies Bill. Bill 163.

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 Lease recently granted by the Commissioners of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, to Peter Dew, Fishmonger in Glasgow, of certain Bait Shell Fishings below High-water mark on the Shores and Sand-banks of the Firth of Clyde.

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 Metropolitan Police Bill.

Ordered, That the House do now adjourn; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Brody, Mr. Maguire]; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hargreaves;

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being proposed; Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General for Ireland be directed to prosecute the Reverend Peter Conway and the Reverend Luke Ryan.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the issue of a Writ for the electing of a Knight of the Shire for the County of Mayo be suspended during the present Session; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Sholto, Mr. Puller]; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Brody, Mr. Maguire;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Cambridge Borough Election Petition, which were presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Cambridge Borough Election. No. 217.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Cambridge Borough Election Petition, which were presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That a Motion be made, and the Question being put, That the House do now adjourn;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

Drogheda Election.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Petition of John Magee, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, VOL. 118, relative to the Drogheda Election, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Number of Cases of Appeal decided by Commissioners of Supply in each County in Scotland, under the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 91, entitled, "An Act for the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in Scotland," in the years 1855, 1856 and 1857,— Of the Number of Days on which such Commissions in each County sat on such Appeals;—And, of the Number and Names of Places in each County at which such Courts were held, and specifying any Cases in which a Change was made in any year, either increasing or diminishing the Number of such Places.

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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill; 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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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill; 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 the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Election Petitions 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 Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad 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 amended the Title, as followeth:—

A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Wills, and to the granting of Administration of the Personal Estate, of British Subjects resident or domiciled elsewhere than in the United Kingdom.

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 second reading of the Sale of Corn, &c. Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Registration of Long Leases (Scotland) Bill, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Public Health Act (1848) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Mercurius, 29th die Julii; Anno 21st Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Sir Edward North Buxton, Esquire (Derby S.); Chairman, John Martin, Esquire (Tewkesbury), John Benjamin Smith, Esquire (Stockport); Sir John Yorke Butler, Baronet.

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 complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Dublin, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—Acton; Ayrton, Esquire, The Honourable Ralph Henney Dalton, the Earl of Gifford, The Honourable Francis Scott; Chairman, Thomas Emerson Headlam, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Duchy of Lancaster Parish Acts (Amendment Petition) have Power to report their Observations, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Eastward reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to a 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.

The Names of the five Members appointed to try Drogheda and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Drogheda, were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee-rooms of the House, at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Islington Abatement Bill, and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Islington Parish Acts (Amendment Petition) 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 Lordsships.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 178 and 204 be suspended in the case of the Eastern Bengal Railway and the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill; and that the Committee have leave to sit and proceed on one clear day's Notice being given in the Private Bill Office.

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

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Order, Dublin Police dated the 21st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Dublin Police Fund.

Mr. Massey also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report and Abstracts, by the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Scotland.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill, (In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1 and N° 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 9, disagreed to.

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

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 Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill;

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

The Court of Session (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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Election Petitions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No 1, agreed to.

And it being a quarter before Six of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton 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, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill General Board of Health: And that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Lord Robert Grosvenor, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Thomas Eycott and James Haines, in the City Election of Gloucester, complaining of an undue Election and Return of William Philip Price, Esquire, was of the most unsatisfactory nature, and that Mr. Cooper and Sir George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

Lord Robert Grosvenor, from the Select Committee, further informed the House, that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

1. That it was proved to the Committee that Thomas Mills had been unduly influenced by Charles Frederick Cowley, by an offer of £5, to vote for William Philip Price, Esquire.
2. That there was no evidence to show that the said act of undue influence was committed with the knowledge and consent of the said William Philip Price.
3. That the evidence in support of the Petition against the said Election and Return of Sir Robert Walter Caven was of the most unsatisfactory nature.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Earl of March, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Electors, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That William Torrens McCallagh and Edward William Watkins, Esquires, are not duly elected Burgesses to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Great Yarmouth.

That the last Election for the said Borough is a void Election. And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The Earl of March, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That the said William Torrens McCallagh and Edward William Watkins, Esquires, were by their Agents guilty of bribery at the last Election for the said Borough of Great Yarmouth. That it was proved to the Committee that George Woods was bribed with £6, and James Beachard with £5, by John C. Royall; Charles Reece with £5, by William Robert Last; William Benjamin Layton, by the offer of £1.10 made to him by James Denny Chapman; and George Watson and James Richard Evans, by promises of money made to them by William Spillling.

That it was not proved to the Committee that the aforesaid acts of bribery were committed with the knowledge and consent of the said William Torrens McCallagh and Edward William Watkins.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Indian Army.

Mr. Cooper presented a Bill, to continue the General Board of Health Continuance Bill. 106.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Jovis, 30° die Iulii; Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had this day received a Letter from Messrs. Holmes, Anton and Turnbull, as Agents for James Lyster O’Beirne and John Joseph Scully, informing him that it is not their intention to proceed with their Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cashel.—And the said Letter was read, as follows:

Sir, 18, Finsbury-street, Westminster, 28th July 1857.

As Agents for James Lyster O’Beirne and John Joseph Scully, Esquires, in the matter of the Petition delivered in on the 20th day of May last, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Cashel, we hereby beg to inform you that it is not intended to proceed with the said Petition.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your very obedient servants, Holmes, Anton & Turnbull.

To the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That no further Proceedings be taken upon the said Petition.
"and other premises occupied for the use of such " Police Force are proper and sufficient). Question, That those words be there inserted — put, and negatived. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 37 (Burghs to be liable under Act 1 Geo. 4, c. 5, for damages by riots within burghs). Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 40: After the words "in a burgh" to insert the words "not forming part of such county for the purposes of this Act, nor consolidated therewith under the same." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill — put, and negatived. Clauses, N° 38 and N° 39, agreed to. Clause (This Act shall not extend to the counties of Orkney and Shetland) — brought up, and read 1st. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived. Clause (Horses, &c. in the service of the Police) — brought up, and read 1st. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time: — put, and negatived. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, 79. Tellers for the [Mr. J. M'Intosh, Noes, 12. Clause agreed to, and added. Three other Clauses added.

Clause (It shall be lawful for the magistrates and town council of any city or burgh having an establishment of Police under any Local Act or Acts of Parliament, with the consent of any district or districts adjoining such city or burgh, to be obtained and declared in manner herein prescribed, to conjoin such district or districts with such city or burgh for the purposes of Police, and to the effect after mentioned: Provided that a meeting of the inhabitants of such district shall be called by the sheriff of the county in which such city or burgh, or the principal part of such city or burgh, is situated, on a requisition made to him by not less than seven of such householders, being payers of rates and taxes in such district, by advertisement signed by such sheriff, published in at least three newspapers usually circulated in such city or burgh and district, and stating the purpose of such meeting; and that at such meeting, of which such sheriff shall be chairman, the majority of such householders shall decide for so conjoining such district with such city or burgh, and that such decision and the extent of such district or districts shall be declared by such sheriff in reference to a plan thereof which shall be subscribed by him; and thereupon the whole powers, authorities, privileges, rights and jurisdictions relating to the Police of such city or burgh, with all the rates, duties and assessments leviable and applicable for Police purposes under such Act or Acts, and all matters relative thereto contained in such Act or Acts shall, for such Police purposes, extend and be applicable to the district or districts so joined to such city or burgh as validly and effectually as to such city or burgh — brought up, and read 1st. Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived. Another 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill; Leeu Guaran-

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 proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question: — And a De-

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the India House; That their Address of the 27th day of this instant July, relative to India, had been presented to the 3d.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assessments (Scotland) 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 East Quay Wall Tax (Dublin) 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 New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Bank Acts. No. 220, Acts have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the said Committee; That they had examined the matters to them referred, and had agreed to report the same to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Minutes of the Evidence of the previous Session referred to them, with an Appendix.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Freight Money (Greenwich Hospital), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Chelsea New Bridge Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the said Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Sir Benjamin Hall further reported from the said Committee: That the object of the Bill is to abolish a portion of the Tolls proposed to be taken under the Act 18 & 19 Vict. c. 09.

The Committee is of opinion that Parliament granted the Funds for erecting the Bridge under the impression conveyed in the 4th Report of the Metropolitan Commissioners, that the sum so granted would be repaid by the Tolls to be levied upon the Bridge.

If the Tolls were partially abolished, as proposed by the Bill, there is no doubt the property in the neighbourhood would be increased in value; but the evidence adduced before this Committee does not clearly show that the value of the property belonging to the Government would be so much increased as to cover the loss which might arise from the abolition of the Tolls.

But the Committee is of opinion, that it is not desirable for the Government to continue in possession of such a property as a Toll-paying Bridge, and they recommend that a Bill be introduced for the purpose of enabling the Government to dispose of the Bridge, on such terms as the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may determine, having due regard to the increased value of the Government property, if the Bridge should be made wholly or partially toll-free.

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


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

Ordered, That, there be laid before this House, East India Copies of a Despatch from the Governor General (Ood.) India in Council, dated the 4th day of September 1854, together with its Enclosures; and of the Reply from the Court of Directors of the East India Company, relating to Oude.

Resolved, That upon Tuesday next, and on every Table succeeding Tuesday during the present Session, Government Orders of the day shall have precedence of Notices of Motions.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—Misc. Yarmouth Election Petition.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill:

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 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, 31° die Julii, 1857:

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 Yes. Mr. Logue:

Tellers for the Noes. Mr. Fyfe.

Yeas, 125.

Noes, 112. 118.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

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.

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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 again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

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 Debate be adjourned till this day.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The
The Order of the day being read, for the Com- 
mittee on the Insurance Companies Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday 
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Boundaries 
Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; 
and committed to a Committee of the whole House, (Scotland) 
for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itselfCounty Court 
into a Committee on the County Court Judges (Falconer and Yates’s Salaries) Bill. 
(In the Committee.)
Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Salaries of T. Falconer and 
J. Saint John Yates, Esquires.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the 
Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, 
That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:—Mo-
tion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed 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; and directed him to report the same, with- 
out Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time 
this day.

The Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act Amend-
ment Bill was, according to Order, read the third 
time this day.

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 Joint Stock 
consideration the Amendments made by the Lords 
to the Joint Stock Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken 
together into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committe-
representative on the Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill: five Peers 
(Ireland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve 
itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
Crowded Dwelling Prevention Bill; 
Dwelling (Pre-
vention Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
Adulteration 
reading of the Town Byelaws Revision Bill; 
Revival. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
Deep, 
reading of the Deer, Game and Rabbits Bill; 
Rabbits 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
Boundaries Extension 
Boundaries (Scotland) Bill; 
as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration 
upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
Sale of Corn 
reading of the Sale of Corn (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
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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, 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 second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Election petition Bills;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming New Zealand the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which Loan Guarantees, this day, proposed to be made to the Question,

That the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Offences against the Person Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Malicious Injuries to Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Coinage Offences Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Accessories and Abettors Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Larceny &c Bill.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Libel Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Walpole, the Chancellor of Printing.

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Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken at Maldon before the Select Committee on the Maldon Election Petitions be laid before this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Walpole, the Chancellor of Printing.

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The Order made upon the 28th day of this instant Galway Town

July, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Ad. Election Petitions, praying that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that an inquiry be made into the existence
existence of corrupt practices during the last as well as former Elections for the Town and County of the Town of Galway, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that a Select Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to try a Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of the Town of Galway, have reported to the House, that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the last Election, and at previous Elections, for the said County of the Town of Galway.

We therefore humbly pray Your Majesty, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause inquiry to be made, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Your Majesty, intituled, "An Act to provide for more effectual Inquiry into the existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointment of John Thomas, in the Bill, and John Leaky, and John Francis White, Esquires, as Commissioners, for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Resolved, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, at a Conference, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Ordered, That a Conference be desired with the Lords, at a Conference, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Resolved, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, at a Conference, and their concurrence desired thereto.

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

The Prisoners Removal Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Giustiniani's Naturalization Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Baroness Windsor's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Veneris, 31° die Iulii:

Anno 21° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Dulwich College Bill.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on

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The House proceeded to take into consideration Reading the Amendment made by the Lords to the Reading Bill, and the said amendments, and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to Vancouver's Island.

Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented,—Return to Vancouver's an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of July, June last, for a Return relative to Vancouver's Island.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Bank of Australia, the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Bank of Australia.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by Sugar, &c, the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Sugar, &c.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was also Mabled and laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—

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No. 222.

Minutes No. 226.
Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Mobion Election Petitions.

Ordered, That the said Minutes of Evidence be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Military Education, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) 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 insert the words "this House will, upon this day month, 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. Hayter,

Yea's, (The Earl of Mulgrave) 90.

Tellers for the Mr. Napier,

Noes, (Colonel Taylor) 57.

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 (Lord Lieutenant may appoint two Barristers under Civil Bills Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3 : To leave out the word "instead of one" in order to insert the words "in addition to the." Question put, That the words "instead of one" stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hayter,

Yea's, (The Earl of Mulgrave) 88.

Tellers for the Mr. Napier,

Noes, (Mr. Butt) 63.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

And it being ten minutes before Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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 Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

General Board of Health Continuation Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the General Board of Health Continuation 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.

Burial Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ecclesiastical Commissions, &c. Bill ;

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

Sir John Yardie, Butler, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That John Patrick Somers, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Sligo.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Sir John Yardie, Butler, from the Select Committee further informed the House, That they had altered the poll taken at the last Election for the Borough of Sligo, by striking off the names of William Dodgson and Martin Fenner from the votes given for John Patrick Somers, Esquire, and by adding them to the votes given for the Right honourable John Arthur Wynne ; and had further altered the poll, by striking off the name of Edward George Elliott from the votes given for the said John Patrick Somers, it having been proved that he did not vote at all at the said Election ; and had further altered the poll, by adding to the votes given for the said Right honourable John Arthur Wynne, the names of James Henry Ferguson and Francis Varde Gilbert, whose votes had been improperly refused at the said Election.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend Clerk of the Crown to return for the Borough of Sligo, and amend the same, by raising out the name of John Patrick Somers, Esquire, and inserting the name of the Right honourable John Arthur Wynne, instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 27th, 28th and 29th days of this instant July, and had par., 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 Duke of Buckingham—Commission, That in the case of the Duke of Bridgewater's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Lord Stanley, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Election of Henry John Selwin, Henry Orford, William Munford, and Henry Gallant Bristo, and William Bransby Fayers and William Green, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Ipswich, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That
That Hugh Edward Adair, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Ipswich.

That John Chevallier Cobbold, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Ipswich.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Lord Stanley, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That it was proved to the Committee that Samuel Barber was bribed with the sum of two pounds by James Fyson Bedfor, and John Smith. That William Bowerman was bribed with the sum of two pounds ten shillings by John Fick. That Henry King was also bribed by the same John Fick, but the amount given in this case was not proved.

That Stephen Kerridge Cook and Edward Green were bribed by William Cook; the amount given in this case was not proved; but that it was not proved that such bribery was committed with the knowledge and consent of Hugh Edward Adair, Esquire.

That Robert Chilman was bribed by Frederick Pearce with the sum of five shillings. That Edgar Bower was bribed by George Frederick Butcher and Henry Giver with the sum of five pounds.

That John Wells was bribed by Arthur Thomas Cobbold by an agreement releasing him from the payment of rent; but that it was not proved that such bribery was committed with the knowledge and consent of John Chevallier Cobbold, Esquire.

That it appears by the Evidence taken before this Committee, that the payments made to voters on account of travelling expenses have been systematically in excess of the actual disbursements of such voters, although it was not conclusively proved before the Committee that such payments were made with a corrupt intention.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cobbett, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions of Edward Fellows, of Charles Lewis, and of John Moyer Heathcote, severally complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Huntingdon, informed the House, That the Committee had determined, That John Moyer Heathcote, Esquire, is not duly elected a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Huntingdon. That Edward Fellows, Esquire, is duly elected a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Huntingdon.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Cobbett, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had altered the poll taken at such Election, by striking off the names of William Tongey and James Sons, as not having had a right to vote at such Election; and by striking off the name of Robert Dunt, No. 131 on the Register, such voter having also voted at the same Election in respect of the qualification, No. 475 on the Register; and by striking off the name of Robert Wormalde from poll-book No. 4, such voter having voted twice at the same Election in respect of the same qualification; and by adding the name of John Swann, No. 2311 on the Register, as having had a right to vote at such Election.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Hudson's Bay Hudson's Bay Company have Power to report their Observations to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Lobbocher reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, who a Report, who had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

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

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Cotton Command, Papers relating to the Cultivation of Cotton in Africa.

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

Mr. Lane presented, by Her Majesty's Com- 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 open for Traffic in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, respectively, from the 1st January to the 30th June 1857.

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

Sir John Ramsden presented, Return to an Address of Major General 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 Apartments and Pictures at Hampton Court, and the Gardens at Kew, during the year 1856; distinguishing the Number in each Month, and the Number on the several Sundays (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 491, of Session 1856).

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. Gregson have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

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 Gold Coin withdrawn year by year from circulation, from May 1842 to December 1856; together with the Value of the same at £. 3. 17 s. 10A d. per Ounce.

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, a Return of Light Gold Coin withdrawn by year from May 1842 to December 1856; together with the Value of the same at £. 3. 17 s. 10A d. per Ounce.

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 the Select Committee on the Hudson's Bay Company have Power to report their Observations to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased (sydney Branch.) to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Gold Coin withdrawn by year from circulation, from May 1842 to December 1856; together with the Value of the same at £. 3. 17 s. 10A d. per Ounce.

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

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 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 of the Amount of Gold Coin withdrawn by year from circulation, from May 1842 to December 1856; together with the Value of the same at £. 3. 17 s. 10A d. per Ounce.
Assessment of Sugar.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Officers in the Customs, or other Government Services, who are specially employed in attending to the Assessment of Sugar, and of the Total Amount paid to them annually.

Metropolitan Board of Works.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Balance of Monies paid over by the late Commission of Sewers to the Metropolitan Board of Works:—Showing, in separate Columns, the Sums assessed upon, and received from, the several Parishes within the Districts of the Metropolitan Board of Works since the formation of that Board in the year 1855, specifying the Amount of each such Rate in the Pound:—And, showing the Sums expended in each of the said Parishes during the same Period, under distinct heads of Expenditure; and particularly specifying, under the head of Drainage, the Length, Size and Cost thereof in each Parish.

Metropolitan Drainage.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of a Letter, dated the 31st day of December 1856, addressed by the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c. to Captain Douglas Galton, E. E., James Simpson, Esquire, c. E., and Thomas E. Blackwell, Esquire, c. E., directing them to consider the Plans for the Main Drainage of the Metropolis, as submitted to the First Commissioner by the Metropolitan Board of Works:—And, of the Report, dated the 31st day of July 1857, presented to the First Commissioner, in accordance with the directions contained in that Letter.

Sir Benjamin Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Metropolitan Improvements.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Letter from the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c. to the Treasury, dated the 25th day of July, containing Copy of Correspondence referred to in that Letter (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 130, of Session 1857).

Siam.
The Chancelor of the Exchequer presented by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order of Her Majesty in Council for the Government of Her Majesty's Subjects, being within the Dominions of the Kings of Siam.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, "That the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes 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 three months;"—And the Question being again proposed, That the words "now" 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:—
Sabbati, 1° die Augusti, 1857:—
And the Question being put;—The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Hoger,
Yea,
[The Earl of Mulgrave, ...]
Tellers for the Sir William Heathcote,
Noes,
[Mr. Lygon, ...]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assessments (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 Constabulary Acts (Detached parts of Counties) 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 Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill: Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Joint Stock Companies 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 Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Representative Peers (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 Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment 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 Election Petitions Bill: Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock, 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 election of a Commissioner to serve in this present Parliament for the Falkirk District of Burghs, in the room of James Merry, Esquire, whose Election has been determined by the Concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Appendix to the Report of the Select Committee on Indian Territories, in Session 1845, page 129, be re-printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855," and that Mr. William Ewart and Mr. Kininmonth do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Committees of Supply do consist of sixteen Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson be added to the Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing an advance out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the repairs and improvements of the Harbour of Dover, on the security of the Rates and Tolls of the Harbour;

Viscount Palmerston, 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, upon Monday 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, Copies of Reports from Dr. Mapleton and Captain Loftus on the 12th day of March 1855, as to the Site between Fort Monckton and Harbour on the Gosport side of Portsmouth Harbour:—Of Reports from Sir Frederick Smith and Dr. Mapleton as to Porchester Castle:—Of Report from Dr. Andrew Smith on the Site of Netley, May 1856:—And, of Reports from Dr. Mapleton and Captain Ross, &c., on Herstmonceux and Appuldevrant.

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. William Ewart presented a Bill to amend "The Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855:" And (Scotland) Act (1855) Amend 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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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and ordered to be printed.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Wife and Kinross Railway Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wife and Kinross 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 Yarmouth Water Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Great Yarmouth Water 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.

Hamilton and Strathaven Railway Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hamilton and Strathaven 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.

Osley and Skipton Road Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Osley and Skipton Road Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with an Amendment 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 an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Salisbury Borough (No. 1) Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Salisbury Borough (No. 1) 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 Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Baring's Divorce Bill.
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 Baring's Divorce Bill: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Public Petitions.

Vide Thirtieth Report.

Episcopal Patronage.

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 Report of the Lay Sub-Committee on Episcopal Patronage, presented to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on the 12th day of May 1849 — And, of the Report of the Committee on Episcopal Patronage, presented to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in the year 1850.

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).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 109, to ascertain the Equitable Amount to be repaid by the Counties in Ireland transferred to other Lunatic Asylum Districts; accompanied by a Tabular Statement of the Sums ordered to be paid to each County by every other County under the Orders of the Lord Lieutenant, the Number of Instalments, and the Amount of each Instalment; and of the Sum ordered to be paid by each Country in Ireland for District Lunatic Asylums, the Number of Instalments, and the Amount of each Instalment.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Report of all Expenses incurred by the Government of India in the Education Department, for the years 1854, 1855 and 1856, showing the Number of Institutions; distinguishing the English from the Vernacular; the Expenditure; Number of Teachers; the Number of Pupils; and the Number and Value of Scholarships — And, similar Return of all Grants in aid to Private Institutions; distinguishing those which have been established by Natives or Europeans, and those which are under the superintendence of different Religious Bodies and Missionary Societies.

The time being come for the Conference with the Galway Town Lords upon the subject-matter of an Address to be presented to Her Majesty, under the provisions of the Act of the 15th & 16th of Her present Majesty, c. 57; Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the Conference: — And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Massey, Lord Lovaine, Colonel Wilson Patten, Mr. George Clinton, Sir John Yardle Butler, Mr. Fitz-Hoy, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Easton, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Thursby and Captain Vivian.

Then the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference: — And being returned:

Mr. Massey reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, which was managed on the part of the Lords by the Lord President of the Council, and that they had delivered to their Lordships the Address agreed upon by this House, to which they desired the concurrence of their Lordships; and that they had had the said Address with their Lordships.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid Sligo Borough upon the Table by the Clerk of the House: — Mi. Election.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to a Committee, to-morrow, on the Ecclesiastical Com. mission, &c. Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Exports and Imports (Canada and United States) be laid beforepp. 309. 310.

1857—58: Embodied Militia.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Viscount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Supplementary Army Estimate, (Embodied Militia.) No. 223.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Vancouver's Island, which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.

Ordered,
The Lords have agreed to the Newport, Abergele, and Hesford Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Salisbury and Yeovil Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Dorset Central Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Ryhymney Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Baring's Divorce Bill (as desired by this House), with a request that the same may be returned.

Ordered, That the said Minutes of Evidence be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill.

Clerk in the Parli. ment for the Borough of Beverley.

Ordered, That the Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley, as desired by this House, be printed.

Ordered, That the Notice of Motion relative to Oaths taken upon the second reading of Baring's Divorce Bill, be read, and the Committee do consist of Twenty-five Members nominated by this House, and all Gentlemen of the Long Robe, Members of this House.

Mr. John Abel Smith, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of William Wells, opposing the election and return for the Borough of Beverley, informed the House, that the Committee had determined, that Edward Austin Hoy Glover, Esq., is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Beverley.

The last Election for the said Borough, so far as regards the return of Edward Austin Hoy Glover, Esq., is a void Election.

Ordered, That the Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. John Abel Smith, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution: That the said Edward Austin Hoy Glover, Esq., made and signed Declarations in the form prescribed by 1 & 2 Vic. c. 48, ss. 3 & 6, and that it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the Evidence taken before them should be laid before the Attorney General, with a view to further Proceedings being taken with reference to such Declarations.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

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 Bill Chamber (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Commons Inclosure Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Turnpike Acts Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Message from the Lords.

[Details of the Message from the Lords, including the Bills mentioned and their status.]


Sugar, &c. No. 231.

Major General Beaton. No. 232.

Metropolitan Drainage. No. 233.

Metropolitan Board of Works. No. 234.

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 Oaths taken by Members.

Oaths taken by Members.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 62, is applicable to Oaths appointed by Law to be taken by Members of this House at the Table, previously to their taking their Seats, and in what manner the said Act can be so applied, and to report their Observations thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-five Members nominated by this House, and all Gentlemen of the Long Robe, Members of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Vincent Polmerson be one of the Members of the said Committee:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tomorrow.

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authorized to administer, may inquire into, and may, by the production of such evidence as they shall think fit to require, ascertain and absolutely determine the net annual amount of the profits arising from the transaction of proctorial business by such Proctors, on an average of five years immediately preceding the commencement of this Act, or of such proportion of five years as shall have elapsed since each and every such Proctor was admitted to practice in such Courts, and shall award to each and every such Proctor a sum of money or annual payment during the term of his natural life, of such amount as shall be equal in value to one-half of the net profits derived by such Proctor in respect of such proctorial business, upon the said average of five years immediately preceding the commencement of this Act, or of such proportion of the said five years as shall have elapsed since the admission of each and every such Proctor to practise in such Courts;—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause added.

Another Clause (Every person who at the time of the passing of this Act and of its coming into operation, shall have been for Seven years consecutively chief or managing clerk to a Proctor and Notary in the Courts in Doctors' Commons, or in succession to several Proctors and Notaries in the Courts in Doctors' Commons, upon production of evidence of that fact satisfactory to the Judge of Her Majesty's Court of Probate for the time being, may at any time within one year after the passing of this Act, be admitted as a Proctor and Notary of the said Court of Probate, upon his paying to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue the amount of stamp duties legally payable upon articles of clerkship to and admission as Proctors and Notaries; and the Judge of the said Court is hereby required to direct in each case a form of admission shall be issued, upon which the Commissioners of Inland Revenue are hereby required to impress the said stamp duties; and the chief or managing clerks so admitted as Proctors for the time being of the Court of Probate, shall have the same rights, and be subject to the said obligations and liabilities in respect of the transaction of the common form business as the Proctors of the Prerogative Court now have and are subject to in respect of the transaction of the common form business of the last-mentioned Court)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Three other Clauses added.

Another Clause (Every person who at the time of the commencement of this Act shall be actually under articles to a person practising in a Court now exercising jurisdiction in matters and causes testamentary, and entitled to take an articled clerk, shall be entitled to claim from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by way of compensation, all the fees, charges and expenses whatsoever originally paid by him or on his behalf at the time of the commencement of his articles, together with the stamp duty thereon, and shall be entitled at any time within one year after his having completed his full term of service as such articled clerk to be admitted a Proctor of the new Court of Probate)—brought up, and read 1st.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:

The Committee divided.

Yea, [Mr. Schneider.]

Nay, [Mr. Heyter.]

Pye, [Mr. Cuninghame.]

Pye agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
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. Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dunbar Harbour Loan.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Her Ma-
jesty's Treasury be authorized to direct Advances to be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to an amount not exceeding £20,000, to be by them applied, by way of Loan, for the purpose of repairing and improving the Victoria Harbour of Dunbar; the same to be secured on the rates, duties and tenders of the said Harbour.

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 this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Divorce and Marital Causes [Stamps.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Divorce and Matrimonial Causes [Stamps].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Fees payable upon proceedings before the Court of Marriage and Divorce, to be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

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 this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Insurance Companies [Stamp Duties.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Insurance Companies [Stamp Duties].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Memorandum of Association, and the Articles of Association, to be executed by any Proprietary or Mutual Insurance Company, under the Provisions of any Act of the present Session for the Incorporation and Regulation of Insurance Companies, shall respectively bear the same Stamps as if they were Deeds.

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 this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Oaths Validity Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Oaths Validity Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Town Byelaws Revision Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Town Byelaws Revision Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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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 of all Appointments, by Adjournments or otherwise, made by the Taxing Masters of the Court of Chancery, between the 1st day of June 1857 and the 1st day of July 1857; with Dates when the Appointment was applied for and obtained, or the Adjournment made, and the Days for which they were given, and when disposed of;—And, like Return of Appointments made by the Chief Clerks of the Master of the Rolls and each of the Vice-Chancellors, for Proceedings before them or their Junior Clerks, between the 1st day of June 1857 and the 1st day of July 1857; with Dates when applied for and obtained, the Days for which they were given, and when disposed of, and the Nature of the Business, distinguishing the Business done by the Junior Clerk from that done by the Chief Clerk.

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 Great Yarmouth Election Petition, which were presented upon the 30th day of July last, be printed.

A Petition of Charles Woolson, a prisoner in Her Majesty's Gaol of Nungate, expressing regret that he did not answer the questions submitted to him before the Great Yarmouth Election Committee, throwing himself upon the clemency of the House, and praying the House to take his case into merciful consideration, was presented, and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of May last, for a Return relative to Colonial Governors, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Australian Colonies.

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

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 the half an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Mortis, Æ die Augusti;

Anno 21st Victoriae Regniæ, 1857.

PRAYERS.

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 Beverley, in the room of Edward Auchmuty Glover, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and South Western Railway Acts Amendment Bill; and the said Amendments were read, and agreed to, the House being法则 the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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 Giustiniani's Naturalization Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, as amended in the Committee;—The Bill was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House;—The House then resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson's Petition 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; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Ordinary of diocese may consecrate whole or part of land belonging to any parish for the burial of poor persons), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Vestry of parish in which burial-ground is closed, may purchase such burial-ground if not belonging to such parish), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Lands Clauses Consolidation Act and Burial Acts incorporated in this Act), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (No wall or fence required between the consecrated and unconsecrated portions of burial-ground—Boundary marks to be provided), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeal), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Construction of certain expressions used in the seventeenth and eighteenth Victoria, chapter eighty-seven), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Clause (22 Geo. 3, c. 146, s. 4), Repealed Enactment not to apply to burials in grounds provided under the Burial Acts), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Construction of certain expressions used in the sixteenth and seventeenth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-four, to make regulations for burial-grounds), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeal), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Secretary of State by the seventh section of the Act of the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth George the Third, to the extent to which it has been provided under that Act, and not being in the metropolis, be hereby repealed),—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (That it shall be lawful for every Burial Board to make such bye-laws or regulations as may seem proper for the protection of public health or the maintenance of public decency, or for the management of interments in respect of the burial-ground or place for the reception of bodies previous to interment, which shall be under its control; and every person violating or wilfully neglecting any of such bye-laws or regulations, shall, on summary conviction before two Justices, forfeit and pay such sum, not exceeding Two pounds, for each offence as such Justices shall order;—but no bye-law or regulation made by any Burial Board under the authority of this Act, except such as relate solely to the Burial Board or their officers or servants, shall come into operation until the same be confirmed in the mode provided by the Act of the fifth and sixth William the Fourth, chapter seventy-six, section ninety).—And
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—

It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Not exceeding Four bodies may be buried in any grave, but no interment shall be made in any grave (except vaults) in which there will not be a depth of earth after such interment of at least Four feet from the top of the uppermost coffin, and a layer of earth of at least Twelve inches in thickness shall be left between every coffin and the one above it: Provided also, That no second interment in any such grave shall take place at a period later than Twenty-four hours after the first interment):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—

It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No unwalled grave shall be re-opened within Twenty years after the burial of a person above Twelve years of age, or within Twelve years after the burial of a child under Twelve years of age, unless to bury another member of the same family):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was 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. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause Nine.

And the Question being put, That Clause Nine stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill, and the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill; the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee. (In Committee on the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.)

CLAUSE, No 1 (Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, 1. 17: To leave out the words "at Westminster":—

Question, That the words "at Westminster" stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived. Another Amendment made.

Clauses, Nos 2 to No 13, with Amendments to seven of them, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Schedule added.

Preamble agreed to.

Title amended.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten reported, That the Committee had gone through the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill; and had amended the Title, as followeth:

A Bill to improve the Administration of the Law so far as respects Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

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Colonel Wilson Patten also reported, That the Metropolitan Committee had gone through the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on Insurance Companies (Stamp Duties), a Companies Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the Memorandum of Association, and the Articles of Association, to be executed by any Proprietary or Mutual Insurance Company under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the Incorporation and Regulation of Insurance Companies, shall respectively bear the same Stamps as if they were Deeds.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Boundaries of Burghs (Ext. Extention (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent (Scotland) Bill, therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on the Dunbar Harbour Loan, a Resolution—Loan which was read, as followeth:

That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to direct Advances to be made, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to an amount not exceeding £20,000, to be by them applied, by way of Loan, for the purpose of repairing and improving the Victoria Harbour of Dunbar, the same to be secured on the rates, duties and tithes of the said Harbour.

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. Fitz Roy, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in it.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on Matrimonial Causes (Ireland) Bill, a Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the fees payable upon proceedings before the Court of Marriage and Divorce, be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent (Ireland) Bill, the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; and that Mr. Fitz Roy, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee on Matrimonial Causes (Ireland) Bill, a Matrimonial Causes Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That the fees payable upon proceedings before the Court of Marriage and Divorce, be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the illicit Distillation (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 Bills, &c. of British Subjects in British Subjects Bills, 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 a Committee on the Election Petitions Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, Nos 2 to No 5, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten reported, That the Committee had 3 c 4 gene
gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act 1855 Amend-ment Bill.

The Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act (1855) 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.

Dunbar Harbour Loan Bill.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to authorize the Ad- vance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund to the Magistrates and Town Council of Dun bar, for the purpose of improving the Victoria Harbour of Dunbar: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Beverley Election.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Beverley Election Petition.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also 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 50th 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."

Army Prize Money.

Mr. Lowe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—The Account of Unclaimed Army Prize Money, from 18th January 1809 to 31st December 1856.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Imports and Exports (Canada and United States), which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Colonial Governors, &c. No. 256.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial Governors, &c., which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Emigration Commission. No. 257.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Emigration Commission, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

Australian Colonies. No. 259.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Australian Colonies, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, be printed.

River Thames.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Correspondence between the First Commissioner of Works and Mr. Gobineau Gurney, and the Commissioners of Sewers and the Board of Works, on the State of the River Thames, and the Pollution of the Atmosphere on the Banks of the Thames and the Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return in detail, of the manner in which the several Sums were expended, under the Vote of last Session in Civil Service Estimate for £12,934, to defray the Charge for Freight of Specie to the various Commissariat Stations Abroad, for which Service the Sum of £10,000 is proposed for the year 1857–58.

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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 of all the Colonies and British Possessions in favour of which Orders in Council have been issued, under the Act 10 & 11 Vic. c. 95, suspending the Prohibition of Importation of Reprints of British Copyright Works, with the Date of each Order in Council.—And, Return showing the Nature and Terms of the due Provision made by each Colony or British Possession, for securing or protecting the Rights of British Authors in such Colony or British Possession, in the event of an Order in Council being issued under the Act 10 & 11 Vic. c. 95, to suspend the Prohibition of Importation of Reprints of British Copyright Works, with the Date of the Act or Ordinance by which the Prohibition was suspended.

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 resuming Oaths taken the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by Members upon the 3d day of this instant August, That Viscount Capel colour be one of the Members of the Select Committee on Oaths taken by Members; and the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Then Sir George Grey, Mr. Darien, Mr. Walpole, Sir John Pakington, Lord John Russell, Sir James Graham, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General, were nominated other Members of the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Sir Frederic Thesiger be one other Member of the said Committee:—And the said Motion was agitated.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Sir FitzRoy Kelly be one other Member of the said Committee:—And the said Motion was agitated.

A Motion was proposed to the Question, by leaving out the name of "Sir FitzRoy Kelly," and inserting the name of "Mr. Rolt," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the name of Sir FitzRoy Kelly stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the name of Mr. Rolt be inserted instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:—Ordered, That Mr. Rolt be one other Member of the said Committee.

Then Lord Stanley, Mr. Horo, Mr. Henley, Mr. Roebuck, Mr. Malins, Mr. Heatfield, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Dilwyn, Mr. Napier, Lord Robert Grosvenor, Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Cobbett were nominated other Members of the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Three be the Quorum of the said Committee:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Five be the Quorum of the said Committee:—And the said Motion was agitated.

A Motion was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "Five," and inserting the word "Nine" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Five" stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "Nine" be inserted instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:—Ordered, That Nine be the Quorum of the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, with the Words, "No Message from", had been brought from the Lords, by one of the Lords their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Victoria Gas Bill, Victoria without any Amendment:—The
The Lords have agreed to the Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have agreed to the Swansea Harbour Trust and Swansea Dock Company Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have agreed to the North Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have agreed to the West London and Crystal Palace Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have agreed to the Caledonian Railway (Lines to Granton) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have agreed to the Mid-Sussex Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for carrying into effect an Agreement for the Inland Waterways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House: The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to the Lords, as desired by them, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed by this House, in the present Session of Parliament, to try and determine the manner of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town and County of the Town of Galway, together with the Proceedings of the same Committee: Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Paper be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes 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 let 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 N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

Clause N° 3 (The Court may enforce prior Decrees or Orders). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9: To have out the words "Marriage and Divorce," in order to insert the words "Suit to Matrimonial." Question, That the words "Marriage and Divorce" stand part of the Clause — put, and agreed to. Vol. 112.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses N° 4 and N° 5, agreed to.

Clause N° 6, amended, and agreed to.

Clause N° 7, agreed to.

Clause N° 8 (Judges of the Court). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — put, and agreed to.

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

"Mercurii, 5° die Augusti, 1857:"

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into Insurance a Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Colonel Wilson Patten 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Clerks of Petty Sessions (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Representative into a Committee on the Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Act Amendment 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act Amendment Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Offences against the Person Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Colonel Wilson Patten 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 Accessories and Abettors 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 Larceny, &c. Bill; and be printed.

Mr. Kendall reported from the said 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Ordinances, the Amendments made by the Lords to the Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Guide Bridge Junction Railway Acts Amendment Bill: And the same were twice read, and ordered to agree 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 Duke of Bridgewater's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Giustiniani's Naturalization Bill was, according Giustiniani's Order to read a second time; and committed. Carew's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions ordered to be printed, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select 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, Returns of the Number of Persons confined in each Gaol in England and Wales for Offences against the Game Laws, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1856, stating the Period for which each Prisoner was ordered to be confined, the Nature of the Offence committed, and by what Tribunal sentenced: And, of the Number of Persons who completed the Term of their Imprisonment during the year ending the 31st day of December 1856, for any Offence against the Game Laws; the Term for which they were so imprisoned; and the Total Cost incurred for the Maintenance in Gaol of such Persons.

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 Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into an Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. Bill: (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 23, Amendment again proposed, in p. 8, l. 18: To leave out the words "or house."

Question, That the words "or houses" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to. Clause agreed to. Four Clauses added. Preamble agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. FitzRoy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Supply.

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:

Orders of the Day.

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 Order of the day for the Committee of Supply, and the seven succeeding Orders, be postponed to the Order of the day for the third reading of the Election Petitions 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 and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, 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.

Great Yarmouth Election.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Petition of Charles Woolfen, a prisoner in Her Majesty's Gaol of Newgate, which was presented upon the 3d day of this instant August, expressing regret that he did not answer the Questions submitted to him before the Great Yarmouth Election Committee, and the same was again read.

Ordered, That Charles Woolfen, having in his Petition to this House expressed his contrition for his offence, he be discharged out of the custody of the Keeper of Her Majesty's Gaol of Newgate: And that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

Burial Acts Amendment Bill.

The Burial Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill.

The Illicit Distillation (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.

Election Petitions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Election Petitions Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question Vol. 112.

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:—it passed in the Negative.

And 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 the third time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, 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.

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Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill.

The Illicit Distillation (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.

Election Petitions Bill.

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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:—it passed in the Negative.

And 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 the third time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, after the other Orders of the day, 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.

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And 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 the third time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Represent-
7. £ 1,593, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of Office for the Registration of Joint Stock Companies.
8. £ 1,783, for Salaries and Expenses in the Registration of Designs Office.
9. £ 14,000, for Payments on account of the difference of Dues payable by British or Foreign Vessels under Treaties of Reciprocity.
10. £ 4,500, for Salaries of Inspectors of Corn Returns, and Expenses defrayed by Counties for Corn Returns.
11. £ 20,600, for Charges on account of Distressed British Seamen Abroad.
12. £ 3,600, for Expenses connected with Quarantine Arrangements.
13. £ 11,850, to complete the Sum for Remuneration to Reviving Barristers in England and Wales.
14. £ 2,892, to complete the Sum for the Constabulary Police at the Military Camp of Aldershot.
15. £ 2,000, to complete the Sum required for Inspection of Burial-grounds in England and Wales.
16. £ 6,679, for Ordinary Maintenance and Repairs to British Embassy Houses, &c. Abroad.
17. £ 1,003, for Salaries of certain Professors in the University of Cambridge.
18. £ 13,750, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Incumbered Estates Commission, Ireland.
19. £ 27,600, for erecting and maintaining certain Lighthouses Abroad.
20. £ 5,000, for the Cost of an Expedition, for the purpose of exploring the Region of British North America, which lies along the parallels of 49° and 52° North Latitude, and from 100° to 115° West Longitude.
21. £ 19,255, for the Cost of the Expedition to the Niger, and other Rivers of Africa, under the Charge of Dr. Bethune.
22. £ 1,000, for Half Salary payable to the Officers lately employed in the Settlement of the Orange River Territory (Cape of Good Hope).
23. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 21st day of July last, the Committee have inquired into whether the guarantee of the East India Company for the Capital required by the India Steam Flotilla has been agreed to be given, and evidence was adduced to their satisfaction that it was the intention of the East India Company to give such guarantee; that the Committee also, with regard to another Resolution of the House, requiring that proof should be given of the concurrence of the Board of Control to the Bill, have inquired into the fact, and the same had been proved to their satisfaction; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating that the Company were in negotiation with the East India Company for raising capital, and making other arrangements in order to make the same an accurate statement of the present position of the Company; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
24. Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Seine Basin-Scinde Railway Company Bill; That in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 21st day of July last, the Committee have inquired into whether the guarantee of the East India Company for the Capital required by the India Steam Flotilla has been agreed to be given, and evidence was adduced to their satisfaction that it was the intention of the East India Company to give such guarantee; that the Committee also, with regard to another Resolution of the House, requiring that proof should be given of the concurrence of the Board of Control to the Bill, have inquired into the fact, and the same had been proved to their satisfaction; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by stating that the Company were in negotiation with the East India Company for raising capital, and making other arrangements in order to make the same an accurate statement of the present position of the Company; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
25. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
26. Ordered, That the Account relative to Army Prize Money, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.
27. Ordered, That the Return relative to the Gold Coast, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.
28. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Beverley Election Petition, which were presented upon the 4th No. 243, day of this instant August, be printed.
29. Ordered, That this House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Anno 21° Victoriae Regni, 1857.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered,
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 Rhyne'ny 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 Watchet 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.

Ordered, That the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration, amended Prints of the Bill having been deposited with the Doorkeepers yesterday. —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.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Ordered, That the Scinde Railway Company Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration, amended Prints of the Bill having been deposited with the Doorkeepers yesterday. —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.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Richard Hill.

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 a Return relative to Mr. Richard Hall.

British Spirits.

Return to an Order, dated the 23d day of July last, for a Return relative to British Spirits.

Cheltenham New Bridge Bill.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Cheltenham New Bridge Bill.

New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of July last, was proposed to be made to the Question, “That the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill be now read a second time;” and which Amendment was, to leave out the word “Many” and, at the end of the Question, to add the words “upon this day three 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 to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hofer.

Tellers for the Mr. Griffith.

Yea, [The Earl of Mulgrave]: 78.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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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 this day.

The Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill, and the Insurance Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to the Lords.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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 Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Insurance Companies 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 Oriel College Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace 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 Order of the day being read, for the third Consideration of the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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 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.

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The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill, and the Insurance Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to the Lords.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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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 this day.

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The Orders of the day being read, for the Committee on the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill, and the Insurance Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In Committee on the Insurance Companies Bill.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, N° 2 to N° 4, agreed to.

Clause, N° 5 (Compulsory registration of certain Insurance Companies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24: After the word “Companies” to leave out the word “and,” and, in order to insert the word “or.”

Question, That the word “and” stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 6 (Penalty on Company not registering).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29: To leave out from the word “Company” to the word “makes” in l. 31.

Question, That the words “completely registered” under the said Act “stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz—New Zealand Roy reported, That the Committee had gone through the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. FitzRoy also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Insurance Companies 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 Oriel College Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Consideration of the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace 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 Order of the day being read, for the third Consideration of the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

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Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill. The Representative Peers (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Dunbar Harbour Loan Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dunbar Harbour Loan Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir John Yardley Butler reported Baring's Divorce Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill. The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock, on the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Bury Saint Edmund's Election. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Bury Saint Edmund's Election Petition be laid before this House.

Westminster Bridges. No. 246. Ordered, That the Select Committee on Westminster Bridge have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Sir Benjamin Hall reported from the said 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.

Mining Districts. Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner appointed under the Provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Vic. c. 99, for the operation of that Act, and into the state of the Population in the Mining Districts, 1857.

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

Patents for Inventions. Mr. Love presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—The Report of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, 1856.

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

Grant's Apparatus for Ships and Vessels. Mr. Osborne presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July last, for a Return relative to Grant's Apparatus for Ships and Vessels.

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

Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 8. Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer, Yeas, The Earl of Malgrave: ] 105.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hewley, Noes, Mr. Butt: ] 71.

Clause, N° 9 (Authority of the Judge Ordinary). Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer, Yeas, The Earl of Malgrave : ] 119.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Dallas, Noes, Mr. Whitmore: ] 90.

 Clause, N° 10 to N° 14, amended, and agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the taking into Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Considerable reading of the Constabulary Acts; (Detached parts of Counties) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Considerable reading of the Town Byelaws Revision Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Considerable reading of the Prisoners' Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Wills, &c. of British Subjects Abroad Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply. Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,000, be granted Board of to Her Majesty, to defray, to the 31st day of March Manufactures 1858, the Charge on account of the Annuity to the Board of Manufactures in Scotland, in discharge of Equivalents under the Treaty of Union.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,000, be granted Highland to Her Majesty, on account of the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges, to the 31st day of March 1858.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Bounties on Slaves, &c. Slaves and the Tonnage Bounties on Slave Vessels captured, to the 31st day of March 1858. *
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21. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,325, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Cost of the Expedition to the Niger and other Rivers of Africa under the Charge of Dr. Baker.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted Orange River to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Charge for Half Salary payable to the Officers lately employed in the Settlement of the Orange River Territory (Cape of Good Hope).

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Cost of executing Public Works, maintaining Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and procuring Civilization among the Native Tribes in South Africa.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,580, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Cost attending the Removal of the Descendants of the Mutineers of the "Bounty", heretofore resident at Pitcairn Island.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,550, be granted Agricultural to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Cost of collecting Agricultural Statistics in Ireland and Scotland.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Charge for Freight of Specie conveyed to the various Commodities Stations Abroad, including Expense of Shipment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Chatham Lands, &c. 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Inclusion Acts Amendment 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Portland 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 Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by (Ireland) Bill, the Lords to the Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) 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 Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankruptcy and Real Securities (Scotland) 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Obscene Books, &c. 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act 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, 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 Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Sections 20 and 21 of recited Act repealed).

Motion made, and Question put; That the Chairman do now leave the Chair:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Ayrton: Mr. Cox: 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Whitcombe: 44.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSET, No. 1 (Sums borrowed under recited Act not exceeding Five hundred thousand pounds, and Interest, guaranteed).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42: To leave out the words "Five hundred thousand," in order to insert the words "Three hundred and twenty thousand," instead thereof.

Question, That the words "Five hundred thousand" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSET, Nos. 2 to 5, with an Amendment to each of them, 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 this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Scheme confirmed).

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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 be read the third time this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Metropolitan reading of the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. 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 was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—And the said Motion and Original Question were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common Resolution on the Dunbar Harbour Loan 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 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. Augustus Smith: Mr. Cox: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hunter: Mr. Whitcombe: 60.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSET, Nos. 1 to 7, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Clause
Clause (The said Public Works Loan Commissioners shall first duly ascertain, according to their usual course of procedure, that the said security is sufficiently to secure the payment of the annual interest due thereon, and the repayment of the loan itself)—brought up, and read a 2d.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived. 

 {[bill 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, at Twelve of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Caledonian and Crinan Canal Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Caledonian and Crinan Canal Bill, without any Amendment:

Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill, without any Amendment:

Christ Church (West Hartlepool) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Christ Church (West Hartlepool) Bill, without any Amendment:

Salford Borough (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Salford Borough (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment:

Olney and Sloughton Road Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendment made by their Lordships to the Olney and Sloughton Road Bill, without any Amendment:

Globe Lands (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Globe Lands (Ireland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Banking Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Banking Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Tweed Fisheries Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Tweed Fisheries Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Horse Bay and Faversham Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Horse Bay and Faversham Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Fishburn Park (No. 2) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Fishburn Park (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Thames Conservancy Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Thames Conservancy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Indian Army. No. 247.


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

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 Three of the clock on Friday morning—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till this day.

Veneris, 7° die Augusti

Anno 21° Victoris Regnatis, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Estcourt, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of Election, in the Petition of Henry Bagmail and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That James McConn, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda.

And the said Determination was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Estcourt, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That the Evidence adduced before the Committee shows that on the day the preceeding day riotous and tumultuous proceedings took place in the Court-house and Streets of Drogheda.

That it does not appear to this Committee that proper precautions were taken by the authorities to ensure good order in the Court-house at the nomination.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Caledonian the Amendments made by the Lords to the Caledonian Railway (Lines to Grantham) 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 Metropolitan the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Cattle Market Railway 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 Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Mid-Sussex the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mid-Sussex 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 North Western the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Western 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, &c.) Bill be taken into consideratiion upon Monday next.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Swansea Harbour and Swansea Dock Company 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West London and Crystal Palace 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.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sales of Waste Lands (New Zealand) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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 Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill;—

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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. Bouverie 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.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. 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 Dalwhich College Bill; as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

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 Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;—

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
the Agent.—Returns of all Reports, Special Reports, or Determinations or Resolutions, of any Election Committees reported to this House:—Of the Names of all Members who have been unseated, and for what causes they have been so unseated:—Of the Names of all Places the Writs for which have been suspended, and to what Dates they have been so suspended, or further suspended, or, after suspension, have been granted afterwards:—Of the Total Number of Select Committees which have sat on Election Petitions; the Names of the Members of the Committee, and Members serving on each Election Committee, and the Number of Days on which each Election Committee sat; the Names of the Members of the General Committee of Elections; and the Names of the Members selected as the Chairman's Panel:—Of the Total Number of Select Committees which have sat on Election Petitions:—Of the Total Number of Election Petitions presented: —And, of the Total Number of Election Petitions which have been withdrawn (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 400, of Session 1854).

Mr. Headlam, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of Robert Hobart and Daniel Lyons, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Dublin, informed the House, that the Committee had determined, That Edward Grogan, Esquire, is duly elected a citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Dublin.

That John Vance, Esquire, is duly elected a citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Dublin.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Headlam, from the said Select Committee, further informed the House, that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions: That a certain portion of the Freeman that would be paid for their votes, but it does not appear that any distinct promise to that effect was made. That, after the Election, hopes were held out to certain of the Freemen that they would be paid after the period for presenting Petitions to this House had expired, but it does not appear that this was done in a precise or definite manner, nor was it done with the cognizance of the Sitting Members, nor by any duly authorized Agent on their behalf.

That a Sum of £16. 16. 10 s. was applied by the Treasurer of the Freeman's Protestant Fellowship Society, in treating and in direct payment to voters, and that he applied to the Agent of the Sitting Members to reimburse the Funds of the Society for this payment; that this transaction, however, was without the knowledge or authority of the Sitting Members, and when the application for this repayment was made to their Agent, it was declined.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Contracts (Public Departments) have leave to sit to-morrow, notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sums expended in the purchase of all Estate at Kensington Gore, in laying out and draining and forming the Roads on the same, and all other objects connected therewith, and of all Sums expended in building the Museum, in removing the Collections and arranging them therein for distinguishing the several Votes of the House under which such Expenditure has been incurred.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Budgets of Public Works in India, for the years 1853-4, 1854-5, 1855-6, and 1856-7; Vol. 112.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Parochial concerning the Parochial Schoolmasters in Scotland; Schoolmasters to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Probate and consideration the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ecclesiastical take into consideration the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause Twenty-four.

And the Question being put, That Clause Twenty-four stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, [The Earl of Mulgrave:]

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Tellers for the [Lord John Manners, Noes, [Mr. Lygon:]

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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 Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill;

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause Twenty-four.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Public Offices Branches Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Deer, Game and Rabbits Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Forgery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Malicious Injuries to Property Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Forgery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Coinage Offences Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Accessory Offences Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Larceny, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Larceny, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Larceny, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.
The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;— Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee.

Resolved, That this House will immediately re- form the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856);—The House ac- cordingly 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 amend the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856). Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received. The Earl of Mulgrave 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 amend the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856):—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:—And that the Earl of Mulgrave, Mr. Wilson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Lowe do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill judgments. for amending the Law with respect to Judgments:—And that Mr. Seymour FitzGerald, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Vance do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Joint Stock Companies Act (1854):—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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Reformatory Schools Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Industrial Schools Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill was Parochial read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Then and the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take in consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Finsbury Park (No. 2) 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill.

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

A Message was delivered 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 the several Acts therein mentioned; do desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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 suspend the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom:

An Act to apply the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Parish of Aldershot, and to constitute a Local Board of Health therein:

An Act for the Registration of Long Leases in Scotland, and Assignments thereof:

An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in the City of London, and the Liberties thereof;" and for other purposes:

An Act to regulate Procedure in the Bill Chamber in Scotland:

An Act to authorize the Inclusion of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Inclusion Commissioners for England and Wales:

An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain:

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, and to make further Provision for the Accommodation of the Traffic thereto:

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Payment of the Land and Assessed Taxes, &c. (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.
venting Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for amending the Road from Highgate, through Maidstone, and several other Roads in the said Parish; and for providing a Chapel of Ease and an additional Burial-ground for the same, and to make more effectual Provisions in lieu thereof; and " An Act to equalize the Ecclesiastical Burthens of the Parish of St. Mary, Ilkington, in the County of Devon; partially altering the Application of the Rents and Profits of the Stonefield Estate, within the said Parish; for letting the Peas in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Ilkington, and the Chapel of Ease thereto, and for other purposes connected with the same."

An Act for making a Railway from the Essendon Station of the Great Northern Railway to Bourne, in the County of Lincoln, and for other purposes; An Act to enable the Newport, Abergevenny and Hereford Railway Company to extend their Railway into the Abergavenny and Brecon Valleys in the County of Monmouth, and for other purposes connected with the same."

An Act to amend and enlarge the Powers of the Acts relating to the Portadown and Dungannon Railway Company, and to enable that Company to extend its Railway to the Tyrone Gap, in the County of Tyrone, and to enter into certain Arrangements with the Upper and other Railway Companies with respect to the working and leasing of the Railway, and for other purposes ; An Act to enable the Saltley and Yewell Railway Company to make Deviations from the Line of their Railway, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking."

An Act to enable the Whitehaven and Furness Junction Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes : An Act for a Railway from the Desford Branch of the Edinburgh, Perth and Dunkeld Railway to Kinross, with a Branch to Kingseat, and for other purposes.

An Act to extend the Time for the Purchase of certain Lands required for the Metropolitan Railway, and for other purposes : An Act to enable the South Staffordshire Water Works Company to alter and extend their Works, and obtain an additional Supply of Water, and for other purposes : An Act for incorporating the Victoria Gas Company, and for authorizing and empowering them to purchase and enlarge the North Woolwich Gas Works, and to supply Gas, and for other purposes : An Act to enable the Fife and Kinross Railway Company to divert part of their Main Line and to make an Extension from Milnathort to Kinross : An Act to enable the Great Yarmouth Water Works Company to raise a further Sum of Money : An Act for a Railway from near Hamilton to near Strathaven, in the County of Lanark, to be called "The Hamilton and Strathaven Railway:" and for other purposes: An Act for authorizing the London and South Western Railway Companies and others to make Deviations from their authorized Lines of Railway and other Works; and for authorizing divers other Matters affecting that Company and other Companies and Undertakings, and for other purposes: An Act for continuing the Term and amending the Provisions in the Act relating to the Dorking and Guildford Railway, and for the Accommodation of the Neighbourhood: An Act for authorizing an Extension of the Dorset Central Railway, for regulating the Capital of the Dorset Central Railway Company, and for other purposes: An Act for consolidating the Acts relating to the Ryseway Railway Company, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a Branch Railway; and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes : An Act for the Maintenance, Regulation and Improvement of Watchet Harbour, in the County of Somerset, and for other purposes: An Act to make Provision with respect to Capital Fraudulently created in the Great Northern and East Lincolnshire Railway Companies: An Act to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to construct Branch Railways from their Lines near Edinburgh to Granton, and for other purposes: An Act for making a Railway from the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway at Horsham through Billington, to Palsamoor, with a Branch from Pulsborough to Chestworth House, in the Parish of Petworth, all in the County of Sussex: An Act authorizing the North Western Railway Company to divert a Portion of their Railway, and to sell or grant a Lease of their Undertaking to the Midland and Lancaster and Carlisle Railway Companies: An Act for the Transfer of the Docks of the Swansea Harbour Trust to the Swansea Harbour Company, and for authorizing those Trustees to make Further Works and raise further Monies, and for other purposes:

Other Acts and Resolutions: An Act to enable the South Western Railway Company and others to make Arrangements with the Ulster and other Railway Companies with respect to the working and leasing of the Railway; and for other purposes; An Act for consolidating the Acts relating to the Rhymney Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes: An Act authorizing Traffic Arrangements West London between the West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway, and for other purposes: An Act to amend an Act of the twenty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, " to prevent Cattle Market Mischief that arise from driving Cattle within the Cities of London and Westminster, and other Liberties thereof, and Bills of Mortality," and also to amend " The Metropolitan Market Act, 1851." Then the House proceeded to take into further consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Norfolk Estuary Acts Amendment Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Sittingsbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, and the Amendments (it appearing that the Amendments in p. 34, lines 29 and 32, were in furtherance of the intention of this House; that the Amendment in p. 35, line 34, was to supply words inadvertently omitted in this House; and that the Amendment in p. 70, line 27, was to render the Clause consistent with a previous one) 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 Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, and the 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Thames Conservancy 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Tweed Fisheries Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway (Greenwich Junction to Dartford, \
\&c.) 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Baring’s Divorce Bill.

Baring’s Divorce 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 Amendments made by their Lordships, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Lords in the case of the said Bill be returned to their Lordships; And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Baroness Windsor’s Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Duke of Bridgewater’s Estate Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary 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.

Giuustiniani’s Naturalization Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported Giustiniani’s Naturalization Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Shepherd’s Disabilities Removal Bill.

Mr. FitzRoy reported Shepherd’s Disabilities Removal Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Oaths taken by Members.

No. 253.

Lord John Russell reported from the Select Committee on Oaths taken by Members; That they had considered the matters referred to them, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Oaths Validity Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Several Public Petitions 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 Number of Commissioners of Supply in each County in Scotland, in the years 1851 and 1857 respectively; distinguishing the nature of their Qualifications as such, whether as Priorities or their eldest Sons, or otherwise qualified; and of the Number of Heritors of £.100 Scots valued Rent in each Parish of each County, in each of those years.

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 following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid Dublin City upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Mr. Low’s Petition to the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the River Thames.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the East India Company.

Mr. Lovel presented, pursuant to the directions of Seamen’s an Act of Parliament.—An Account of all Deposits Savings Bank, received and repaid by the Board of Trade under the authority of the Seamen’s Savings Bank Act, 1856, between the 1st October to the 20th November 1856, and of the Interest thereon, together with a Copy of all Regulations made by that Board under the authority of that Act.

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

Sir John Ramsden presented.—Return to an Address of London to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Ordnance Survey.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Grant’s Grant’s Apparatus for Ships and Vessels, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be Vessels and printed.

No. 254.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commons 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 “an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, New Public, praying Her Majesty to appoint a Royal Com- mission to consider the Site and Plans of the proposed New Public Offices, and particularly the Foreign and War Offices, and to report on the “same,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer, Yeas, The Earl of Mulgrave; ] 138.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hope, Noes, Mr. Pimney; ] 8.

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.)

1. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the formation, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, of the Gallery of Portraits of the most Eminent Persons in British History;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hoyer, Yeas, The Earl of Mulgrave; ] 89.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cowignon, Noes, Mr. Spooner; ] 31.

2. £.2,000,
2. £ 5,000, for Inquiry into the Ravages of the Cholera in the West Indies.
3. £ 500, for Works at Spurn Point, River Humber.

4. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Contribution, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, on the part of the Crown, towards the Fund of the London Diocesan Church Building Society, for building additional Churches and Parsonage Houses:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, [The Earl of Mulgrave: ] 97.
Tellers for the [Mr. William Williams: Noes, [Mr. Charles Gipson: ] 56.
5. £ 10,000, for improving the Fortifications at Corfu.

6. £ 2,000, towards the completion of the Testimonial to the Duke of Wellington in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Purchase, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, of a Chapel in the Rue d'Aguesseau, at Paris, for the use of the British Residents and Visitors in that City:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hayter, Yeas, [The Earl of Mulgrave: ] 47.
Tellers for the [Mr. W. Noes, [Lord Harry Tane: ] 135.

7. £ 1,500, for adjusting and defining the Boundaries of Counties, Baronies and Parishes in Ireland.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expense of the Erection of the Industrial Museum at Edinburgh, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. £ 8,970, to complete the Expense of Wire Doors, Ends, and Divisions to the Presses, for the better Security of the Records and Documents in the General Repository for Public Records.

9. £ 24,000, for the Suspension Bridge over the Thames at Chelsea.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Mortis, 11th die Augusti, 1857.

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.

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 Canada and New Brunswick Boundaries Bill, without any Amendment:—

The Lords have agreed to the Mayor's Court of the City of London Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorizing the Sale to the Dorset Central Railway Company, in consideration partly of a yearly Rent-charge, and partly of a gross Sum, of part of the settled Estates in the County of Dorset, of which the Right Honourable George Pitt Rivers, Lord Rivers is now Tenant for Life in possession, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:—

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased Bank Acts. to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the operation of the Bank Act of 1844 (7 & 8 Vic. c. 23), and of the Bank Acts for Ireland and Scotland of 1845 (8 & 9 Vic. c. 37 and 38), together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.:—

The Lords request, that this House will be pleased Hudson's Bay Company, to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the state of those British Possessions in North America which are under the Administration of the Hudson's Bay Company, or over which they possess a license to trade; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Ecclesiastical reading of the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. 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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Order of the day being read, for the third Dublin reading of the Dublith College 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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time:—It was accordingly read the second 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 Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. 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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.

The Order of the day being read, for the third Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c. 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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time:—It was accordingly read the second 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 Dubrith College 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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—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 from the words "That the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "said Order be discharged," 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.

The House divided.

Yeas, 97.
Noes, 1.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Glebe Lands (Ireland) Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Glebe Lands (Ireland) 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.

Banking Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Banking 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.

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—It passed in the Negative.

Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crown, &c. Suits (Scotland) 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.

Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pimlico Improvements Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Pimlico Improvements Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Public Offices Extension Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Public Offices Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Police (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Police (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Joint Stock Companies Act (1865) Amendment Bill.
The Joint Stock Companies Act (1865) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.
The said Amendments being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendments, in p. 35 l. 35, were for the purpose solely of correcting a clerical error), 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 reading of the Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Drogheda Election Petitions be laid before this House.

Lord Rivers' 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 have leave to sit, and proceed forthwith.

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

Martis, 11° die Augusti:
Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to read the Joint Stock Companies Act (1865) Amendment Bill, as amended by the Lords to the Tweed Fisheries Bill.

The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment in p. 27, clause 76, was to express in another form the intention of 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.

Carew's Estate Bill was read a second time; and Carew's Estate Bill ordered to be read a second time.

Keay's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and Keay's Divorce Bill ordered to be read a second time.

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 Depositions taken in India, and 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.

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

Vide Thirty-first Report.

Drogheda Election. No. 255.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Mi- nutes of the Evidence before the Select Committee on the Drogheda Election Petitions.

Orders of Knighthood.

Paupers. No. 256.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Paupers, which was presented upon the 29th day of July last, be printed.

River Thames. No. 257.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the River Thames, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

East India Company. No. 258.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the East India Company, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Seamen's Savings Bank. No. 259.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Seamen's Savings Bank, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordnance Survey. No. 179-11.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (The acting Judge and Registrar of every Ecclesiastical, Royal Peculiar, Peculiar, Manorial or other Court, and other person now having jurisdiction to grant Probate or Administration, and every person having the custody of the documents and papers or belonging to such Court or person, except the Registrars of the Courts mentioned in Schedule (A) to this Act annexed, shall, upon receiving a requisition to that purpose under the seal of the Court of Probate from a Registrar, and at the time and in the manner mentioned in such requisition, transmit to the District Court of Probate in which such Ecclesiastical, Royal Peculiar, Peculiar, Manorial or other Court is locally situate, all records, wits, grants, probates, letters of administration, administration bonds, notes of administration, court books, calendars, deeds, processes, acts, proceedings, writings, do- cuments, every other instrument being exclusively or principally to matters or causes testamentary, to be deposited and arranged in such District Registry so as to be easy of reference):—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 several times put from the Chair, and withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Whereas the fees or encomiums of the four persons admitted and now practising as Advocates in the Courts of the Province of York and Diocese of Horse, in matters and causes testamentary, shall be abolished by the extinction of those Courts, and of the exclusive rights and privileges which such Advocates have hitherto enjoyed: Be it enacted, That the Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, by examination on oath or otherwise, which oath they are hereby authorized to administer, may inquire into, and may, by the production of such evidence as they shall think fit to require, ascertain and absolutely determine the net annual amount of the profits arising from the transaction of business by such Advocates in matters and causes testamentary, on an average of five years immediately pre-

proceeding the commencement of this Act, or of such portion of five years as shall have elapsed since each and every such Advocate was admitted to practise in such Courts, and shall award to each and every such Advocate a sum of money or annual payment, during the term of his natural life, of such amount in value to one-half of the net profits derived by such Advocate in respect of matters and causes testamentary upon the said average of five years immediately preceding the commencement of this Act, or of such proportion of the said five years as shall have elapsed since the admission of each and every such Advocate to practise in the said Courts: Provided always, That if any of the said Advocates be appointed a Registrar in one of the District Courts established under this Act, he shall relinquish all claim to compensation in respect of the abolition of the said fees or encomiums):—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 a Clause (Persons to whom compensation granted to be liable to fill other offices under the Crown), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 17, by inserting after the word "Act" the words "or where there is now no such Court, then the Registrar or Deputy Registrar (as the case may be) now executing in person the duties of Registrar of any such Court at any other place within the same diocese, if he shall be willing to accept the office, and.

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

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by adding, at the end of Clause 49, the words " wherever an affidavit is required by this Act, a statutory declaration or solemn affirmation may be received in lieu thereof, where by.

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

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by adding, at the end of Clause 56, the words " and each Judge of County Courts having jurisdiction under this Act, whose salary shall be less than Fifteen hundred pounds a year, shall be paid out of the Ten-Year Testamentary Fees: in lieu of any fees for the business done by him under this Act, so much money annually as, together with his salary as a County Court Judge, shall amount to Fifteen hundred pounds.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by adding, at the end of Clause 22, the words "or where there is now no such Court as shall be granted to be liable to fill other offices under the Crown), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

The following Paper, pursuant to Order, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Minute of the Evidence before the Select Committee on the said Probate of Court of Probate, or of any County Court, in respect of business under the said Act, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

Whereupon such Amendment was not put from the Chair, as involving a direct charge upon the Public Revenue.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 99, p. 30, L 14, by leaving out the words "or of any County Court."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

The House was moved, That the Resolution which, upon the 3d day of July last, was reported from the Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration [Stamps], and which Resolution was then agreed to by the House, might be read; and the same was read, as follows:—

"That the Fees payable to the officers of the said Court of Probate, or of any County Court, in respect of business under the said Act, shall be collected by means of Stamps."

Whereupon such Amendment was not put from the Chair, as involving a direct charge upon the Public Revenue.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 99, p. 30, L 14, by leaving out the words "or of any County Court."

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

The House was moved, That the Resolution which, upon the 3d day of July last, was reported from the Committee on Probates and Letters of Administration [Stamps], and which Resolution was then agreed to by the House, might be read; and the same was read, as follows:—

"That the Fees payable to the officers of the said Court of Probate, or of any County Court, in respect of business under the said Act, shall be collected by means of Stamps."

Whereupon such Amendment was not put from the Chair, as involving a direct charge upon the Public Revenue.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 99. And the Question being put, That Clause 99 stand part of the Bill: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were proposed to be made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 108, l. 37, by inserting after the word "Registrars" the words "or Proctors, " or continuously employed partly in the offices of Registrars and partly in the offices of Proce- 
tors."

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 Clause 110, l. 30, by inserting after the word "testamentary" the words "and also in 
the Court of Admiralty."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted: —It passed in the Negative. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. Then other Amendments were proposed to be made to the Bill: —And were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Schedule of the Bill, by inserting before the words "The West Riding of the County of York," in the first column, the words "Wapentakes of Evescroes, 
Stonecliffe, Claro (including the liberty of Ripon), 
Shyrock, Bartnkon, Ash, and the Borough of 
Leeds, all in the West Riding of the County of 
York — Leeds."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted: —And a Debate arising thereon: 
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the second 
reading of the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill: 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- 
mitee on the Probates and Letters of Administra- 
tion (Ireland) Bill: 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re- 
solve into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself 
into a Committee on the Revising Barristers (Dub- 
lin) Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 6, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

 Clause, N° 7, disagreed to.

Preamble 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Com- mittee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856) 
Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve 
itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856) 
Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the House will, this day, resolve 
itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 9th 
day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, was 

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Diplomatic 
to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this 
House, a Return of all Consuls General, Consuls, 
and Salaried Vice-Consuls, with the Amount of their 
Salaries; of the Fees received by them in the years 
1855, 1854, 1853 and 1856, respectively, and of any 
other Salary, Emolument or Allowances; specifying 
whether the Consulate is a trading Consulate or not, 
and the Country of which each actual Consul is a 
Native.

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 Consuls General, Consuls, 
and Salaried Vice-Consuls, with the Amount of their 
Salaries; of the Fees received by them in the years 
1855, 1854, 1853 and 1856, respectively, and of any 
other Salary, Emolument or Allowances; specifying 
whether the Consulate is a trading Consulate or not, 
and the Country of which each actual Consul is a 
Native.

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 Letters sent to the Dead Letter Office during the year 1856, stating how many of them have been returned to the Writers, and how the remainder have been disposed of; stating also, how many of these Letters contained Money, Cheques, Orders, or other Securities for Money, Jewellery, or other valuable Property; and the Aggregate Nominal Value of the Money, Cheques, Orders, or other Securities for Money; and what proportion of the said Letters, and of the Money, Securities, &c. therein contained, has been returned to the authors of the said Letters, and how the remainder have been disposed of.

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 Superannuation Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the better Protection of Trustees, Executors, and Administrators acting bona fide in the discharge of their Office; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act further to continue, for a limited time, the Exemptions of certain Charitable Charities from the Operation of the Charitable Trusts Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

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 to inquire into the Law and Practice with respect to the Rating of Royalties of Mines; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Petitions presented to this House from the Grand Juries of the several Counties, Counties of Cities and Towns, in England, in the years 1856 and 1857 respectively, praying relief from the Expenses attendant upon the Annual Revision of the Valuation, with the Names of the Counties, Cities and Towns which have sent forward such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Committees of Supply have Power to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Lord John Russell reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House:—And the Resolutions of the Committee were read, as follow:

1. That in a Committee of Supply, the present mode of putting the Question on an Amendment for a reduction of a Vote be altered.
2. That in a Committee of Supply, a Member be at liberty to take the opinion of the Committee on any item, in any Vote, contained in the Vote.
3. That when an Amendment is proposed to leave out or to reduce a particular item of a Vote, the Question shall be put from the Chair, whether the proposed reduction (specifying the item) be agreed to.
4. That when several Amendments to different items are proposed, they shall be taken in the order in which they appear in the printed Estimates.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return, showing the Amount of Public Money expended in the Purchase and Formation of Public Parks, Public Walks, and Recreation Grounds in large Towns and Populous Places in Great Britain and Ireland, since the year 1840, specifying the Sums granted by Government for such purpose at each Town or Place, and the Fund from whence such Grant was made.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Harbours, Harbours of Refuge have Power to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them to the House.

Mr. Wedderburn reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them to the House.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was put from the Chair.

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 all Alterations made in the Customs Tariffs of Foreign States, and of their Dependencies, as well as of the British Possessions, information of which has been received since the last Return; giving the Foreign Weights, Measures, and Monies, as well as the English Equivalents, appended to the description of each Article, the Duty upon which has been altered; and, under the heading of each State, Dependency, or Possessions, the Scale according to which the Reduction into such English Equivalents is made; giving, further, the Duties at which each Alteration has been made, the Date of its taking effect, and a reference to the Document or Publication in which the Official Notice of such Alteration first appeared; stating also, whether or where, in each State, Dependency or Possession, any fixed Scale for the valuation of Articles subject to ad valorem Duties is used, and the general effect of such use upon the Rate of such Duties (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 120, of Session 1857):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Foreign Codes, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Communication as to twelve Foreign Codes, &c., by John Fraser Macqueen, Esquire.

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

(To the Committee).

1. £ 27,810, for the Pimlico Improvements.
2. £ 30,000, for a Site for the proposed New Public Offices.
3. £ 7,500,
2. £1,500, towards the Erection of a New Building, to contain additional accommodation for Public Offices in connection with Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

3. £200,000, for the Embodied Militia.

4. £450,000, for the Disembodied Militia.

5. £83,000, for the Survey of Scotland.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the formation, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, of the Gallery of Portraits of the most eminent persons in British History.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Expenses connected with the Inquiry into the Ravages of the Cholera in the West Indies.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of certain Works at Spern Point, River Humber, to the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Contribution, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, on the part of the Crown, towards the Fund of the London Diocesan Church Building Society, for building additional Churches and Parsonage Houses.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Lord High Commissioner of the Hebrides Islands to carry out a Plan for improving the Fortifications at Corfu, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Completion of the Testimonial to the Duke of Wellington, in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,500, be granted to Her Majesty, for the expense of adjusting and defining the Boundaries of Counties, Baronies, and Parishes in Ireland, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,570, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, the Expense of providing and fixing Wire Doors, Ends, and Divisions to the Prisons, for the better security of the Records and Documents in the General Repository for Public Records.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Completion of the Suspension Bridge over the Thames, at Chelsea, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

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

The Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) 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 reading of the Pinelico Improvements Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Sir Benjamin Hall, 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.

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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Order of the day being read, for the third Police (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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Reformatory consideration into account the Amendments made by the Schools Bill, Lords to the Reformatory Schools Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time, several were agreed to; several were amended, and agreed to; and several were disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendments to which this House hath disagreed:—And a Committee was appointed of Sir George Grey, Mr. FitzRoy, Viscount Castletown, Mr. Henley, Mr. Massey, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Spooner:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Schools Bill, Lords to the Industrial Schools 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 Amendment which was proposed to be made to the Probes and Letters of Administration Bill, and which Amend-
ment was to insert in the Schedule, before the words “The West Riding of the County of York,” in the first column, the words “Wapentakes of Eecorcross, New Vivary, and the Borough of Leeds,” all in the West Riding of the County of York — Leeds;”

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted: — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put: — It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Schedule of the Bill, by leaving out the word “York,” in the second column, and inserting the word “ Hull” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “York” stand part of the Schedule: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Schedule of the Bill, by inserting in the first column of the Schedule, after the words “County of Norfolk,” the words “North and South Divisions of the County of Essex.”

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. Baresford: 0.

Tellers for the Mr. Hoyter: 55.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Schedule of the Bill, by leaving out the word “Brecknock.”

And the Question being put, That the word “Brecknock” stand part of the Schedule: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Schedule of the 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 Crowded Dwellings Prevention 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 the thirtieth day of June next:”

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856) Amendment Bill; resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir George Grey reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain Amendments made by their Lordships to the Reformatory Schools Bill; that they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in p. 3, l 22, for the following Reason: —

“Because it ought not to be made imperative on the Justices or Magistrate to issue a Vol. 112:

Summons in all cases, calling on the Parent or Step-parent to appear before them, as in some cases no such Parent or Step-parent may be known to exist.”

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in p. 3, l 27,

“For the same Reason, as above mentioned, and also because the substitution of the word ‘shall’ for ‘may’ in this line would render it imperative on the Justices or Magistrate not only to summon the Parent or Step-parent, but also to make an order upon him or her for the payment of money, which order ought only to be made after inquiry into the ability of such Parent or Step-parent to contribute to the offender’s support and maintenance.”

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Fraudulent Trustees Lords to the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

The Charitable Trusts Act Continuance Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve Customs Acts, itself into a Committee on the Customs Acts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Hainault an Extract from the Report of the Commissioners for the Forest of Woods for the year ending the 31st day of March 1857, containing a Statement of the Proceedings adopted by the Commissioners of Woods, &c. for bringing the Crown’s Hainault Allotment into a state for Cultivation, including the under-mentioned Accounts:

A Debtor and Creditor Account of the Forest of Hainault, during each of the last Five years previous to the date of the Act under which it was disafforested:

A Debtor and Creditor Account of the Allotment awarded to the Crown under the Act, for each year since the date of the Award to the 31st day of March last:

A Debtor and Creditor Account of the Commissioners’ Allotment from the date of the Act to the latest period, so far as it produced Income or caused Expenditure to the Crown: — (Each Account to be made out in sufficient Detail to make clear the specific Sources of Revenue to, and the specific purposes of Expenditure by, the Crown since the date of the Act): —

And, Statement of the present Occupation and Extent of the Crown Allotment; together with a Statement and Account of the present and prospective Rental derivable from the same.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered, That Standing Order 212 be suspended in the case of Giustiniani’s Naturalization Bill; and that the Bill be read the third time forthwith:—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.

Ordered, That Standing Order 203 be suspended in the case of Lord Rivers’ Estate Bill; and that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 171 and 201 be suspended in the case of Kenys’ Divorce Bill; and that the Bill be read a second time forthwith:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

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.

Mr. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th, 10th, and 11th 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.

Several Public Petitions 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 Divisions of the House in the present and past Sessions of 1857; 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. 449, of Session 1850).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Sessions of 1857; the Subjects of Inquiry; 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 sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended such Committee; the Total Expense of Attendance of Witnesses, and the Names of Members who served 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. 450, of Session 1850).

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 the present and past Sessions of 1857, clasped according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Roads and Bridges; Waterworks; Ports; Piers; Harbours and Docks; Canals and Navigations; Churches, Chapels and Burying-grounds; Paving, Lighting, and Improving; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosures; Small Debts Courts; and all other Bills and Acts:—Of all the Private Bills which, in the present and past Sessions of 1857, have been treated as Opposed Bills; specifying those 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 Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has served; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; the Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection, or 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 and past Sessions of 1857, have been referred by the Committee of Selection by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 453, of Session 1850).

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, or extracts of such portions of the Governor of British Guiana with reference to the Ordinance passed by the Legislature of that Colony imposing a Registration Tax.

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. C. B. Fortescue presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st day of July (Sydney Branch). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to the Royal Mint (Sydney Branch) and the Bills with respect to such.

Mr. Chichester Fortescue presented, Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st day of July (Sydney Branch). 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 Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, or extracts of such portions of the Governor of British Guiana with reference to the Ordinance passed by the Legislature of that Colony imposing a Registration Tax.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House in the present and past Sessions of 1857; 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. 449, of Session 1850).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Sessions of 1857; the Subjects of Inquiry; 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 sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended such Committee; the Total Expense of Attendance of Witnesses, and the Names of Members who served 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. 450, of Session 1850).

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 the present and past Sessions of 1857, clasped according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Roads and Bridges; Waterworks; Ports; Piers; Harbours and Docks; Canals and Navigations; Churches, Chapels and Burying-grounds; Paving, Lighting, and Improving; Gaols and other County Buildings; Inclosures; Small Debts Courts; and all other Bills and Acts:—Of all the Private Bills which, in the present and past Sessions of 1857, have been treated as Opposed Bills; specifying those 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 Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has served; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; the Bills referred back to the Committee of Selection, or 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 and past Sessions of 1857, have been referred by the Committee of Selection by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 453, of Session 1850).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to the Royal Mint (Sydney Branch) and the Bills with respect to such.
And the Question being put, That Clause Twelve stand part of the Bill;--The House divided.

The Yeas for the Clause Twelve stand part of the Bill;

Mr. Rennard, Mr. Forster; 32.

Mr. Buchanan, Viscount Duncaur; 27.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Railways (Ireland) Bill;--Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day fortnight.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 and N° 3, agreed to.

Clause (Act not to apply to Scotland)—brought up and read a second time—put, and negatived.

Preamble 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 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 Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill;--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 Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill, as amended in the Committee;--Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Orders of the day.

Mr. Fitz-Roy reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,810, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Completion of the Pimlico Improvements, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £80,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Erection, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858, of the proposed New Public Offices, in the City of London.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,500, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the purchase of a Site for the proposed New Public Offices, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £200,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges of the Embodied Militia, which will, in course of payment, in the year ending the 31st day of March 1858.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £350,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Disembodied Militia of Great Britain and Ireland, to the 31st day of March 1858.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £32,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Survey of Scotland.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Militia Pay, to defray the Charge of the Pay, 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 and Surgeons Mates of the Militia; and to authorize the Employment of the Non-commissioned Officers: And that Mr. Fitz-Roy, Sir John Remond and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the General Board of General Board Health Contingent Bill, without any Amendment; to the Carlsbad and Carlisle and Ingleton Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Illicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Loan Societies Bill, Loan Societies without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces (Scotland) Act (1855) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Somerset Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the West Somerset Railway Bill; by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Hastings and Todmorden Roads Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the British and Irish Grand Junction Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Finbury Park Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Finsbury Park (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, without any Amendment; to the Amendments made to the Sittlington and Sheerness Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Sittlington and Sheerness Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to the Amendments made to the Sittlington and Sheerness Railway Bill, and to authorize the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, to authorize the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, to authorize the concurrence of this House; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Bill, to authorize the concurrence of this House; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ways and Means.

The House, according to Ways and Means.

(1) Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, in lieu of the Duties of Excise now chargeable on the following articles imported into Great Britain and Ireland, and in lieu of the Duties of Excise now chargeable on Sugar made in the United Kingdom, the following Duties shall be charged until the 31st day of March 1860 inclusive (that is to say):

1. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Excise now chargeable on Sugar, viz.:-
   - Candies, brown or white refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to yellow Muscovado or brown clayed Sugar, or not equal to white clayed, the cwt. - 10 s. 4 d.
   - White clayed Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to white clayed, not being refined, or equal in quality to white refined - the cwt. - 16 s.
   - 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 - the cwt. - 13 10 s.
   - Brown Muscovado, or any other Sugar, not being equal in quality to yellow Muscovado or brown clayed Sugar - the cwt. - 12 8 s.
   - Molasses - the cwt. - 5 s.
   - Cherries, dried - each - 6 s.
   - Confitoes, dry - each - 2 s.
   - Confectionery - each - 2 s.
   - Ginger, preserved - the lb. - 2 s.
   - Marmalades - the lb. - 1 s. 5 d.

2. Resolved, That the following drawbacks shall be allowed on the exportation to Foreign Parts, or on removal to the Isle of Man, for consumption there, of the several descriptions of refined Sugar herein-after mentioned, until the 31st day of March 1860 inclusive (that is to say):

   - Upon refined Sugar in leaf, complete or whole, or lemons duly refined, having been perfectly clarified and thoroughly dried in the store, and being of an uniform whiteness throughout, or Sugar Candy, or Sugar refined by the centrifugal machine, or by any other process, and not in any way inferior to the Export Standard, No. 8, approved by the Lords of the Treasury - for every cwt. - 17 2 s.
   - Upon such refined Sugar already described, if powdered, crushed or broken in a warehouse approved by the Commissioners of Customs, such Sugar having been there first inspected by the officers of Customs in hams or leaves, as if for immediate shipment, and then packed for exportation in the presence of such officers, and at the expense of the exporters - for every cwt. - 17 2 s.
   - Upon refined Sugar, unstoved, powdered, crushed or broken, and not in any way inferior to the Export standard sample, No. 1, approved by the Lords of the Treasury, and which shall not contain more than five per cent moisture over and above what the same would contain if thoroughly dried in the stove - for every cwt. - 16 4 s.
   - Upon bastard or refined Sugar, unstoved, broken in pieces, or being ground, powdered, or crushed, not in any way inferior to the Export standard sample, No. 2, approved by the Lords of the Treasury - for every cwt. - 15 1 s.
   - Upon bastard or refined Sugar, being inferior in quality to the said Export standard sample, No. 2 - for every cwt. - 12 3 s.

3. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £18,277,482, 13 4 s. 3 d., granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

4. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there be issued and applied to the service of the year 1857, the Sum of £692,341, 4 s. 3 d., being the Surplus of Ways and Means granted for the service of preceding years.

Consolidated Fund.

Surplus of Ways and Means.

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 received To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Fitz-Roy, who had acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill; and, after some time, 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 To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill; and, after some time, 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 To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs Acts. (In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Rice imported into Great Britain, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - Rice and Rice dust for feeding cattle, the cwt. - 18 s. 5 d.
   - Rough, and in the husk - the quarter - 9 s.
   - Meal, not otherwise enumerated or described, the cwt. - 41 s.

2. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on the undermentioned articles imported into Great Britain and Ireland, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - Hats of felt - each - 6 d.
   - Linen, vestas, of wax the 1000 matches - 7 d.
   - Plumes, commonly called French Plumes and Prunelles - the cwt. - 7 s.

   - Dried or preserved (except in Sugar) - each - 7 s.

3. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Ships, with their tackle, apparel and furniture (except sails), broken up or to be broken up, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - Foreign built Ships, with their tackle, apparel and furniture, broken up, or sold to be broken up, or abandoned by the owners, or said as wreck, whether afterwards recovered or repaired or not - for every £100 value - 5 %.

4. Resolved, That, the Duties of Customs now chargeable on the undermentioned article imported into Great Britain and Ireland, shall cease and determine (that is to say):

   - Oxyproroll of Tin.

Resolutions to be reported.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Massey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Common Law (Judicial Business) Commissioners, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Names (alphabetically arranged) of all Places in which, according to a Return (No. 221) made in the last Session of Parliament, Free Public Libraries had then been agreed upon or established; with a Return showing how far the Institution of Free Public Libraries has since been agreed to or discontinued in the following Places: Aberdeen, Dundalk, Hastings (Lancashire), Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington, Lichfield, Limerick, Marylebone, Brighton, Greenock, Norwich, Preston and Southampton, and the City of London; showing, 1. Whether the Corporations of those Places hold in trust any Collections formed under either of the Acts aforesaid for the future Maintenance of such Collections, or for the Amalgamation of any of them, by Rate, or for the Amalgamation of any such Collection with others; 2. Whether any Funds for the Maintenance of such Collections are held by the Corporations aforesaid, and to what Amount; 3. What is the present Extent of each of such Collections, where they are preserved, and under what Custody, and what are the Terms of Public Access thereto; 4. Whether any Steps have been taken, or are in contemplation, under the Public Libraries Act of 1850 or of 1855, for the future Maintenance of such Collections, or of any of them, by Rate, or for the Amalgamation of any such Collection with others; and an Order was made for the Committee to report the proceedings of the Committee, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

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

Sir John RMSland presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to Army Huts.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Ordnance Survey (Ireland).

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the Message from the Lords of the 11th day of this instant August, wherein their Lordships request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the state of those British Possessions in North America which are under the Administration of the Hudson's Bay Company, or over which they possess a license to trade; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

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 House proceeded to take into consideration Rating of Mines.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the Law and Practice with respect to the Rating of Royalties of Mines; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

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 Trustees Relief Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Rating of Mines.

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

The Trustees Relief Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-Roy reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration (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.

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 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

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Anno 21° Victoriae Regniæ, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SHEPHERD'S Disabilities Removal Bill was Shepherd's Disabilities Removal Bill.

be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Hudson's Bay that part of the Message from the Lords of the 10th Company.

day of this instant August, wherein their Lordships request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the state of those British Possessions in North America which are under the Administration of the Hudson's Bay Company, or over which they possess a license to trade; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee, &c.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Rating of Mines.

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

The Trustees Relief Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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 Trustees Relief Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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

The Trustees Relief Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; Public Petitions.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Valuation (Ireland).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Mr. Maegley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of May last, for a Return relative to Vestry Clerks (Metropolitan Parishes).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to Assistant Commissioners, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of July last, for a Return relative to Bait Shell Fishings (Firth of Clyde).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to Light Gold Coin.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Foreign Coins, &c.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to County Treasurers (Ireland), which was presented upon the 19th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Royal Mint (Sydney Branch), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Huts, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Ordnance Survey (Ireland), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Clause, No. 25. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 7: After the word "adultery" to insert the words "or of adultery committed in the conjugal residence." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment: To leave out the words "as in the conjugal residence in order to add the words "by the husband with a mistress kept by him in the same house with his wife." Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line: To leave out the words "or of bigamy." Question proposed, That the words "or of bigamy" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line: After the word "bigamy" to insert the words "and adultery with the same person." 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, this day, at Six of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the first and second of the said Resolutions: And that Mr. FitzRoy, 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 appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Joint Stock Companies Act (1864) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Customs Acts. Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on the Customs Acts, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Rice imported into Great Britain and Ireland, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - 1. Rice and Rice Dust for feeding Cattle, the cwt. - - - 4 g. 6.
   - 2. Rough, and in the husk - the quarter - - 9
   - 3. Meal, not otherwise enumerated or described, the cwt. - - - 4 g. 6.

2. That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on the under-mentioned articles imported into Great Britain and Ireland, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - 1. Hats of felt - each - - - 9.
   - 2. Linens, read of wax - the 1,000 matches - 3.
   - 4. - dried or preserved (except in Sugar), not otherwise described - - - - 7.

3. That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Ships, with their tackle, apparel and furniture (except sails), broken up or to be broken up, the following Duties shall be charged (that is to say):

   - 1. Foreign built Ships, with their tackle, apparel and furniture, broken up, or sold to be broken up, or abandoned by the owners, or sold as wreck, whether afterwards recovered or repaired or not - for every £100 value 5 - - 5.

4. That the Duties of Customs now chargeable on imported into Great Britain and Ireland, shall cease and determine (that is to say):

   - 1. Oxymuriate of Tin.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Wilson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Contracts (Public Departments.) No. 209.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Contracts (Public Departments) have Power to report their Observations to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Colonel Boldero reported from the said 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Court of Session (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Militia Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The Jurisdiction in Siam Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Memo from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords communicate a Copy of Proceedings Keays' before the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and Minutes of Evidence taken on the second reading of Keays' Divorce Bill, as desired by this House:

The Lords communicate a Copy of Report from Charitable the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Uses Bill, and the Roman Catholic Charities Bill, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, and Minutes of Evidence, as desired by this House.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Keays' Divorce Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Australian Returns of the Names, Towngate and Horse-power of ail Vessels surveyed by the Admiralty, the Property of the European and Columbia Steam Company, and to be employed between Suez and Melbourne, under the Provisions of a Contract entered into by virtue of a tender signed on behalf of the said Company, the 11th day of June 1856, by John Orr Ewing, Chairman, with the Surveyor's Report thereon: - And, of the Names, Towngate and Horse-power of all Vessels chartered or hired by said Company (with the Names of Owners), to convey the Mails and Passengers between Alexandria and Southampton, or Suez and Melbourne.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Australian Orders of the Lords, by the Australian Board of the Sydney, having assembled, and of the Numbers of Inquisitions which have been superseded in the respective years 1854, 1855 and 1856.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dubois against Wyse, in the cause of Dubois against Wyse, one of the District Magistrates of the Dublin Metropolitan Police: And, of an Order made on the 20th day of July 1853, by the Lord Chief Baron of the said Court, in Chambers, discharging the Defendant from the custody of the Sheriff of the County of Dublin.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill Customs and Excise to the House, for granting certain Duties of Customs and Excise. Ordered, That the same be printed.

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-seven, 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; and to be printed.
Mr. Wilson presented a Bill for the Alteration and Amendment of the Laws and Duties of Customs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

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.

Rainault Forest.

Mr. Wilson presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Rainault Forest.

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

Army Commissioners.

Vicount Palmerston presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the system of Purchase and Sale of Commissions in the Army; with Evidence and Appendix.

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

Tariffs.

Mr. Lone presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—A Return of the Rates of Duty upon the principal articles (so far as the same can be given), levied in each of the years 1856 and 1857, by the Tariffs of Foreign Countries, in which changes were made during that period, and showing the per-cent. Increase or Decrease.

Statistical Tables.

—Part V.

Statistical Tables relating to Foreign Countries:—Part V.

Miscellaneous. Statistics relating to the United Kingdom, for each of the last Three years.

Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, in the year 1856.

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

Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

CLAUSE 25. Amendment again proposed, in p. 7, l. 7: After the word "bigamy" to insert the words "and adultery with the same person:"—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed: After the last Amendment, to insert the words "such bigamy, rape, or other offence as aforesaid being proved by conviction." Question put, That those words be there inserted;—The Committee divided.

Yeas, 44; Noes, 137.

The Question was then again proposed, and the Question put, That those words be there inserted;—The Committee divided.

Yeas, 44; Noes, 137.

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, 14° die Augusti, 1857:

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 of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Judgments Bill was, according to Order, Judgments read a second time; and committed to a Committee Bill, of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon this day three months, resume itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Parish concerning the Parochial Schoolmasters in Scotland; Schoolmasters (Scotland).

And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Wilson and Sir (No. 2.)

George Grey do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Fraudulent consideration the Amendments made by the Trustees, &c. Lords to the Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill; and the Bill, 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
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Charitable Trusts Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention 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 this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Probates and Letters of Administration (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 Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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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 this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the East India Company, and for regulating in such Service the Payment of Regimental Debts, and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service: And that Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Segrosee and Mr. Wigram do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on County and District Surveyors, &c. (Ireland), have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Hamilton reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to a 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.

Mutiny (East India) Bill.

Mr. Vernon Smith presented a Bill for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the East India Company, and for regulating in such Service the Payment of Regimental Debts, and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Six of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wiltos presented a Bill concerning the Partial Remission of the Exigency of the Schoolmasters in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Militia Pay Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, after the other Order of the day, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Newberry,' late a Permit Writer in the Excise Department.

Orders of Deeds (Ireland), No. 272.

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3d day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Lunatics Asylums (Ireland).

Ordinated.

Account of Receipt and Expenditure for Ordnance Services, in the year ended 31st March 1856.

Excise Department.

Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 8th June and 12th August 1857, granting a Compassionate Allowance to Mr. Newberry, late a Permit Writer in the Excise Department.

Registrar of Deeds (Ireland), No. 271.

Orders of Knighthood, No. 271.

Light Gold Coin, No. 272.

Friendly Societies, No. 273.

Reviving Barristers.

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 Objections raised and determined in each Court of Revising Barristers in England and Wales in 1854, 1855 and 1856.

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.

Coroners' Inquests.

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 Clerk of the Peace of each County in England and Wales of any Resolutions, Reports, Instructions, Orders or Correspondence adopted or issued by the Court of Quarter Sessions relative to the holding of Inquests by Coroners, since the passing of the Act 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 76.—Copies of any Orders or Instructions relating to Inquests issued to the Constabulary in each County of England and Wales, either by the Court of Quarter Sessions, or by the Chief Constable of each such County or part of such County:—Return of the Dates of the Dissallowance (if any) by the Court of Quarter Sessions of each such County of any Fees claimed by the Coroner for the holding of Inquests, and the Number of such Claims dissallowed.—Copy of any Correspondence between Her Majesty, and each of the Magistrates of any such County, and the Coroner for the County, or part of the County, with respect to any such dissallowance of Fees:—And, like Return from the Cities and Boroughs of England and Wales.

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 Australian Postal Service.

Clause, No. 26. Question again proposed, That the words " presented by a husband " stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 27 (Court to be satisfied of absence of collusion). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 25: To leave out the words " duty of the Court " stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28: After the word " adultery " to insert the words " or has by his or her misconduct or wilful neglect conducted to the same." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and agreed to.

Question, That the words " duty of the Court " stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in the same line: After the word " adultery " to insert the words " and whether there has been any collusion directly or indirectly between the parties or any of them, " and whether the husband and wife were living separate and apart by consent before the adultery was committed."

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negated. Agreement to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Relief Bill. 

Means, Charitable Ways and Supply. in Siam Bill. 

Jurisdiction Customs and Excise Bill. 

Militia Bill. 

Court of Session (Scotland) Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Taff Vale Railway Bill, without any Amendment. 

The Joint Stock Companies Act (1856) 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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. 

The Militia 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Court of Session (Scotland) 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 Customs and Excise Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. 

The Customs Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day. 

The Jurisdiction in Siam 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 Crowded Dwellings Prevention 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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill do pass. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Obscene Books, &c Prevention 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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day. 

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill do pass. 

Ordered, That the Clerk 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 of all alterations made in the Customs Tariffs of Foreign States, and of their Dependencies, as well as of the British Possessions, information of which has been received since the last Return; giving the Foreign Weights, Measures and Monies, as well as the English Equivalents, appended to the Description of each Article, the Duty upon which has been altered; and, under the heading of each State, Dependency or Possessions, the Scale according to which the Reduction into such English Equivalents is made; giving, further, the Dates at which each alteration has been made, the Date of its taking effect, and a Reference to the Document or Publication in which the official Notice
of such alteration first appeared; stating also whether or where, in each State, Dependency or Possession, any fixed Scale for the Valuation of Articles subject to ad valorem Duties is used, and the general effect of such use upon the Rate of such Duties. (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 129, of Session 1857.)

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 its sitting till Two of the clock, adjourned till this day.

Abadi, 15th die Augusti;

Anno 21st Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of Edward Auchmuty Glover, Esquire, late Member for Beverley, was referred to a Committee; but as the said Petition prayed for the revision of the determination of an Election Committee, the same was not received.

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

The Charitable Trusts 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 hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Mutiny (East Indies) 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 Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) (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.

The Orders of the day being read, for the Committees on the Militia Bill, the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, the Customs and Excise Bill, the Customs Bill, and the Jurisdiction in Siam Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to the same Committee.

Then the House 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 Militia Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Fitz-Roy also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take under consideration the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Returns relative to Public Libraries, which was presented upon the Libraries Act Amendment Bill on the 12th day of May last, and the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army, Navy, and Militia, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Ordnance, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the帕 Petition relative to Llantrisant Asylums (Ireland), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Charitable Uses Bill, and the Roman Catholic Charities Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 13th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Charitable Trusts Acts Continuance Bill was, according to Order; read the third time.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Committee on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Bankruptcy to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Bankruptcy to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

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Luna, 17° die Augusti;
Anno 21° Victoriae Regnis, 1857.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the [Lancaster, Carlisle and Ingleton 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 Duke of Bridgewater’s Estate Bill, as amended in Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords with relation to any Proceedings upon the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill, and to make a Report thereof to the House:—And a Committee was appointed of Sir James Graham, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Fitz-Roy, Mr. Joseph Dovett, Mr. Henley, Sir William Heathcote, Sir John Yarde Buller and Mr. Adams:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Mr. Maser presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of the Accounts of Boroughs in England and Wales, for one year from 1st September 1855 to 31st August 1856.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

CLAUSE, No 28 (Dismissal of Petition). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31: To leave out the words “alleged adultery,” in order to insert the words “facts alleged.”

Question proposed, That the words “alleged adultery,” stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, No 29 (Decree dissolving marriage). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 38: To leave out the words “has committed adultery during the marriage;”

Question put, That the words “has committed adultery” stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. M. Mackay], [Mr. P. O’Brian]: 37.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hogter], [Noes]: (The Earl of Malgrave) 78.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 2: After the words “not be” to insert the words “at liberty to pronounce such Decree where the Petitioner is shown to have committed adultery which has not been condoned, nor shall it be.”

Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Walpole], [Yea]: 41.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hogter], [Noes]: (The Earl of Malgrave) 80.

Other Amendments made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hogter], [Yea]: 88.

Tellers for the [Mr. M. Mackay], [Noes]: (The Earl of Malgrave) 21.

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And it being ten minutes before Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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, at Six of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) 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 Probates and Letters of Administration (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 Jurisdiction in Siam 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Customs and Excise Bill, Excise Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Customs Bill consideration the Customs Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Walpole reported Keays’ Divorce Bill, with Keays’ Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Henry Herbert presented, by Her Majesty’s Fisheries Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners (Ireland) of Fisheries, Ireland, for 1856, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, pursuant to the Act 5th & 6th Victoria, chapter 106.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table Revenue by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of July last, for a Return relative to Revenue (Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of July Public Income last, for a Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure.

A Message was delivered by Mr. Pullman, Yeo—Royal Assent. man 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, 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:—

County Court Judges (Falcon and Yatton's Salaries) Bill.

Superannuation Act Amendment Bill.

Boundaries of Land (Ireland) Bill.

General Board of Health Amendment Bill.

Attorneys and Solicitors (Colonial Courts) Bill.

Elicit Distillation (Ireland) Bill.

Loan Societies Bill.

Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act 1855 Amendment Bill.

Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace Bill.

Glebe Lands (Ireland) Bill.

Banking Bill.

Crown, &c. (Suig (Scotland) Bill.

Land Tax Commissioners, &c. Bill.

Industrial Schools Bill.

Municipal Corporations Bill.

Fraudulent Trustees, &c. Bill.

New Zealand Land Guarantee Bill.

New Zealand Company's Claims Bill.

New Zealand Government Act Amendment Bill.

Haddington and Tolmorden Roads Bill.

West Somerset Railway Bill.

New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company Bill.

An Act to supply an Omission in a Schedule to the Act to amend the Acts relating to County Courts:

An Act to repeal the Seventy-seventh Section of the Superannuation Act, 1854:

An Act to make further Provision for defining the Boundaries of certain Denominations of Land in Ireland for public purposes:

An Act to continue the General Board of Health:

An Act to regulate the Admission of Attorneys and Solicitors of Colonial Courts in Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Law and Equity in England, in certain cases:

An Act to continue and amend on Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter Eighty-nine, and also the Laws for the Suppression and Prevention of Illicit Distillation in Ireland; and to constitute the Constabulary Forces of Customs for certain purposes:

An Act to revive and continue an Act to amend the Laws relating to Loan Societies:

An Act to amend the Burial-grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855:

An Act to improve the Administration of the Laws so far as respects summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace:

An Act to enable Ecclesiastical Persons in Ireland to grant Building Leases of Glebe Lands in certain cases:

An Act to amend the Law relating to Banking Companies:

An Act to regulate the Institution of Suits at the Instance of the Crown and the Public Departments in the Courts of Scotland:

An Act to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes:

An Act to make better Provision for the Care and Education of vagrant, destitute and disorderly Children, and for the Extension of Industrial Schools:

An Act to amend the Acts concerning Municipal Corporations in England:

An Act to make better Provision for the Punishment of Frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers and other Persons intrusted with Property:

An Act to guarantee a Loan for the Service of New Zealand:

An Act for discharging Claims of the New Zealand Company on the Proceeds of Sales of Waste Lands in New Zealand:

An Act to amend the Act for granting a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand:

An Act for repairing the Road from Haddington to Tullowarden and several Branches therefrom, all in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes:

An Act to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Tawton to the Harbour of Watchet, and for other purposes relating to the said Railway and Harbour:

An Act for the Transfer of the Interests of the Class A. Shareholders of the Saint Andrew's and Queen's Railway Company to The New Brunswick and Canada Railway and Land Company (Limited)."
Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of June last, for a Return relative to Poor Law (Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June last, for a Return relative to Dublin Port.

Mr. Mosley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, an 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.

Sir James Graham reported from the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords with relation to any Proceedings upon the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill, and to make Report thereof to the House; and that they had inspected the said Journals accordingly, and found the following Entry:

"Die Lunæ, 17 Augusti, 1857:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill be put off to this day three months."

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Petition for leave to bring in the Mersey Conservancy and Docks Bill, which was presented upon the 4th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read; And a Motion being made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for consolidating the Docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead into one Estate, and for vesting the Control and Management of them in one Public Trust; and for other purposes;

Mr. Secretary Labouchere, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the said Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit; And, of the Balance due from each Public Work and Public Body, where the Amount was advanced previous to 1853, the Nature of the Works, the Amount which has been repaid from each Public Work and Public Body, the Amount now due, and the Rate of Interest now payable;—And, of the Balance due from each Public Work and Public Body, where the Amount was advanced previous to 1854, the Nature of the Works, and the Amount repaid by each Public Work and Public Body;—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, a Return of the Metropolitan Parishes, inclusive of those in the City of London, the Burial-grounds of which are closed, or ordered to be closed, under the Act 15 & 16 Vict. c. 85; and of the Metropolitan Parishes, inclusive of those in the City of London, which have not provided themselves with Parochial Cemeteries, or appointed Burial Boards, with a view to such Provision (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, Nos. 288 and 481, 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 General Courts Martial held in Great Britain and Ireland; distinguishing the Nature of the Works, the Amount which has been repaid from each Public Work and Public Body, the Amount now due, and the Rate of Interest now payable.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 30 (Alimony). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 8: To leave out the words "may if it shall think fit," in order to insert the word "shall." Question, That the words "may if it shall think a fit" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 9: Before the words "that" to insert the words "or in the case of a divorce obtained on the petition of the wife may absolutely order." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause,
Question put, That the words “respective parties thereto” stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hogey, Yeas, The Earl of Mulgrave: 110.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Roll, Noes, Mr. Eustace: 50.]

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;

And the House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee,

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Militia Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trustees Relief Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon this day fortnight, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Judgments Bill; and, after Bill, the Bill 196;

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 this day three weeks; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to考虑 the Amendments made by and Insolvency the Lords to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Ireland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

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; Amendments to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question proposed, That the Clerk 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 Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—and 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. Kincair, Yeas, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 44.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Ridley, Noes, Mr. John Locke: 24.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And
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 was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned:—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.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Preamble be postponed.

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Customs Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the further Proceeding on the consideration of the said Bill be adjourned till this day, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Petitions presented and printed in the five years ending 1857, with the Total Number of Signatures in each year, and the Average Number of Public Petitions presented and printed, and Signatures:—Abstracts of the Sums paid for Printing, Folding, &c., Reports and Appendices, and Indexes to Reports and Appendices, on Public Petitions in the year 1857:—And, of the Sums paid for Printing, Folding, &c., distinguishing the Cost of Paper, of the Reports and Appendices, and Indexes to Reports and Appendices, on Public Petitions, for Five years ending 1857, showing the Total and Average Expense (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 451, of Session 1849).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds in the Manufacture of Kelp in Ireland: And that Mr. Conolly, Sir Edmund Hayes and Mr. John Wyane do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Committee on Lord Rivers' Estate 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. FitzRoy reported Carew's Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Conolly presented a Bill to prevent Frauds in the Manufacture of Kelp in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon this day fortnight; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Twelve of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of imposing a Stamp Duty on every Person admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes to be established by any Act of the present Session relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and in the Court Vol. 112.

of Probate; and also on every person who shall practise as a Solicitor or Attorney in the said Courts.

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

Martin, 18° die Augusti;
Anno 21° Victoriae Regn. 1857.

P R A Y E R S .

Ordered, That Standing Orders 181, 182 Lord Rivers' and 212, be suspended in the case of Lord Rivers' Estate Bill, River's Estate Bill, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration; amended Prints having been deposited with the Doorkeepers this day:—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.

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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Select Committee on the Mersey Conservancy Mersey Con- and Docks Bill was nominated of Mr. FitzRoy, vacancy and Mr. Joseph Ewart and Mr. Kinglake.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Public Public Works. Monies have Power to report their Observations No. 279, thereupon to the House.

Sir Francis Baring accordingly reported from the said Committee; 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.

A Petition of John Joseph Scully, of Abbey View, Cashel Casel, in the County of Tipperary, Esquire, stating E lection, that he is one of the Petitioners who presented a Petition against the Return for the Borough of Cashel; complaining that such Petition, which alleged bribery, was withdrawn without his consent or authority, and without any communication having been made to him on the subject; and farther stating, that general and extensive bribery prevailed at the last Election for the said Borough; and praying for inquiry, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Divorce and Matrimonial Causes [Stamp Duties].

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That the same Amount of Stamp Duty as is now payable on the admission of a Proctor to any Ecclesiastical Court, shall be payable by every person who shall be admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, or in the Court of Probate, who shall not have previously admitted as a Proctor in the other Court, or in an Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Court, and have paid the Stamp Duty in respect thereof.

2. Resolved, That every person who shall practise as a Proctor or as a Solicitor or Attorney in the said Court
Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, or the said Court of Probate, shall obtain an annual Certificate to authorize him to do under the Stamp Duty Acts in the same manner as Proctors practising in the Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Courts, and Solicitors and Attorneys practising in Her Majesty's Courts at Westminster, are now required to do by the said Acts, or any of them.

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, at Six of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

(CLause, No. 53.) Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 15 and 16: To leave out the words "as if the "prior marriage had been dissolved by death," in order to insert the words "in the office of the Registrar." Question proposed, That the words "as if the "prior marriage" stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always, and be it "enacted, That no priest or deacon shall be liable "to any suit, penalty or censure for solemnizing or "refusing to solemnize the marriage of any person "who shall be divorced by virtue of this Act."

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

And it being ten minutes before Four of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair.

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 Six of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Militia Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Militia Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Customs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the further Proceeding on consideration of the Customs Bill, as amended in the Committee:—The House resumed the said further Proceeding.

A Clause (Confirmation of certain purchases of land in Belfast for erection of a Custom House, &c.), 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 this day, at Six of the clock.

Customs and Excise Bill.

The Customs and Excise 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.

Quit Rents (Ireland.)

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 relative to Quit Rents (Ireland).

East India (Imports) for a Return relative to East India (Imports).

Revenue (Ireland.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Revenue (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant August, be printed.
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. 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 there be laid before this House, a Return from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of every Payment made to them since the 1st day of June 1856, on account of any suspended Stall or Stalls in the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches of England and Wales (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 397, of Session 1856).

Cathedral and Collegiate Churches. 

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England of the Grants or Reductions allowed by them since the 1st day of June 1856, to the several Chapters of England and Wales, to pay Substitutes for the suspension of Canonries; with the Names of those Substitutes, who, as such Substitutes, have received such Grants (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 312, of Session 1856).

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 which of our Colonies the system of Local Parliamentary Government has been adopted: and how far such Colonies maintain the Cost of their own Government without assistance from the Revenues of the Mother Country.

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.

Guiana. 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 with the Colonial Office, respecting a Grant made by the Crown to raise and take away Guano from the Islands of Jibleen, Hukkle and Ghurrozoud, on the South Coast of Arabia (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 82, of Session 2 of 1857).

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.

Emigration. 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 relative to Emigration to the Australian Colonies (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 144, of Session 1 of 1857).

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.

Lambeth Election. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Lambeth Election Petition be laid before this House.

Redundant List (Public Departments.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Persons on the Redundant List of the Public Departments at the commencement of the year 1856:—Of the Number that have died or become incapable of Service during the year 1856:—Of the Number that have re-entered the Public Service during the year:—Of the Number that have been added during the year:—And, of the Number that remained on the List at the close of the year 1856.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Army, Navy Detailed Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure and Ordnance for Navy, for Army, including Commissariat, and for Ordnance Services, for the year to the 31st day of March 1856.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Poor Law Board and the Guardians of the Dury Union, (on the subject of a Workhouse Cemetery for that Borough.

The Customs Bill was, according to Order, read Customs Bill. the third time.

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 on Divorce and Matrimonial Causes [Stamp Duties]; several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That the same Amount of Stamp Duty as is now payable on the admission of a Proctor to any Ecclesiastical Court, shall be payable by every person to be admitted as a Proctor in the Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, or in the Court of Probate, who shall not have been previously admitted as a Proctor in the other of such Courts, or in an Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Court, and have paid the Stamp Duty in respect thereof.

2. That every person who shall practise as a Proctor or as a Solicitor or Attorney in the said Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, or the said Court of Probate, shall obtain an annual Certificate to authorize him so to do under the Stamp Duty Acts in the same manner as Proctors practising in the Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Courts, and Solicitors and Attorneys practising in Her Majesty's Courts at Westminster, are now required to do by the said Acts, or any of them.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 53. Question again proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment: To leave out all the words after the word no; and

"his or her adultery.”

Question put, That the words “priest or deacon” stand part of the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Warburton: 1, Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen: 56. Tellers for the Mr. Bagot: 77. The Earl of Maltravers: 

Question proposed, That the proposed words be added to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment: To leave out the words “whose former marriage may have been dissolved on the ground of his or her adultery, or shall be liable to any suit, penalty, or censure for solemnizing, or refusing to solemnize, the marriage of any such person.”

Question put, That the words “clergyman in holy orders, of the United Church of England and Wales, who shall not have been previously admitted as a Proctor in the other of such Courts, or in an Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Court, and have paid the Stamp Duty in respect thereof.”

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.

Finance. The Customs Bill was, according to Order, read Customs Bill. The Question was put, That the proposed words be added to the proposed Amendment. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Warburton: 1, Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen: 56. Tellers for the Mr. Bagot: 77. The Earl of Maltravers: 

Question proposed, That the proposed words be added to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment: To leave out the words “whose former marriage may have been dissolved on the ground of his or her adultery.”

Question, That the words “clergyman in holy orders, of the United Church of England and Wales, who shall not have been previously admitted as a Proctor in the other of such Courts, or in an Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Court, and have paid the Stamp Duty in respect thereof.”

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.

Finance. The Customs Bill was, according to Order, read Customs Bill. The Question was put, That the proposed words be added to the proposed Amendment. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Warburton: 1, Mr. Knatchbull Hugessen: 56. Tellers for the Mr. Bagot: 77. The Earl of Maltravers: 

Question proposed, That the proposed words be added to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment: To leave out the words “ whose former marriage may have been dissolved on the ground of “dissolved
dissolved on the ground of his or her adultery to "contract marriage with any person with whom he or she shall by the sentence dissolving the marriage be found and declared to have committed "adultery."

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Claire, No. 5. (No action for criminal conversation.)

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz

At the beginning of the evening sitting, Mr. Speaker

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Crowded a Committee on the Crowded Dwellings Prevention Bill. (In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1 (Short Title of Act): Amendment proposed, in p. 1, Is. 11 and 12: To leave out the words "The Crowded Dwellings Prevention Act, 1857," in order to insert the words "The Common Lodging-houses Act Amendment Act, 1857.

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;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

Mercurii, 19th Augusti, 1857:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Fitz-

Regy reported, That the Committee had made Pro-

gress 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Mes-

sage had been brought from the Lords, by one of

their Clerks, as follows:

Lunatics (Scotland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Reformation Bill; with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Married Women's Interest Bill; with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Schinde Railway Company Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords have agreed to the Joint Stock Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords do not insist upon the Amendments Reformatory School Bill; with Amendments to the Reformatory Schools Bill, which this House hath disapproved; and agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordsships, without any Amendment.

The Lord Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grey

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration this day.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burial Acts Amendment Bill be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Marriage Women's Reversionary Interest Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Steiide Railway Company Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Eastern Bengal Railway Company Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Joint Stock Companies Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Dulwich College Bill be taken into consideration this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mercurii, 19° die Augusti;
anno 21° Victorius Regnum, 1857.

PRAYERS.

R. Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th days of this instant August; and had directed him to make a Report thereupon to the House.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Eastern Bengal Railway Company 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Steiide Railway 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.

Ordered, That Standing Order 212 be suspended in the case of the Baroness Windsor's Estate Bill, and that the Bill be read the third time forthwith;—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.

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The Committee divided.

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, at Twelve of the clock; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Militia Bill;

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 Lunatics (Scotland) Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time, several were agreed to; one was amended, and agreed to; and one was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendment to which this House hath disagreed:—And a Committee was appointed of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Baines, Mr. Henley, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Cranford:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burial Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time, several were agreed to; several were amended, and agreed to; and one was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendment to which this House hath disagreed:—And a Committee was appointed of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Baines, Mr. Henley, Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Cranford:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Married Women's Reversionary Interest 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Joint Stock Companies 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 Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Dulwich College Bill;

Ordered, That the said Reasons be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. FitzRoy reported from the Select Committee on the Mersey Conservancy and Docks (No. 2) Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and 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 desire their concurrence.

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Order, Poor Law dated the 17th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Poor Law (Ireland).

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coroners, Coroners, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India East India (Importations), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant August, be printed.

And then the House adjourned Bill To-morrow.

Jovis, 20° die Augusti;
Anno 21° Victoriae Regine, 1857.

PRAYERS.

CARD EW'S Estate Bill was read the third time; Carew's, and verbal 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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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.

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sale of Obscene Books, &c., Prevention Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Application for restitution of conjugal rights, &c.) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Judge of Assize, &c.), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Fees at Quarter Sessions, &c.) was once read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 19, § 1, by inserting before the word "any" the words "the husband or."

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 19, § 29, by inserting after the word "if" the words "the husband or.

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 19, § 38, by inserting after the word "contracts" the words "and wrongs and injuries."

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 Clause 25, § 19, by inserting after the word "wards" the words "the husband or.

And the Question being proposed, 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, by adding at the end of Clause 40, the words "but nothing herein contained shall authorize the Court, nor shall the Court have jurisdiction or entertain any such suit or proceeding "against any person resident in Scotland or Ireland" who had not, at the time of presenting such petition, a fixed residence within the jurisdiction of the Court."

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by adding at the end of Clause 40, the words "but, unless where specially provided, nothing in this Act shall extend to Scotland or Ireland.

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Committee Lunatics appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Bill, Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Lunatics (Scotland) 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:

The Commons do not deem it necessary to offer any further Reason, hoping the above may be considered sufficient.

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.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Committee Boundaries appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Bill, Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Boundaries of Burghs Extension (Scotland) 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:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in p. 32, § 16, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment extends the boundary within which assessments may be levied for the maintenance of Pauper Lunatics.

The Commons do not deem it necessary to offer any further Reason, hoping the above may be considered sufficient.

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.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Com-Treasury, &c.,—Accounts relative to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 31st July 1857, and Seven Months ended 31st July 1857. Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Privileges.
Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of March, in the last session of Parliament, for a Return of the Reports of the Chief Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, pursuant to statute 6 Vic. c. 18, to the House of Commons; stating the point of appeal from the Courts of the revising Barristers, and decision of the Court of Common Pleas on each such point, classifying the cases according to their subject-matter (in continuation of the Returns already delivered, of which the latest was by the late Chief Justice Wilde (Lord Trene) on the 22nd day of June 1849.)

Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to Assistant Commissioners, &c.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of July last, for a Return relative to Coroner's Inquests (Cardiff).

Dubois against Wyse.

The Lords request, that a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to the Right honourable Henry Herbert and Frederick Wynn Knight, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

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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 Amendments made by this House to Lord Rice's Estate Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords return the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, with some of the Amendments made by the Commons agreed to, some agreed to with Amendments, and some disagreed to; together with the Lords' Reasons for disagreeing to the said Amendments:

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships to inquire into the operation of the Coalwhippers Acts, 14th & 13th Victoria, and into the state of the Trade of Coalwhippers since the expiration of said Act (as desired by this House):

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships to consider the Sale of Poisons, &c. Bill (as desired by this House):

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships to consider the Burial Acts Amendment Bill, as desired by their Lordships:

The Lords acquiesce in the Amendments in theBurial Acts Amendment Bill, as desired by their Lordships.

The Lords request, that a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the said Amendments with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Dulwich, and took into consideration the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Dulwich College Bill; and the same were again read.

Resolved, That this House doth insist on its Amendment in p. 2, l. 16: To leave out the word 'fifteen' and insert the word 'sixteen,' but doth propose to insert the word 'nineteen' instead of the word 'sixteen' previously inserted; and doth insist on its Amendments in p. 5, l. 21 and 26; and doth insist on the other of the said Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed:

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on the said Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Daines, Mr. Turner Miller, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Cox and Sir John Ramadan:

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Crowned Dwellings Prevention Bill, Dwelling Preservation Order.

Mr. Lowe presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Railway Bill, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Poor Law (Ireland), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant August, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Crowned Dwellings Prevention Bill, Dwelling Preservation Bill, as desired by this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Crowned Dwellings Prevention Bill: the said Bill was again read.

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Classes, and the Receipts from each Class of Passengers and from Goods, &c.; the Aggregate Number of Miles travelled by each Class of Passengers; the Number of Passenger Trains and of Goods Trains respectively; the Number of Miles travelled by such Trains, and the Length of Railway open at the Commencement and at the Termination of the half-year; compiled from Returns made in pursuance of the Provisions of the Act 3 & 4 Vic. c. 97; together with a Summary comparing the Traffic with that in the corresponding Period in 1856.

Mr. Lowe also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June last, for a Return relative to Railways.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the last be printed.

Markets and Fairs (Ireland). Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Markets and Fairs in Ireland; and that Mr. Henry Herbert and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Australian Postal 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, a Copy of any Contract entered into with the European and Columbian Steam Company, or the English and Australian Royal Mail Company, in pursuance of a Tender bearing date the 11th day of June 1856, and signed by John Orr Ewing, for conveying the Australian Mails from England to Melbourne via Southampton, Alexandria and Suez;—Returns setting forth the Number of Days occupied in each Voyage Out and Home, separating the portions of the Route between Southampton and Alexandria from that between Suez and Melbourne also, a List of Penalties incurred by reason of Non-arrival according to Contract, and the Amount (if any) already levied or deducted from the Contractors’ Remuneration.—Of the Names, Towns and Horse-power of all Vessels employed by virtue of said Contract in the Australian Postal Service:—And, Copies of all Communications between the Treasury, the Directors of the European and Australian Mails and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, with the view of accumulating said Companies, to enable them to continue the Mail Service to Australia and the West Indies as one Company, and the Terms proposed by the Government or the said united Company for performance of the Postal Services now performed by those Companies separately.

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.

Dulwich College Bill. Mr. Baines reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Dulwich College Bill, to which the Lords have disagreed; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House:—And the same were read, as follow:
The Commons insist upon their Amendments, for the following Reasons:
Because the four Parishes chiefly interested in this Bill have expressed, by Petition and otherwise, the strongest wish that each of them may have two elective members instead of one in the governing body of the College, and have given their support to the Bill throughout, with that as an object of first-rate importance in their estimation.
Because, according to the will of the founder, as shown by his Statutes, a large share in the management and government of the College was intended to be given to representatives of the parishes under the name of “Assistants,” and the Commons deem it just to give effect to that principle to the extent specified in their Amendments.
The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Reasons be communicated to the Lords (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do lay them before the House:—And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon this day fortnight; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Reasons assigned by the Lords Probat., and for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, be laid before the Lords, with the view of amending said Companies, to enable them to continue the Mail Service to Australia and the West Indies as one Company, and the Terms proposed by the Government or the said united Company for performance of the Postal Services now performed by those Companies separately.

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 Account of the Notes, Securities, Bullion, &c. of the Bank of England, &c. published Weekly in the Gazette, according to the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 39 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 410, of Session 1856);—Returns of the Quarterly Averages of the Monthly Average Aggregate Amount of Promissory Notes payable to Beauer on Demand, in circulation in the United Kingdom; distinguishing those circulated by the Banks of England and Ireland, and by Private and Joint Stock Banks in England, Scotland and Ireland, together with the Bullion in the Bank of England (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 410, of Session 1856; from the latest Dates given therein to the present time):—Of the Monthly Average Aggregate Amount of Promissory Notes payable to Beauer on Demand, in circulation in the United Kingdom; distinguishing those circulated by the Banks of England and Ireland, and by Private and Joint Stock Banks in England, Scotland and Ireland, together with the Bullion in the Bank of England (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 410, of Session 1856, up to the present time):—Of the Minimum Rate of Interest at the Bank of England on the 1st of each Month in the years 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, and first Six Months of 1857:—Of the general Weekly Average Prices of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Beans and Peas per Quarter (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 410, of Session 1856):—And, of the Quantities of Wheat and Wheat Flour, 3 14 + and
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill, and the same were again 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, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill; and the same were again read.

Resolved, That this House do not insist on their Amendments, to which the Lords have disagreed; and agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, 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, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c., Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take Burial Acts into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burial Acts Amendment 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 this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Sale of Obscene Books, &c. Prevention 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 Amendments made by their Lordships, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Houses, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Probates and Letters of Administration Bill; and the same were again read.

Resolved, That this House do not insist on their Amendments, to which the Lords have disagreed; and agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, 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, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ecclesiastical Commission, &c., Bill, be taken into consideration forthwith:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; 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 Minutes of the Evidence taken at Lambeth before the Select Committee on the Lambeth Election Petition, which were presented upon the 19th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, A Warming and Ventilation of Dwellings Book, and Copy of Report to the General Board of Health by Ventilation of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Warming and Ventilation of Dwellings.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chan- nery (Ireland), which was presented upon the 14th day of July last, be printed. No. 287.
Affidavit therunto annexed, has been entered into before him this day, in the matter of the Petition of John Joseph Scally, presented on the 18th instant, complaining that general and extensive bribery prevailed at the last Election for that Borough.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of August last, for a Return relative to the Assessment of Sugar.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Redundant List (Public Departments).

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Army, Navy and Ordnance.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Coal-whippers Act, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 20th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sale of Poisons, &c. Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 20th day of this instant August, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Lune, 24th die Augusti ;
Anno 21° Victoris Regine, 1857.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Fennan Smith presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Further Papers relative to the Mutinies in the East India, &c. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, with any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Dunbar Harbour Loan Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Stations, &c. Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Militia Pay Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Revising Barristers (Dublin) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Mutiny (East India) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Customs and Excise Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Customs Bill, without any Amendment: Vol. 112.

The Lords have agreed to the Pinicco Improvement Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Mersey Conservancy and Docks (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made in the Police (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made in the Smoke Nuisance (Scotland) Abatement Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the Joint Stock Companies Act (1856) Amendment Bill:

The Lords have agreed to the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:

The Lords do agree to the Amendments made by the Lords in this House to the Amendments made by the Lords in the Boundary of Burghs Extension (Scotland) Bill, and do not insist on their Amendment to the Bill to which this House has disagreed:

The Lords do agree to the Amendments made by the Lords in this House to the Amendments made by the Lords in the Lunatics (Scotland) Bill, and do not insist on their Amendment to the Bill to which this House has disagreed:

The Lords have agreed to the Address of this Galway Town House to Her Majesty on the subject of the Galway Elections, Town Elections, communicated to their Lordships at a Conference on the 3d day of this instant August, and have framed the blank in the said Address with the words "Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and":

The Lords acquaint this House, That Her Majesty had appointed Tuesday next (To-morrow), at Twelve o'clock, at Osborne, to be attended with the Address of both Houses of Parliament, under the provisions of the Act 15 & 16 Vic. c. 57, with respect to the Town of Galway; and that the Lords had appointed the Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms, and the Captain of the Yeomen of the Queen's Guard, to attend Her Majesty therewith on the part of their Lordships; and do desire this House to appoint a proportionable number of its Members to go with them.

Resolved, That Four Members of this House do go with the Lords mentioned in the said Message, to wait upon Her Majesty with the said Address.

Ordered, That Sir George Grey, Mr. Baines, Viscount Castlereagh and Lord Ernest Bruce do go with the Lords mentioned in the said Message.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a East India Copy of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Government of the Southsaths.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a East India Selection of Papers showing the Measures taken (Cotton) since 1847 to promote the Cultivation of Cotton in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Aldermen and Town Councillors (City of Dublin excepted) of each Corporate or Municipal Body in Ireland; the several Salaries annually payable to the Mayors or other Civil Magistrates, Town Clinkers, Treasurers and other Corporate or Municipal Officers, with the Name, Occupation, Trade or Profession of each Alderman and Town Councillor; the Number of each who retire annually, subject to re-election; the Name of each Alderman and Town Councillor who, by death or otherwise, has ceased, within the last Three years, to be a Member of each Corporate or Municipal Body, with their Occupation, Trade or Profession; the Names of the Members who immediately succeeded them; with the Names, Occupation, Trade or Profession of those persons who offered themselves as Candidates for the Offices of Aldermen or Town Councillors, although not elected.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Commissioners appointed under Acts of Parliament for improving and conserving Ports and Harbours in Ireland, except the Port of Dublin; the several Salaries annually payable to the Secretaries, Engineers, Harbour Masters, and other Officers of such Commissioners respectively; the Name, Occupation, Trade or Profession of each Commissioner; the Number of Commissioners in each case subject to re-election who annually retire; the Name, Occupation, Trade or Profession of each Commissioner who, by death or otherwise, has ceased, within the last Three years, to be a Member of each Corporate or Municipal Body, with their Occupation, Trade or Profession, who offered themselves as Candidates for such vacancies, although not elected.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Redundant List (Public Departments), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army, Navy and Ordnance, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Massey, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Seventh Report of the Registrar General of Marriages in Ireland, under the Provisions of the Act 7 & 8 Vic. c. 81.

Mr. Massey also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of June last, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Votes.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of May last, for a Return relative to Elections (England and Wales).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of May last, for a Return relative to Elections (Scotland), pursuant to Acts 5 & 6 Vic. c. 71, and 8 & 9 Vic. c. 27.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to Elections (England and Wales).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of June last, for a Return relative to Public Departments.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of June last, for a Return relative to Convicts and Misdemeanants.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of June last, for a Return relative to Elections (Scotland), pursuant to Acts 5 & 6 Vic. c. 71, and 8 & 9 Vic. c. 27.
Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of July last, for a Return relative to Property Tax and Population.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Franklin Expedition.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to the 'Dulwich College Bill,' without any Amendment: 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 18th day of June last, for a Return relative to Weights and Measures.

Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of July last, for a Return relative to Pensions, &c. (Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Warming and Ventilation of Dwellings. And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Martis, 26° die Augusti ; Anno 21° Victoriam Reginæ, 1857.

M R. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, had been received, for a Return relative to Accidents on Railways, &c. (Ireland.)

M R. Speaker presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Regulations affecting the Sanitary Condition of the Army, the Organization of Military Hospitals, and the Treatment of the Sick and Wounded.

Sir John Romsey presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Order of the Bath, Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Wood presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Australian Postal Communication. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Order of the Bath, No. 302.

A Petition of Electors of the Borough of Beverley, complaining of an undue Election and Return for Election, the said Borough, was presented, and read (Vide Appendix to Votes, No. 79).

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant or Warrants for such persons, papers and records as shall be thought necessary by the several Parties on the hearing of the matter of the said Petition.

A Message was delivered by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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, present, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:—

An Act to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the Surplus of Ways and Means to the Fund (Appropriation of the year One thousand eight hundred and Four) for the Franklin Expedition.

An Act to provide for the Extension of the Boundaries of Burghs in Scotland, and to remove the Legal Incumberance and Regulation of Lunatic Asylums in Scotland.

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Don'ts as to the Right of certain Persons holding Offices to be registered as Voters for municipal purposes:

An Act to render more effectual the Police in Counties and Burghs in Scotland:

An Act for the Abatement of the Nuisance arising from the Smoke of Furnaces in Scotland:

An Act to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund to the Magistrates and Town Council of Dunbar, for the purpose of improving the Victoria Harbour of Dunbar:

An Act for raising a Sum for building and improving Stations of the Metropolitan Police, and to amend the Acts concerning the Metropolitan Police:

An Act to defray the Charge of the Pay, 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, and Surgeons Mates of the Militia; and to authorize the Employment of the Non-commissioned Officers:

An Act to enable the Lord Lieutenant to appoint Revising Barristers for the Revision of Lists and Registration of Voters for the City of Dublin:

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the East India Company, and for regulating in such Service the Payment of Regimental Debts and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service:

An Act concerning the Parochial Schoolmasters in Scotland:

An Act to amend the Law relating to Probates and Letters of Administration in Ireland:

An Act to amend "The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856":

An Act to amend the Barbad Acts Amendment Bill:

An Act to authorize the embodying of the Militia:

An Act for more effectually preventing the Sale of Obscene Books, Pictures, Prints and other Articles:

An Act for confirming a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the College of God's Gift in Dulwich, in the County of Surrey, with certain Alterations:

An Act to extend the Time for enabling the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works to complete Improvements in Dulwich and in the Neighbourhood of Buckingham Palace:

An Act for making a Railway from the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway, in the Parish of Kendal, in the County of Westmoreland, to the North Western Railway, at or near Ingleton, in the West Riding of the County of York, with a Brunch therefrom, and for other purposes:

An Act for authorizing the Seine Railway Company to extend their Operations, and for regulating the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes:

An Act for consolidating the Docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead into one Estate, and for vesting the Control and Management of them in one Public Fund, and for other purposes:

An Act for authorizing the Sale to the Dorset Central Railway Company, in consideration partly of a yearly Rent-charge and partly of a Gross Sum, part of the Settled Estates in the County of Dorset, of which the Right honourable George Pitt Rivers, Lord Rivers, is now Tenant for Life in possession; and for other purposes:

An Act for authorizing the raising of Money on the Security of Estates in the County of Glamorgan, Windsor's settled by the Will of the Right honourable Others, Archer, late Earl of Plymouth, deceased, and the Application of the Money for the Improvement of parts of the Estates in order to render them available as Building Land; and for conferring an Agreement with the Penarth Harbour, Dock and Railway Company, heretofore called the Ely Tidal Harbour and Railway Company, and for other purposes:

An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the Duke of Devonshire to complete the Bridge-water's Purchase of the Runcorn and Weston Canal, and to enable such Trustees more effectually to administer the Trusts of the Will of the said Duke:

An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Robert Kings, Kings Esquire, with Maria Eliza his now Wife, and to Dissolve Bill:

Mr. Secretary Labouchere presented, by Her Ma- cape of Good jesty's Command,—Further Papers relative to the Hope state of the Kaffir Tribes in the Cape of Good Hope (in continuation of Papers presented 21st March 1857):

Further Papers relative to the Affairs of New Zealand (in continuation of Papers presented 10th April 1854):

Papers relating to an Expidition recently undertaken in Australia taken for the purpose of exploring the Northern Portion of Australia.

Papers relating to Immigration to the West Indian Colonies.

Further Papers relative to the Discovery of Gold in Australia (in continuation of Papers presented 1856).

Copy of further Correspondence on the subject of Australian Convict Discipline and Transportation (in continuation of Papers presented 21st March 1857).

Mr. Secretary Labouchere also presented,—Return Copyright to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of (Colonies) this instant August, for a Return relative to Copy- No. 303.

Right (Colonies).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Postal Service.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to British Guiana.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Colonial 15th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Colonial Government.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Colonial 16th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Guano.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Gold (Australia).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Guano.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Gold (Australia).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Copyright (Colonies), Australian Postal Service, British Guiana, Emigra- tion, Colonial Government, Guano, and Gold (Australia), be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of the parliamentary Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House of Commons, and of
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of the Papers presented by Command, Session 1857, Session 2; with a General Alphabetical Index thereto:—17th Parliament, 1st Session, 20th & 21st Victoria, 30 April to 28 August 1857. Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Marlborough Election. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Marlborough Election Petition, which were presented upon the 1st day of July last, be printed.

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.

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 return the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill, with some of the Commons' Amendments agreed to; some agreed to, with Amendments; and one disagreed to; together with their Reasons for disagreeing to the said Amendment.

Army Chaplains (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 Nominal Return of the Chaplains attached to the Army in the Crimea, with the Dates of their Appointments; specifying the Number commissioned, and the Number still employed who have not been commissioned.

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.

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to Education of Pauper Children.

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery).

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Seamen.

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Education of Pauper Children, Contested Elections (Poor Law), Seamen, and Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery), be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated Railway, the 15th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Amount of Capital and Loan which each Railway Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1856, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid up on the 31st day of December 1856, 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 Rate and Amount of Dividend upon such ordinary Share Capital, as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate and Amount 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 1856, the Rates of Interest payable thereafter, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; distinguishing the several Sums raised by Shares or on Loan on which Dividend or Interest was not paid out of Revenue, and the Amount of such Dividend or Interest, the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1856 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 1856, distinguishing Single and Double Portions; the Length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1856; the Length of Line the Company is authorized to construct but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1856, and consequently the Total Length for which the Company has obtained Powers;—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected either by Purchase, Lease or otherwise during 1856, 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, 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 1856, with the Rates of Interest or Dividends and the Capital appropriated by Parlia-

Mr. Maccy presented,—Return to an Address to Electors, &c., Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of June last, for a (Metropolitan) Return relative to Electors, &c. (Metropolis).

Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of May Education last, for a Return relative to Education of Pauper Children.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June Contested Elections (Poor Law).

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June Session last, for a Return relative to Session.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery).

Order, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Education of Pauper Children, Contested Elections (Poor Law), Seamen, and Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery), be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated Railway, the 15th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Amount of Capital and Loan which each Railway Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1856, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid up on the 31st day of December 1856, 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 Rate and Amount of Dividend upon such ordinary Share Capital, as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate and Amount 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 1856, the Rates of Interest payable thereafter, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; distinguishing the several Sums raised by Shares or on Loan on which Dividend or Interest was not paid out of Revenue, and the Amount of such Dividend or Interest, the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1856 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 1856, distinguishing Single and Double Portions; the Length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1856; the Length of Line the Company is authorized to construct but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1856, and consequently the Total Length for which the Company has obtained Powers;—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected either by Purchase, Lease or otherwise during 1856, 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, 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 1856, with the Rates of Interest or Dividends and the Capital appropriated by Parlia-

Order, 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.

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to Contested Elections (Poor Law).

Order, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery).

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Cathedral and Collegiate Churches.

Order, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Education of Pauper Children, Contested Elections (Poor Law), Seamen, and Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery), be printed.

Mr. Lowe presented,—Return to an Order, dated Railway, the 15th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Amount of Capital and Loan which each Railway Company has been authorized to raise by Acts passed previous to and in 1856, the Amount of Share Capital actually paid up on the 31st day of December 1856, 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 Rate and Amount of Dividend upon such ordinary Share Capital, as well as the Amount of each Class of such Preferential Capital, with the Rate and Amount 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 1856, the Rates of Interest payable thereafter, and the Sums to which such Rates of Interest are applicable; distinguishing the several Sums raised by Shares or on Loan on which Dividend or Interest was not paid out of Revenue, and the Amount of such Dividend or Interest, the Total Amount the Company retained Powers at the end of 1856 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 1856, distinguishing Single and Double Portions; the Length of Line in course of Construction at the end of 1856; the Length of Line the Company is authorized to construct but which was not commenced on the 31st day of December 1856, and consequently the Total Length for which the Company has obtained Powers;—Of the Amalgamation of Railway Companies which has been effected either by Purchase, Lease or otherwise during 1856, 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, 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 1856, with the Rates of Interest or Dividends and the Capital appropriated by Parlia-

Weights and Measures. Ordered, That the Return relative to Weights and Measures, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant August, be printed.

Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill. Ordered, That the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill be taken into consideration forthwith:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Reasons into consideration; and the same were read.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Amendments made by this House, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, l. 7, with a consequential Amendment to the Table; and that the Returns relative to Education of Pauper Children, Contested Elections (Poor Law), Seamen, and Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery), be printed.

Order, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Education of Pauper Children, Contested Elections (Poor Law), Seamen, and Bury Union (Workhouse Cemetery), be printed.
Veneris, 29° die Augusti;

Anno 21° Victoriae Reginae, 1857.

PRAYERS.

SIR CHARLES WOOD presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Further Papers relating to the Proceedings of Her Majesty's Naval Forces at Canton.

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

TAVISTOCK.

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 Tavistock, in the room of GEORGE HENRY CHARLES BYNG, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable George Henry Charles BYNG, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

BALLBOURGH.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Correspondence and of the Evidence taken on two Inquiries relative to the Qualification of JOHN WARD, Esquire, as elected Guardian of the Ballborough Poor Law Union, County of Coates.

MANOR COURTS (IRELAND.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Manor Courts in Ireland; the Places over which the Jurisdiction of each Court extends; the greatest number of any Place within such Jurisdiction from the Place where the Court is held; Dates of Patents; Extent of Parliamentary Jurisdiction; how enforced; what Description of Cases tried; Extent of Power with respect to Imprisonment; Number of Persons imprisoned under Decrees; if Prison one of peculiar Jurisdiction whether Power of District exists; how levied; Number of Courts held in each year, beginning from the 31st day of December 1833; Number of Courts adjourned for Non-attendance of Jurors; other Cases numbered for Trial; Number of Cases heard; Number of Appeals from Decrees, stating how many were tried, and how many Decrees were reversed:—Of Fees charged, the Sums recovered, and the Amount of Costs during the same Period; And, of such Courts the Seneschals or Stewards of which are Members of any and what Legal Profession, or Justices of the Peace (in continuation of Return to Appendix to Parliamentary Paper, No. 484, of Session 1837, p. 291).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, BELFAST Returns from the Town Clerk of Belfast of the Number of Persons appearing entitled to the Municipal Franchise in Belfast on the 31st day of August in each year, from 1842 to 1857, both inclusive, by the Occupation of Premises of the Annual Value of £10 and upwards, specifying the Numbers afterwards enfranchised and disfranchised, and showing, with regard to Persons disfranchised, the following Particulars, viz. :—Of the Total Number disfranchised for the cause of Rates:—Of the Number disfranchised for non-payment of Rates:—Of the Denominations of the different Rates, the Names of the Bodies by which such Rates were struck, the Amounts thereof, the Days on which said sums came payable, and the Names of the Collectors of each Municipal Ward:—Of the Number of Persons disfranchised for non-payment of each Rate; specifying how many paid the Rate after disfranchisement:—Of the Gross Amount of each Rate remaining due on the 31st day of August in each year by Persons entitled to the Municipal Franchise:—And, of the Amount of such Rate so remaining due which was afterwards paid, and the Amount which was returned as not recoverable, by the Collectors of the different Rates inflicted by the authority of the Belfast Municipal Corporation.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Sittings of the Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat in the present Session, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and the Day of the Week, the Hour of Adjournment 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. 446, of Session 1855).

Mr. Grey accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, Carried by Mr. Speaker, commanded the House to refer the Bill for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That the Lords agree to the consequential Amendments made by this House to Clause E. to the Divorce, and Matrimonial Causes Bill, without any Amendment.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Governor-General of India in Council, dated the 25th day of March 1857 (No. 2); and, of the Reply of the Governor-General of India to the said Despatch, on the supposed intention of the Government of India to levy Duties at the Port of Singapore.

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

Mr. Lovel presented, by Her Majesty's Command, an Abstract of Reports on the Trade of various Countries and Places, for the years 1856-1857, received by the Board of Trade (through the Foreign Office) from Her Majesty's Ministers and Consuls.

Mr. Lovel also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Ordinances in relation to Pembroke, Winchester, New and Balliol Colleges, Oxford, respectively, framed under the 17 & 18 Vic. c. 81, and 19 & 20 Vic. c. 31.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the last be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

Mr. Gard reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 28th and 29th 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.

Mr. Massey presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, 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 October to the 31st day of December 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court, from the 1st day of January 1857 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court above £20 and not exceeding £50, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Plaints entered in each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, under the 17th section of the Act 13 & 14 Vic. c. 61;—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, under the 17th section of the Act 13 & 14 Vic. c. 61;—Of the Total Number of Appeals under the last-mentioned Act pending on the 1st day of January 1856 and the 31st day of December 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Appeals heard by each Court during the same period;—Of the Total Number of Causes which by the Judgment of the Judge of a Superior Court, under the 26th Section of the Act 19 & 20 Vic. c. 108, were set aside or reversed, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive, and the Average Number of Hours comprised in each Sitting;—Of the Total Number of trial 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 paid into each Court, 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 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 Total Number of Executions issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period against the Goods of Defendants.—Of the Total Number of Judgment Summonses issued by each Court during the same period.—Of the Total Number of Judgment Summonses 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 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, 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 Sum therein stated to have been received or paid to Her Majesty's Paymaster General.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the County Court 18th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, 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 October to the 31st day of December 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Causes which by the Judgment of the Judge of a Superior Court, under the 26th Section of the Act 19 & 20 Vic. c. 108, were set aside or reversed, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Appeals under the last-mentioned Act pending on the 1st day of January 1856 and the 31st day of December 1856, both days inclusive;—Of the Total Number of Causes tried by each Court, from the 1st day of January 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, both days inclusive, and the Average Number of Hours comprised in each Sitting;—Of the Total Number of trial 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 paid into each Court, 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 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 Total Number of Executions issued by the Clerk of each Court during the same period against the Goods of Defendants.—Of the Total Number of Judgment Summonses issued by each Court during the same period.—Of the Total Number of Judgment Summonses 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 1856 to the 30th day of September 1856, 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 Sum therein stated to have been received or paid to Her Majesty's Paymaster General.

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

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Despatch from the Court of Directors of the East India Company to the Governor-General of India in Council, dated the 25th day of March 1857 (No. 2); and, of the Reply of the Governor-General of India to the said Despatch, on the supposed intention of the Government of India to levy Duties at the Port of Singapore.

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Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Parliamentary Voters, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Electors (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant August, be printed.

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Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to the Slave Trade, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Return relative to Parochial Elections, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Liberty of the Press), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Petitions, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Petitions, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant August, be printed.

A Message was delivered by Sir Augustus Ceef-royal Ascen-ford, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission,
Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Lords Commissioners' Speech.

And afterwards, a Speech of the Lords Commissioners was delivered to both Houses by the Lord High Chancellor, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to release you from further attendance in Parliament, and at the same time to express to you Her Majesty's cordial acknowledgments for the zeal and assiduity with which you have performed your important duties during a Session which, though shorter than usual, has nevertheless been unusually laborious.

Her Majesty commands us to express to you Her satisfaction that the present state of Affairs in Europe inspires a well-grounded confidence in the continuance of Peace.

The arrangements connected with the full execution of the Stipulations of the Treaty of Paris have from various causes not yet been completed, but Her Majesty trusts that by the earnest efforts of the contracting Parties to that Treaty, all that remains to be done with reference to its stipulations may ere long be satisfactorily settled.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that the extensive Mutinies which have broken out among the Native Troops of the Army of Bengal, followed by serious disturbances in many parts of that Presidency, have occasioned to Her Majesty extreme concern; and the barbarities which have been inflicted upon many of Her Majesty's Subjects in India, and the sufferings which have been endured, have filled Her Majesty's heart with the deepest grief; while the conduct of many Civil and Military Officers, who have been placed in circumstances of much difficulty, and have been exposed to great danger, has excited Her Majesty's warmest admiration.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that She will omit no measure calculated to quell these grave disorders; and Her Majesty is confident that, with the blessing of Providence, the powerful means at Her disposal will enable Her to accomplish that end.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty commands us to thank you for the liberal Supplies which you have voted for the service of the present year, and for the assurances which you have given Her of your readiness to afford Her Majesty whatever support may be necessary for the restoration of tranquility in India.

Her Majesty has been gratified to find that you have been enabled to provide the amount required to be paid to Denmark for the Redemption of the Sound Dues, without on that account adding to the National Debt.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to convey to you Her heart-felt acknowledgments for the provision which you have made for Her beloved Daughter the Princess Royal, on Her approaching Marriage with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

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 the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Friday the 6th day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the 6th day of November next.

Veneris, 6° die Novembris;

Anno 21° Victorim Reginm, 1857.

T H E House being met, pursuant to the last Parliament Prorogation; and Mr. Speaker being in the Prorogued country;

A Message was brought from the Lords, by Mr. Pulman, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

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 Thursday the 17th day of December next; and the Parliament was accordingly prorogued until Thursday the 17th day of December next.

By
By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday the Seventeenth day of December next: And whereas, for divers weighty and urgent Reasons, it seems to Us expedient that Our said Parliament shall assemble and be held sooner than the said day: We do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby proclaim and give Notice of Our Royal Intention and Pleasure that Our said Parliament, notwithstanding the same now stands prorogued as hereinbefore-mentioned to the said Seventeenth day of December next, shall assemble and be held, for the despatch of divers urgent and important Affairs, on Thursday the Third day of December next: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly at Westminster, on the said Third day of December next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-seven, and in the Twenty-first year of Our reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
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| May 25     | For the Marriage Portion of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal           | £49,000      |

**EXPEDITION TO PERSIA:**

| July 20    | For reimbursement of Extraordinary Expenses of the Expedition to Persia     | £500,000     |
| July 24    | For reimbursement of Extraordinary Expenses of the Expedition to Persia     | £400,000     |

**WAR IN CHINA:**

| July 20    | For Naval and Military Operations in China                                  | £400,000     |
| July 24    | For adjustment of Account for the late War in China                        | £599,693     |

**CIVIL SERVICES:**

| June 22    | For Royal Palaces                                                          | £39,691      |
| June 23    | For Public Buildings, &c. (to complete)                                    | £60,386      |
| June 23    | For Furniture for Public Departments                                       | £36,069      |
| June 23    | For Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c. (to complete)                       | £75,781      |
| June 24    | For Works, &c. at the New Houses of Parliament (to complete)               | £102,861     |
| June 24    | For Portpatrick Harbour                                                    | £443         |
| June 24    | For Public Works (Ireland)                                                 | £77,557      |
| June 24    | For Kingstown Harbour                                                      | £14,100      |

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EXPEDITION TO PERSIA — — — — — — 900,000
WAR IN CHINA — — — — — — 900,693 —
CIVIL SERVICES — — — — — — 8,931,199 —
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