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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 stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-sixth day of November instant: 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 Twenty-sixth day of November instant: 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 Parliament. And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly 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 returnable on Thursday the Tenth day of December next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty-eight, and in the Thirty-second year of Our reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Thursday the Tenth day of December, in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith; and in the Year of our Lord 1868.

Parliament met.

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, Baronet, Clerk of the House of Commons, and Sir Thomas Addis Emmet, M.P., and Henry Loy, Esquire, Clerks Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Charles Ronnety, 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 Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

The Lords, authorised 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 held at Our City of Westminster, on Thursday the Tenth day of December instant: And forasmuch as, for certain causes, We cannot conveniently be present in Our Royal Person in Our said Parliament on the said Tenth day of December instant, Know ye, That We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Sons and Our most faithful Councillors Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Alfred Ernest Albert Duke of Edinburgh, Our most dear Cousins and faithful Councillors George William, Frederick Charles Duke of Cambridge, Our well-beloved and faithful Councillor William Paget Lord Ashburton, Chancellor of that part of Our said United Kingdom called Great Britain; the most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Councillor William Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan; Our most dear Cousins and Councillors George Frederick Samuel Earl de Grey, President; and
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of Our Council; John Earl of Kimberley, Keeper Earl of Dalhousie, Earl of Tankerville, Earl of
of Our Privy Seal; Edward Adolphus Duke of Hardwiche, Earl De la Warr, Earl Spencer, Earl
Somerset, Charles Henry Duke of Richmond, of Clarendon, Earl of Carnarvon, Earl of Cork and
Henry Charles Fitzroy Duke of Beaufort,, John Orrery, Earl of Bessborough, Earl of Malmesbury,
Winston Duke of Marlborough, Walter Francis Earl of Roden, Earl Cadogan, Earl of Wilton,
Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, George Earl Grey, Earl of Lonsdale, Earl of Harrowby,
Douglas Duke of Argyll, one of Our Principal Earl of Bradford, Earl of Saint Germans, Earl
Secretaries of State; James Duke of Montrose, Howe, Earl Granville, Earl of Ducie, Earl of
Algernon George Duke of Northumberland, Au-Ellenborough, Earl of Strafford, Earl Cowley, Earl
bell Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, RobertViscount Eversley, Viscount Halifax, Lord Bishop
A rihur Talbot Marquis of Salisbury, James Mar-of London, Lord De Ros, Lord Colville of
quis of Abercorn, George Hamilton Marquis of Culross, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Foley, Lord FoDonegal, William Atteyne Marquis of Exeter, rester, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord Broughton,
Iienry Marquis of Anglesey, George Horatio Mar- Lord Saint Leonards, Lord Lyons, Lord Belper,
quis of Cholmondeley, Frederick William RobertLord Ebury, Lord Chelmsford, Lord Lyveden,
Marquis of Londonderry, Francis Nathaniel Mar- Lord Taunton, Lord Westbury, Lord Athlumney,
quis Conyngham, George William Frederick Mar-Lord Romilly, Lord Lytton, Lord Hylton, Lord
quis of Ailesbury, Ulich John Marquis of Clan- Colonsay, Lord Cairns, and Lord Kesteven, or any
ricarde, Richard Marquis of Westminster, GeorgeThree of them, full power, in Our name, to begin
Augustus Constantine Marquis of Normanby, and hold Our said Parliament, and to open and
Edward Geoffrey Earl of Derby, William Reginald declare, and cause to be opened and declared, the
Earl of Devon, John William Earl of Sandioich, causes of holding the same, and to proceed upon
Fox Earl of Dalhousie, Charles Earl of TanJter-the said Affairs in Our said Parliament, and in all
Matters arising therein, and to do everything
ville, Charles Philip Earl of Ilarduricke, George
John Earl De la Warr, John Poyntz Earl Spencer, which for Us, and by Us, for the good government
George William Frederick Earl of Clarendon, oneof Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and
other of Our Principal Secretaries of State; Henry Ireland, and other Our Dominions thereto belongHoward Molyneux Earl of Carnarvon, Richard ing, shall be there to be done; and also, if necessary,
Edmund Saint Lawrence Earl of Cork and Orrery,to continue, adjourn, and prorogue Our said ParJohn George Brabazon Earl of Bessborough, liament ; commanding also, by the tenor of these
James Howard Earl of Malmesbury, Robert Earl presents, with the assent of Our "said Council, as
well all and every" the Archbishops, Bishops, Earls,
of Roden, Henry Charles Earl Caclogan, Thomas
Earl of Wilton, Henry Earl Grey, William Earl ofViscounts, Barons, and Knights, as all others whom
Lonsdale, Dudley Earl of Harrowby, Orlando it concerns, to meet in Our said Parliament, that
George Charles Earl of
BradfordEdward to the same Prince of Wales, Duke of Edinburgh,
Duke of Cambridge, Lord Hatherley, Archbishop
Granville Earl of Saint Germans, Richard William
Penn Earl Howe, Granville George Earl Granville, of York, Earl de Grey, Earl of Kimberley, Duke
one other of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; of Somerset, Duke of Richmond, Duke of Beaufort,
Henry John Earl of Ducie, Edward Earl of Ellen- Duke of Marlborough, Duke of Buccleuch and
borough, George Stevens Earl of Strafford, HenryQueensberry, Duke of Argyll, Duke of Montrose,
Lucius Yiscount Falkland, John Robert Viscount of Wellington, Duke of Buckingham and Chandos,
Sydney, Hugh Yiscount Gough, Stratford Yiscount Marquis of Salisbury, Marquis of Abercorn, MarStratford de Redcliffe, Charles Yiscount Eversley, quis of Donegal, Marquis of Exeter, Marquis of
Charles Viscount Halifax, the Eight Reverend Anglesey, Marquis of Cholmondeley, Marquis of
Father in God and Our faithful Councillor Archi- Londonderry, Marquis Conyngham, Marquis of
bald Campbell Lord Bishop of London; Our well- Ailesbury, Marquis of Clanricarde, Marquis of
beloved and faithful Councillors William Lennox Westminster, Marquis of Normanby, Earl of Derby,
Lascelles Lord de Ros, Charles John Lord Col- Earl of Devon, Earl of Sandioich, Earl of Dal­
ville of Culross, George Lord Kinnaird, Thomashousie, Earl of Tankerville, Earl of Hardwicke,
Henry Lord Foley, John George Weld Lord Fo- Earl De la Warr, Earl Spencer, Earl of Clarendon.
rester, Edward John Lord Stanley of Alderley, Earl of Carnarvon, Earl of Cork and Orrery, Earl
John Cam Lord Broughton, Edward Burtenshawof Bessborough, Earl of Malmesbury, Earl ofRoden,
Lord Saint Leonards, Richard Bicherton Pemell Earl Cadogan, Earl of Wilton, Earl Grey, Earl
Lord Lyons, Edward Lord Belper, Robert Lord of Lonsdale, Earl of Harrowby, Earl of Bradford,
Ebury, Frederic Lord Chelmsford, Robert Lord Earl of Saint Germans, Earl Howe, Earl Granville,
John Lord Romilly, Edward George Earle Lytton Viscount Sydney, Viscount Gough, Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, Viscount Eversley, Viscoilnt
Lord Lytton, William. George Hylton Lord Hylton,
Duncan Lord Colonsay, Hugh Mac Calmont LordHalifax, Lord Bishop of London, Lord De Ros,
Cairns, and John Lord Kesteven, by the advice of OurLord Colville of Culross, Lord Kinnaird, Lord
said Council, do give and grant by the tenor of these Foley, Lord Forester, Lord Stanley of Alderley,
presents unto the said Prince of Wales, Duke of Lord Broughton, Lord Saint Leonards, Lord
bury, Lord Athlumney, LordRomilly, Lord Lytton,
berley, Duke of Somerset, Duke of Richmond, Duke
of Beaufort, Duke of Marlborough, Duke of Buc- Lord Hylton, Lord Colonsay, Lord Cairns, and
cleuch and Queensberry, Duke of Argyll, Duke of Lord Kesteven, and any Three of them, they diliMontrose, Duke of Northumberland, Duke of Lein-gently intend in the premises in the form aforesaid.
ster, Duke of Wellington, Duke of Buckingham In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our
and Chandos, Marquis of Salisbury, Marquis ofLetters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselfj at
Abercorn, Marquis of Donegal, Marquis of Exeter, Westminster, the Ninth day of December, in the
Marquis of Anglesey, Marquis of Cholmondeley, Thirty-second year of Our reign.
By the QUEEN Herself,
Marquis of Londonderry, Marquis of Conyngham,
Marquis of Ailesbury, Marquis of Clanricarde,
Marquis of Westminster, Marquis of Normanby,
Signed with Her own Hand,
Earl of Derby, Earl of Devon} Earl of Sandwich,
C . ROMILLY.
And


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 if 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 of the clock, for Her Majesty’s Royal approbation.

And the House having returned;

The Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him), and then sat down, proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Right Honourable John Evelyn Denison, and moved, “That the Right Honourable John Evelyn Denison do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,” which Motion was seconded by the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole.

The House then calling Mr. Evelyn Denison to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Mr. Evelyn Denison to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by the said Sir George Grey and Mr. Walpole, 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 again their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Then the Lord Advocate having congratulated Mr. Speaker elect, moved, That the House do now adjourn.

The House accordingly adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 11th December, 1868.

Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair; A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised 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 their ancient and undoubted Rights and Privileges, particularly to freedom from Arrest and all Molestation of their Persons and Servants; to freedom of Speech in Debate; to free access to Her Majesty when occasion shall require; and that the most favourable construction should be put upon all their proceedings; 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 Oath required by Law.

And thereupon, Mr. Speaker first alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath; and several Members, being of the People called Quakers, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

- And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Saturday, 12th December, 1868.

Prayers.

Several other Members took and subscribed the Oath.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 14th December, 1868.

Prayers.

Several other Members took and subscribed the Oath; and one Member, being one of the People called Quakers, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 15th December, 1868.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised 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;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Lords Commissioners for Peers, where the Lord Chancellor, by Command of Her Majesty, had said;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We have it further in command from Her Majesty to acquaint you that, since the time when Her Majesty deemed it right to call you together, for the consideration of many important matters, several vacancies have occurred in the House of Commons owing to the acceptance of ...
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Office from the Crown by Members of that House. It is in the course of the late Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Lives officially reported as lost through the late Famine in Orissa, for the returned on the abolition of his office as Director of the Metropolis do take care that, during the time City, or Borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member the same is declared not to concern himself in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament. In consequence of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath experience or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; and 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. Returning to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Lives officially reported as lost through the late Famine in Orissa, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Lives officially reported as lost through the late Famine in Orissa, the adjoining Provinces, and the proportion they bore to the Population.

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

Mr. Shaw Lefevre presented, by Her Majesty's Order Command, — Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th November 1868, granting a Compassionate Allowance to Muscular Fishery Wages, and the application of the French System to British Waters, made to the Board of Trade by Mr. Pease.

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

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their election for which of the question places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw care being the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

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

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person 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 each offender.

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

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police Metropolitan present, a Copy of a Report on the Oyster and Mussel Fishery of France, and the applicability of the French System to British Waters, made to the Board of Trade by Mr. Pease.

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

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

Abyssinia.

Mr. O'Conor presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report from Mr. Russom respecting his Mission to Abyssinia.

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

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Rules made by Sir Samuel Martin Knight, one of the Barons of the Exchequer; Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges of the Common Pleas; and Sir Colin Blackburn, Knight, one of the Judges of the Queen's Bench; the Judges for the time being for the Trial of Election Petitions in England, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Copy of General Rules of Procedure in reference to Election Petitions in Scotland, made by Lord Canvas and Lord Jermyn, the Judges for the Trial of Election Petitions for the time being, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Copy of General Rules made by the Right Honourable William Keogh, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas; the Honourable James O'Brien, one of the Justices of the Queen's Bench; and the Honourable Francis Fitzgerald, one of the Baron's of the Exchequer; the Judges for the time being for the Trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Ordered, That the said Papers do be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Additional Writ, 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 Greenwhich, in the room of the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Additional Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Greenwich, in the room of the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Birmingham Writ, 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 Birmingham, in the room of the Right Honourable John Bright, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of President of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Additional Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of the Right Honourable George Gashen, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Commissioner for Relief of the Poor in England.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Additional Writ, 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 Southwark, in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Leflard, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Additional Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Halifaxes, in the room of James Stempfold, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Birmingham Writ, 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 Birmingham, in the room of Sir Robert Forster Cuffe, 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 War London Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Oxford, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War London Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the University of London, in the room of the Right Honourable Robert Low, who, since his Election for the said University, hath accepted the Office of Chancellor and Under Treasurer of Her Majesty's Exchequer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War London Writ, 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 Greenwich, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Forster, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Vice President of the Committee of Council for Education.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War London Writ, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Ripon, in the room of John Hey, commonly called Lord John Hey, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Ordered,
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 Truro, in the room of the Honourable John Church, Walker, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant 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 County of Kildare, in the room of the Right Honourable Otta Augusta Fitzgerald, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the Town of Malms, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Sullivan, who, since his Election for the said Town, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Scotland.

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 Hauick District of Burghs, in the room of George Otto Perlepas, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said District of Burghs, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General for Scotland.

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 counties of Co. Waterford and Kilkenny, in the room of William Patrick Adams, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Counties, hath accepted the Office of one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain, and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant 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 Southern Division of the County of Derby, in the room of Sir Thomas Grosley, Baronet, deceased.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant December.
Papers.


Copy of detailed Regulations arranged between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of Switzerland, for the execution of the Convention of the 22 day of November 1868.

Copy of Postal Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Swiss Confederation; signed in London the 31st October 1868.

Copy of detailed Regulations arranged between the Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Post Office of Switzerland, for the execution of the Convention of the 31st October 1868.

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

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Factories for the half year ended April 1869.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Orders made pursuant to the Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1868 (31 & 32 Vic., c. 75).

Mr. Leforth presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant of the Board of Trade, authorising the Abandonment of the Shippen and Whalley Railway, in pursuance of "The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1860," and "The Railway Companies Act, 1867," and Report thereon,


Copy of Warrant of the Board of Trade, authorising the Abandonment of the Worcestershire, Doune Forest, and Munslow Railways, Nos. 1 and 2 (east Maltby to Abinghall; Abinghall to Newland), in pursuance of "The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1860," and "The Railway Companies Act, 1867," and Report thereon.

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

And then the House adjourned till Tuesday the 16th day of February next.

Tuesday, 16th February, 1869.

PRAYERS.

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

"The Lords authorised 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 having returned, Mr. Speaker remained in the Chair at a quarter of an hour before Four of the clock; and acquainted the House, that in pursuance of the directions of the Lords Parliament in the 21st year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 26, and in the 22nd and 23rd years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 110, and in the 25th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 20, he had issued a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Renfrew, in the town of Arbroath, Alexander Spalding, Esquire, deceased.

Then several other Members took and subscribed the Oath.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Annual Report of the Director of the National Gallery to the Lords of the Treasury for the year ended the 31st day of December 1868.

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contract with the Liverpool, Manchester, and River Plate Steam Navigation Company for the Conveyance of Mails, together with Letter from the Postmaster General thereon (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 431, of Session 1867-8).

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contract for Mail Service between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the General Post Office of the United States of America, together with Copy of the Treasury Minute relating thereto.

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twelfth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue on the Inland Revenue.

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 9th December 1868, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Major General Sir Thomas Aiken Larcom, M.C., Under Secretary for Ireland.

Account of Receipts and Disbursements on Irish Reproductive Loan Fund to 31st December 1868.

Copy of Fees to be taken in respect of Business transacted under the Acts administered by the Copehell, Inclusive, and Duties Commissioners, an Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums 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 1868, inclusive:—Of the Aggregate Amount of the separate Surplus Fund of all Savings Banks at 20th November 1868, and of the Gross Amount of all Sums transferred to or paid out of such Surplus Fund in the course of the year ended 20th November 1868:—And, of all Expenses incurred by the said Commissioners, for Salaries of Clerks or other Incidental Expenses during the year ended 20th November 1868:—An Account, setting forth, in detail, the whole of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1868, in the Investment of all Monies which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debts, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.
Societies, and of all the variations which have taken place during each year, in the Securities held by the said Commissioners for these Institutions:—And, an Account showing the Aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to the Trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1868; and the Nature, Amount, and Value of the Securities (taken at the price of that day) held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet the same, and the Amount of the Deficiency thereon.

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 paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and the Gross Amount of Stock bought and sold by and transferred to the said Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Militia of Savings Banks, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1869.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Monies received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and of the Gross Amount of Stock bought and sold by and transferred to the said Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Militia of Savings Banks, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1869.

An Account of the Total Amount of Monies other than Dividends or Interest paid to or to the Account of “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds,” on the 31st day of December 1868: An Account of the Total Amount of the Capital, Stock, Shares, and Debts and Liabilities chargeable on the East India Revenues at Home and Abroad, up to the latest period of time to which such Return can be made out; viz., England, 31st December 1868; India, 30th September 1868.

Return of all Monies raised on Loan under the Provisions of the East India (Loan) Acts, 21 & 22 Vic. c. 3; 22 Vic. c. 11; 23 & 24 Vic. c. 39; 23 & 24 Vic. c. 191; and 24 & 25 Vic. c. 23.

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

Mr. Great Dyce presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of all Stocks, Loans, Debts, and Liabilities chargeable on the East India Revenues at Home and Abroad, up to the latest period of time to which such Return can be made out; viz., England, 31st December 1868; India, 30th September 1868.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-third Annual Report of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor in Scotland.

Copy of Thirty-first Report on Prisons in Scotland, for the year ending the 30th July 1868, from the Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1866, to the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State.

Copy of the Report of the Metropolitan Board of Works, 1867–8:—Also, Account in Abstract, showing the Receipt and Expenditure, under several distinct heads, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, from the 26th March 1867 to the 25th March 1868, with the Statement of the Allowance of the Auditor:—Also, a Summary Statement of all Contracts entered into during each period, and of the Monies owing to, and Debts and Liabilities owing by, the Board on the 25th March 1868.

Copy of Rules and Orders of the Court of Probate in Ireland, made under the “Legitimacy Declaration Act (Ireland) 1868.”

Copy of General Rules and Orders of the Court of Probate in Scotland, made under the “Court of Chancery (Scotland) Act, 1867.”

Copy of Act of Sedentary from the Court of Session in Scotland, appointing the Sittings of the Court of Four Lords for the year ending 5th January 1869.

Copy of Act of Sedentary anent Edictal Citations.

Copy of Act of Sedentary anent the Cognition of Insane Persons.

Copy of Act of Sedentary anent Fees to be paid on Crown Writs.

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 6th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns from the Metropolitan Board of Works, in continuation of Table of Sums expended annually upon each Work, of Return No. 17, of the 29th day of November 1867, up to the 1st day of July 1868, with a Terminal Column of the Total Sum spent upon each Work to the above Date:—Of the Sums received from the several Parishes, Vestries, or District Boards, &c. from the Date of the Return No. 17, of the 29th day of November 1867, to the last day of July 1868:—And, of the same from Fire Brigade Precepts.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Total Amount of the Capital, Stock, Shares, and Securities transferred to “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds,” in the year ending the 31st day of December 1868:—An Account of the Total Amount of Monies other than Dividends or Interest paid to or to the Account of “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds” during the same Period, and of the Investment thereof:—An Account of the Capital, Stock, Shares and Securities sold or retransferred by “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds,” during the same Period:—An Account of the Aggregate Amount of the Capital, Stock, Shares, Punds, and Securities, and of the Balance of Cash held by “The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds,” on the 31st day of December 1868.

Copy of the Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbours Board for the year ending 24th June 1868.

General Return for the year ending 11th day of October 1868, of all matters, Judicial and Financial, within the Bankruptcy Act, 1861, framed by the Chief Registrar of the Court.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to Parliamentary Order, a Copy of the Metropolitan Board of Works Act, 1868.
In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Election Act, 1868, by Robert Richardson Gardner, Esquire, a candidate at the last Parliamentary Election for the Borough of New Windsor, against Roger Eykyn, Esquire, who was upon that occasion elected and returned; which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Roger Eykyn was not duly elected, and ought not to have been returned, and that the said Robert Richardson Gardner was duly elected and ought to have been returned, or that the Election was void; I, being one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, do certify and report as follows:—

1. That Roger Eykyn, the Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.
2. That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election.
3. Upon the evidence before me it does not appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election.
4. After the close of the Petitioner's case and the address of the Respondent's Counsel in answer thereto, the Petitioner's Counsel stated in effect that his client the Petitioner felt that the charge of corrupt practices was not made out against the Respondent, and that the Petitioner did not desire to proceed to a scrutiny.
5. Whereupon, and after hearing the examination of the Respondent and two of his alleged agents, I was satisfied that the course taken was not the result of compromises; and I did not require the Counsel for the Respondent to proceed further.

Order, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections—

For the Borough of New Windsor:
For the Borough of Westford:
For the Borough of Guildford:
For the County of Dumfries:
For the Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda:
For the Borough and County of the City of Limerick:
For the Borough of Athlone:
For the Borough of Lichfield:
For the Borough of Carlisle:
For the Borough of Norwich:
For the Borough of Belfast:
For the Borough of Banbridge:
For the City of Sligo:
For the Borough of Wellingford:
For the Borough of Westbury:
For the Borough of Stockport:
For the Borough of Walsbridge:
For the Borough of Warrington:
For the Borough of Chelsea:
For the Borough of Bradford (two):
For the City of Dublin (two):
For the City or Borough of Londonderry:
For the Borough of Carrickfergus:
And, for the Borough of Greenwich.

And the same were read, as follows:

In the matter of a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Election Act, 1868, by Robert Edward Elkins and others, being persons entitled to vote at the last Parliamentary Election for the Borough of Guildford, against Guildford Hillier Maitmaring Ellerker Onslow, Esquire, who was upon that occasion elected and returned; which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Guildford Hillier Maitmaring Ellerker Onslow was not duly elected, and that the Election was void:

1. That the said Robert Edward Elkins was duly elected and returned.
2. That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election.
3. Upon the evidence before me it does not appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election.
4. That James Carson and John Glynn, whose names were upon the register of voters, but who had ceased to reside, were induced to vote for the sitting Member by a promise of their expenses, conditional upon their so voting, made by Robert Wm. Hasford, and that after their voting they asked and received from him, in pursuance of that promise, each £5, being more than their respective expenses. It did not, however, appear that Hasford knew of the caucus, or caused corruptly to reward them by an overpayment.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

J. S. Wilks.
Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Borough of Bewdley, in the County of Worcester, between Charles Sturge and John Baldwin, Petitioners; and Sir Richard Attwood Glass, Respondent.

Bewdley, 5th January 1869.

In compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Election Act, 1868, I hereby certify that the above-named Sir Richard Attwood Glass was not duly elected, and that the above Election was void.

And I report that it was not proved that any corrupt practice had been committed with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at the above Election.

That Robert Acton Purslow, Attorney at Law, an agent for Sir Richard Attwood Glass, and George Baker Burnish, also an agent for Sir Richard Attwood Glass, were guilty of corrupt treating at the said Election.

That Stephen Fort accepted a ladle of 10s. from one John Taylor, to induce him to vote for Sir Richard Attwood Glass, and afterwards voted against his motion.

That James Hunt was bribed to vote for Sir Richard Attwood Glass by 5l., advanced to him as a loan by Christopher Penny.

That Alfred John Hawer was bribed to vote for Sir Richard Attwood Glass, but it was not proved who gave the bribe, or how much it was.

That Isaac Leverton, Herbert Burton, and Richard Millington, being at Bewdley, were induced to come to Bewdley to vote for Sir Richard Attwood Glass by having their expenses from Bristol and back paid them, and would not have voted had this not been done. That it was not proved who advanced the money; nor did it appear that the money paid them, though it was an illegal payment, exceed the reasonable expenses, so as to be a cloak for what in popular language would be called bribery.

That it was proved that corrupt treating by opening public houses did extensively prevail at the Election.

No evidence was given of any treating on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, the unsuccessful candidate.

That it was proved that a practice extensively prevailed on both sides of employing and paying a large number of persons as what was called “watchers,” who rendered no service of any value in return. That this practice appears to have been kept up at Bewdley because it was frequently the practice at old Elections, and is very objectionable, for the same reasons as those which have induced the Legislature to prohibit treating.

That it was proved that the payments were made to influence voters connected with the watchers; and also, that voters themselves were so employed, though no proof was given of any voter having been actually paid.

There was no reason to believe that direct bribery extensively prevailed at the Election.

I have the honour to be,
Colin Blackburn,
Judge of the said Court.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker,
Edinburgh, 26 January 1869.

In the Petition of Major George Gustavus Walker to have the Election of Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow, Knight, as Member of Parliament for the County of Dungries, in November 1868, set aside as void.

The Report of Lord Cowen, one of the Election Judges for Scotland.

This Petition was lodged with the prescribed officer on the 14th of December 1868.

The trial of the Petition was fixed for Monday the 1st of February 1869.

Thereafter an application having been made by the Petitioner to withdraw the Petition, the parties were heard upon the same before me on the 22nd of January 1869, and after due notice no other party having appeared proposing that he should be substituted as Petitioner, the Petition was of same date held to be withdrawn, the Petitioner being found liable in costs to the Respondent, in terms of the Statute.

I have further to report that the withdrawal of this Petition was not, in my opinion, the result of any arrangement between the Petitioner and Respondent, or any other party, and that there was no Petition against the Return of Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow, as Member of Parliament for the County of Dungries, other than that by Major Walker withdrawn as aforesaid.

John Cowen.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
of the House of Commons.

Court for the trial of an Election Petition for Drogheda, the Borough of Drogheda, between Sir F. Leopold William Keogh, Petitioner; and Benjamin Whitworth, Respondent.

The Petition between the aforesaid parties came on for trial before me at Drogheda on the 13th, 16th, 18th, and 19th days of January 1869, and thereupon I determined as follows:

First. That Benjamin Whitworth, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda.

Second. That said Election for said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda is a void Election.

Third. That Benjamin Whitworth, Esquire, was by himself and by his agents guilty of undue influence at the said Election for said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda.

Fourth. That a system of intimidation was organised and carried out at the last Election for the said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda subversive of the freedom of Election; and outrages were committed which were calculated to deter, and did in fact deter, a considerable number of voters from exercising their franchise at the last Election.

Fifth. That Benjamin Whitworth, Esquire, shall pay the costs of this Petition.

And I do accordingly hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

First. That the said Benjamin Whitworth, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda.

Second. That said Election for said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda is a void Election.

Third. That Benjamin Whitworth, Esquire, was by himself and by his agents guilty of undue influence at the said Election for said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda.

Fourth. That a system of intimidation was organised and carried out at the last Election for the said Borough and County of the Town of Drogheda subversive of the freedom of Election; and outrages were committed which were calculated to deter, and did in fact deter, a considerable number of voters from exercising their franchise at the last Election for said Borough of the County of the Town of Drogheda.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

William Keogh,
One of the Judges on the Bora for the Trial of Election Petitions in Ireland.

This Certificate is accompanied by a Copy of the Evidence given at the trial, as taken by the Shorthand
32 VICTORIA. 16th February.

Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, sworn by me pursuant to the Statute. William Keogh.

Limerick City Election.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Limerick, between Daniel Ryan, Thomas M'Knight, Mathew Brennan, Robert Stoppool, Thomas M'Namara, and Denis Grimes, Petitioners; and George Gavin and Francis William Russell, Respondents.

I do hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker that a Court for the trial of the above Petition was holden before me at Limerick on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 25th days of January 1869, and that at the conclusion of the trial on the said 25th day of January, I determined that the said George Gavin and Francis William Russell were both duly elected Members to serve in Parliament for the County of the City of Limerick, being the Borough aforesaid.

And I do hereby further report that no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election, and that I have no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

A copy of the said Petition and a copy of the evidence given at the trial, as taken by the Deputy Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, pursuant to the said Act, accompany this my Certificate.

Given under my hand at Dublin on this 26th day of January 1869.

F. A. Fitz Gerald, A Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Court of Common Pleas, Ireland. In the matter of the Petition of John Stanforth, Esquire, of Jeremey street, Middlesex, Petitioner; John James Ennis, Esquire, Respondent.

The said Court of Common Pleas, in pursuance of the provisions of the 36th section of said Act, do hereby report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons,—

That the Petition in this matter, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, was duly presented to this Court on the 12th day of December 1868.

And that the Petitioner, on the 27th day of January instant, applied to the Court, by special application, pursuant to the said statute, for leave to withdraw said Petition.

And it appearing to the Court that the Petition is not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, the Petition is hereby withdrawn.

Given on behalf of the Court on this 20th day of January 1869.

James Henry Monahan, Chief Justice, Common Pleas.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Common Pleas Chamber, 1st February 1869.

In the matter of an Election Petition to the Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, by the Honourable Augustus Henry Archibald Amon, a candidate at the last Parliamentary Election for the City of Lichfield, against Richard Dyott, Esquire, who was upon that occasion elected and returned; which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Richard Dyott was not duly elected, and ought not to have been returned, and that the said Augustus Henry Archibald Amon was duly elected, and ought to have been returned, or that the Election was void:

1. Sir James Shaw Willers, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having applied to be substituted as Petitioner instead of the said Richard Dyott, Esquire, the Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election.

3. Upon the evidence before me it does not appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that they have, extensively prevailed at the Election.

J. S. Willers

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Common Pleas, Ireland. In the matter of the Petition of Richard Boardman, of Curlew, wheelwright and journeyman, Petitioner; and William Fegan, Esquire, Respondent.

The said Court of Common Pleas, in pursuance of the provisions of the 36th section of said Act, do hereby report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons,—

That the Petition in this matter, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, was duly presented to this Court on the sixteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and that the Petitioner, on the twenty-sixth day of January instant, applied to the Court by special application, pursuant to the said statute, for leave to withdraw said Petition, which was granted.

And it appearing to the Court that the Petition is not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, the Petition is hereby withdrawn accordingly.

Given on behalf of the Court this 25th day of January 1869.

James Henry Monahan, Chief Justice, Common Pleas.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

January 25th, 1869.

1. Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons Norwich of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having applied to be substituted as Petitioner instead of the said Richard Dyott, Esquire, the Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify, that, at the conclusion of the said trial, I determined that the said Sir Henry Josias Streocty, being the Member whose Return and Election were...
were complained of in the said Petition, was not daily elected, and that the Election was void; and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

3. And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at said Election; in further pursuance of said Act I report as follows—

4. That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any of the candidates at the said Election; and, further, that it was proved to my satisfaction that neither the said Sir Henry Josias Stracey, nor the other candidates at the said Election had any personal knowledge of or connection whatever with bribery or any other illegal or corrupt practice.

And I further report, that the names of persons who were proved at the trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices are Robert Hardiment, Arthur Hunt, Robert Callow, and Thomas Hardiment.

And I further report, that corrupt practices did prevail at the said Election, and that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at the same, and that they were of the nature stated in my Special Report, which follows:

7. And I do further, in pursuance of the said Act, make this Special Report as to matters which arise in the course of the said trial, an account of which ought, in my judgment, to be submitted to the House of Commons.

At the middle of the day of poll, Sir William Russell and Mr. Tillett, the Liberal candidates, had a considerable majority, and there is no reason to believe that up to this time any corrupt vote had been given on either side; but from thence until the close of the poll I believe that bribery was extensively committed in order to procure the Election of Sir Henry Josias Stracey. So far as the evidence went, the voters who were bribed were of one class, viz., workmen or labourers for daily wages. These people did not go to work that day, but collected in considerable numbers in and about public-houses and beer-shops; and there waited to be bribed. Some of them either of themselves thought, or it was suggested to them by others, that it was reasonable and just they should be paid their day’s wages by the candidate for whom they voted. It may be that in some instances this feeling was honestly entertained, but in the great majority of instances it was a mere pretext in order to obtain bribes. A number of these voters went to the poll in a gross state of drunkenness, some of them so drunk as not to know for whom they came to vote; and I have no doubt that a very considerable number of bribed voters gave their votes between two and four o’clock of the day of polling. I expected that there would have been a scrutiny, but it was abandoned on behalf of Mr. Tillett, and I am, therefore, unable to state the number of the bribed voters. I am also unable to state who the bribers were, with the exception of the man Hardiment, who absconded after the Petition was presented, and the man Arthur Hunt, who was examined at the trial. Another man, called Warledge, also absconded after the Petition was presented, and he, probably, was extensively employed in bribing. The sum paid to each bribed voter was small. One pound to each was the sum proved to have been paid by Hardiment, and seven shillings and sixpence each to the voters bribed by Hunt. I am also unable to state what amount of money was spent in bribery, and I failed to obtain any information as to the source from whence the money came, or the persons by whom it was supplied to the bribers; but I believe that there was a corrupt agency at work by which the money was supplied. Both Sir H. J. Stracey and a gentleman (Mr. Patterson) who was an active supporter of him, and also Mr. Gorman, an agent for Sir Henry, all stated upon their examinations that they did not know, and had no suspicion, from what source or quarter the money used in bribery came. I regret that I am unable to give further information upon this matter; but the trial before me was confined to evidence as to bribery (one instance being sufficient) on behalf of Sir H. J. Stracey or an agent for whom he was responsible, or by Mr. Tillett or an agent for whom he was responsible. The case of general bribery, therefore, arose only incidentally. If it be deemed right to have the matter further investigated it can only be done under the provisions of the 15 and 16 Vic. c. 57.

The claim to the seat by Mr. Tillett was abandoned for reasons satisfactory to me; and I believe the Election was, on his part, perfectly pure.

A Copy of the Evidence, taken by the deputy of the Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, accompanies this my Certificate.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

I, Sir Samuel Mortin, Knight, the Judge who tried the said Election Petition, and made my report to you of my determination thereon, dated 22nd January 1869, further report, that I determined that Sir Henry Josias Stracey, Baronet, was not duly elected, and that his Election was void, because he, by his agent, was guilty of bribery at the said Election.

Samuel Mortin.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Belfast, between James McTier and Election.

Charles Murray Arnould, Petitioners; and Thomas M'Clure, Respondent.

I do hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker that a Court for the trial of the above-mentioned Petition was held before me, at Belfast, on the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of January 1869, and that, at the conclusion of the said trial, I did on the said 30th day of January 1869 determine,—

That the said Thomas M'Clure was duly elected to serve as a Member of Parliament for the said Borough at the Election in the said Petition mentioned.

And, in addition to the said certificate, I do hereby further report:

That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at such Election; and

That I have no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at such Election.

A copy of the Petition and a copy of the Evidence given at the trial, taken down by the deputy of the Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, accompanies this my Certificate.

Given under my hand this 2nd day February 1869.

F. A. FitzGerald,

A Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Court of Common Pleas, Ireland. In the matter of the Petition of George Kittson, of Enniskillen, Petitioner; and John Henry Vincent Crichton, Respondent.

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The said Court of Common Pleas, in pursuance of the provisions of the 36th section of said Act, do hereby report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons—

The Petition in this matter was duly presented to this Court on the seventeenth day of December last, and on the 30th day of January instant, applied to the Court by special application, pursuant to the said Statute, to leave to withdraw said Petition.

And it appearing to the Court that the notice of the said application required by said Act had been given in the said Borough, and no person having applied to be substituted as Petitioner instead of the said George Keddie and Thomas Johnston,

The Court, on the said twenty-sixth day of January, made an Order permitting the said Petition to be withdrawn, and same has been withdrawn accordingly.

And the Court do hereby report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, that in their opinion the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

Signed on behalf of the Court, this third day of February 1869.

James Henry Monahan,
Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
of the House of Commons.

The Court of Common Pleas, Ireland, John Henry Monahan, Member for the County of Sligo, and James Casey, of Pollenin, in said County, Farmers, Petitioners; Sir Robert Gore Booth, Baronet, Respondent.

Henry Griffith, of Killorglin, in the County of Sligo, t.i.e., i.e., Petitioner; Denis Maurice O'Connor, Esquire, Respondent.

The said Court of Common Pleas, in pursuance of the 36th section of said Act, do hereby report to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, that the Petitions in these matters were duly presented to this Court on the 29th December 1868.

And that the Petitioners in each of the said matters, on the 1st day of February instant, applied to this Court by special application, pursuant to the said Statute, for leave to withdraw their respective Petitions.

And it appearing to the Court that the notices of said applications required by said Act had been given in the said County, and no person having applied to be substituted as Petitioner instead of the said John Lewis Phipps, or any candidate for whose conduct the said John Lewis Phipps was not duly elected, or returned, which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said John Lewis Phipps was not duly elected or returned; and that the Election and Return was wholly null and void, and that the said Abraham Lawrence was duly elected, and ought to have been returned.

1. Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, do certify and report such determination as follows:—

I. John Lewis Phipps, Esquire, the Member whose Election and Return are complained of by the Petition, was not duly elected and returned, and the Election was void.

2. Joseph Harrop, of Westbury, Cloth Manufacturer, one of the committee of the said John Lewis Phipps, and an Agent for whose conduct the said John Lewis Phipps was in point of law responsible, was as such Agent guilty of undue influence at the Election within the meaning of the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854, and did in canvassing the workmen in his employ, who were voters, and had a right to vote at the Election, practise intimidation upon them in order to induce them either to vote for the said John Lewis Phipps, or, if they did not so vote, then to refrain from voting at the said Election; and by reason of the conduct of the said Joseph Harrop, the said John Lewis Phipps was by his agent, but not personally, guilty of undue influence at such Election within the meaning of the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854, section 36.

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said John Lewis Phipps, or any candidate at such Election.

4. Upon the evidence before me, it does not appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that they have extensively prevailed at the Election.

5. The Petitioner abandoned, and there was no evidence to sustain the prayer of the Petition, that he should be declared to have been duly elected; and the said Election has therefore become, was, and is wholly null and void.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
of the House of Commons.

In the matter of two Election Petitions for the Borough of Stockport, between James Walton, Esquire, of Stockport, and William Jones, of Stockport, Petitioners, and John Benjamin Smith, Esquire,
Warrington I, Sir

Ejection. the Borough of Stalybridge Court for the trial of an Election Petition for Samuel Martin, made by Evans consent of any candidate at the said Election. report—

day's wages should be made good to them; but that the said bribe was not by an agent of the said corrupt practices have, extensively prevailed at the said Election.

England, in instant (1869) and the following day, I duly held a Court at Cheltenham, in the County of Gloucester, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Borough of Cheltenham aforesaid, between James Sidbottom, Petitioner; and Henry Bernard Samuelson, Respondent.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows:—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge of any of the candidates at the said Election.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that, at the conclusion of the said trial, I determined that the said Henry Bernard Samuelson, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was duly elected and returned; and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows:—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge of any of the candidates at the said Election.

And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that upon the trial of the said Petition, there was not evidence before me that any corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Cheltenham Baronets of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the above Act, certify, that, upon the twenty-fifth day of January 1869, and several days following, I duly held a Court at Bradford, in the county of York, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Borough of Bradford aforesaid, between John Hays and others, Petitioners; and Henry William Ripley, Respondent.

And I further certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election; in further pursuance of the said Act I report as follows:—

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Baronets of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the above Act, certify, that, upon the thirty-first day of February instant (1869), and following days, I duly held a Court at Chester, in the county of Chester, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Borough of Chester aforesaid, between Richard Evans, John Bond, and others, Petitioners; and Henry William Tipping, Respondent.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Henry William Tipping, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was duly elected and returned, and that the Election for the said Borough, held on the seventeenth day of November last, was not void as alleged in the said Petition, but was a valid Election, and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at the said Election.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows:—

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at the said Election.

And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that upon the trial of the said Petition, there was not evidence before me that any corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.
rupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any of the candidates at the said Election.

And, in pursuance of the said Act, I further report, that the persons who were proved at the trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices are Edward Kitchenman, Jeremiah Ryan, William Bowes, Michael Lumb, Michael Coyne, William Luby, Patrick Deery, John Young, James Corbman, John Hour, Richard Daffy, John Bray, James Roomey, James tidwell, Robert Conway, William Hocene, James Hurle, Bryan O’Neill, Michael Manion, John Walsh, Patrick Murphy, William Handy, Samuel Abel, and Joseph Gibson.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I report, that, upon the evidence before me, there was no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the Election to which the said Petition relates, except as stated in my Special Report.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I make this Special Report as to matters which arose in the course of the said trial, an account of which ought, in my judgment, to be submitted to the House of Commons.

It was proved that the said Henry William Ripley had opened an unlimited credit at his bankers in favour of his agent, who availed himself of it to the extent of upwards of seven hundred and two hundred pounds, and who was in the returning officer a mere abstract of totals of outlay unaccompanied by vouchers, and that this was knowingly done contrary to the Statute 26 & 27 Victoria, cap. 29, s. 4. That, in one ward of the said Borough, inhabited principally by Irishmen of the working class, large numbers were influenced by corrupt practices committed by the agents of the said Henry William Ripley, and that upwards of one hundred public-houses and beer-houses were opened as committee-rooms, or pretended committee-rooms, in the course of the said Election, and that this was knowingly done contrary to the Statute 26 & 27 Victoria, cap. 29, s. 4. That, in one ward of the said Borough, inhabited principally by Irishmen of the working class, large numbers were influenced by corrupt practices committed by the agents of the said Henry William Ripley, and that upwards of one hundred public-houses and beer-houses were opened as committee-rooms, or pretended committee-rooms, in the course of the said Election, and that this was knowingly done contrary to the Statute 26 & 27 Victoria, cap. 29, s. 4.

I have so reported, it was proved that from 20 to 30 other Freemen, whose names were not disclosed, received bribes at the same house in which those named were bribed, and on the day of polling, in consideration of voting for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, were bribed on the day of polling to vote, or in consideration of having voted, for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That, in addition to the persons whose names I have so reported, it was proved that from 20 to 30 other Freemen, whose names were not disclosed, received bribes at the same house in which those named were bribed, and on the day of polling, in consideration of voting for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, were bribed on the day of polling to vote, or in consideration of having voted, for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That the following Freemen Electors (that is to say, John Frederick Kirk, Richard Butler, junior, William Walker, George Hopkins, William Kirkpatrick, Henry Bailey, John Wilson, Robert Wilson, Benjamin Katherine otherwise Catherina, Michael Richard Steele, and Joseph Howett, were bribed on the day of polling to vote, or in consideration of having voted, for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That other Freemen, from ten to fourteen in number, who were not sufficiently identified by name, were bribed to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, by the said William Robinson.

That Henry Foster, William Campbell, and William Watkins were proved to have bribed the said Freemen.

That two other Freemen, namely, Richard Jesus (now deceased) and George Booth, were bribed to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, by Benjamin Warren.

That George M'Donnell and William Field, both Freemen, were bribed to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, by William Robinson.

That other Freemen, from ten to fourteen in number, who were not sufficiently identified by name, were bribed to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, by the said William Robinson.

That Henry Cramer, a rated occupier, was bribed to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, by the said William Robinson.

That Alexander Ferguson, a rated occupier, and John Kelly, a lodger, were bribed by William John Vance to vote for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That Dunnagor Creathwine and William Johnston were guilty of bribing forty-one Out-voters by promises to pay to them their travelling expenses on condition of their voting for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That it was proved that Freemen Voters, to the number of thirty, did apply previous to the said Election to the agents of Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet, to obtain bribes in consideration of their voting for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet.

That several of the parties so applying and other Freemen Voters, numbering over two hundred, were induced to sign agreements pledging themselves to give their services gratuitously to the...
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said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness at the said Election; but such agreements were colourable, and framed with the object of evading the provisions of the Statutes against the giving employment to voters at or previous to Elections.

That it was further proved that a considerable number of the said Freemen Voters were, on the day of polling, making payment of money from William Campbell, an agent of Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet; in consideration of their having voted for the said Sir Arthur Edward Guinness, Baronet; and I do report that I have reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed amongst the Freemen Voters at the said Election for the County of the City of Dublin.

And I do further report that, save as I have reported respecting the said Freemen, corrupt practices have not been shown to have extensively prevailed, nor is there reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which the said Petition relates.

Given under my hand this fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

William Keogh,
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Dublin City

In the matter of the Petition of the Honourable David Robert Plunket, Petitioner; and Jameson, Esquire, M.P., Respondent.

Sir,
I have the honour to report to you that this Petition was withdrawn with my leave upon special application, and in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made and provided; and in my opinion the withdrawal of such Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

William Keogh,
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Londonderry City Election.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the City or Borough of Londonderry, between David John McGeown, Merchant, and George David Christie, Commissioner, Agent, Petitioners; and Richard Douce, Esquire, Q.C., Respondent.

I hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons that the above-mentioned Petition was tried before me at Carrickfergus, on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of January 1869: and that at the conclusion of the said trial, I did on the 26th day of January, determine that the said Marriott Robert Dalby, whose Election was complained of by said Petition, was duly elected to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Carrickfergus.

And, in addition to the foregoing Certificate, I hereby further report to the Right Honourable the Speaker that no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election.

And further, that on the Evidence before me, it did not appear that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at said Election; and I have no reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at said Election.

I beg also to state that a Copy of said Petition, and a Copy of the Evidence given at the trial, taken down by the deputy of the Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, accompany this Certificate.

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1869.

James O'Brien,
One of the Judges for the time being on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Carrickfergus, between Robert Torrens, Esquire, Petitioner; and Marriott Robert Dalby, Esquire, Respondent.

I hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons that the above-mentioned Petition was tried before me at Carrickfergus, on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 26th days of January 1869: and that at the conclusion of the said trial, I did on the 26th day of January, determine that the said Marriott Robert Dalby, whose Election was complained of by said Petition, was duly elected to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Carrickfergus.

And, in addition to the foregoing Certificate, I hereby further report to the Right Honourable the Speaker that no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election.

And further, that on the Evidence before me, it did not appear that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at said Election; and I have no reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at said Election.

I beg also to state that a Copy of said Petition, and a Copy of the Evidence given at the trial, taken down by the deputy of the Shorthand Writer of the House of Commons, accompany this Certificate.

Given under my hand this 13th day of February 1869.

James O'Brien,
One of the Judges for the time being on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

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And I humbly report that it has not been proved that any corrupt practice has been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at said Election; and that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at said Election. Given under my hand at Edinburgh, this 15th day of February 1869.

E. F. M.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

And the said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Act 1859-60. No. 6.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Report dated the 16th day of January 1869, addressed by Robert Rawlinson, Esquire, c.s., Government Engineer, to the Right Honourable George Joseph Goschen, m.p., President of the Poor Law Board, on the Public Works executed in the Cotton Manufacturing Districts, and the Employments of Operatives thereon. Mr. Goschen accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Railway and Tramway Bills. No. 7.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present to this House a Report upon the Railway and Tramway Bills of the present Session. Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Privileges.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

Outlaws Bill.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Citadel-station Outlaws was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

China, No. 1 (1869.)

Mr. Otoo presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Relations between Great Britain and China.

China, No. 9 (1869.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Attack on British Protestant Missionaries at Yung-Chow-Foo, August 1868.

Sugar Drawbacks.

Additional Papers concerning the execution of the Convention, of November 8, 1864, between Great Britain, Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, relative to the Drawbacks on Sugar.

Mecklenburgh-Schwerin.

Copy of Accession of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin to the Treaty of Navigation between Great Britain and Prussia, signed at Berlin, January 9, 1869.

Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, Stettin, Lauenburg, and Lübeck, to the Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Zollverein, signed at Berlin, January 9, 1869.

Telegraphic Communication between Her Majesty and the Shah of Persia, for extending and securing Telegraphic Communication between Europe and India. Signed, in the English and Persian Languages, at Tehran, April 2, 1868.

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation, on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of the Countries in which they reside. Nos. 5 & 6, 1869.

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secretaries of Embassy and Legation, on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of the Countries in which they reside. No. 1, 1869.

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

Manufacturers, Commerce, &c.

Army.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st July of 1868, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of all Officers of the Artillery and Engineers who have received any Sum of Money on retiring from the Vol. 124.

Service during the last five years; stating the Name and Rank of each Officer, the length of his Service, and amount paid to him, and the Amount of Pay he was receiving when reduced:—Similar Return as to the Corps of Gentlemen Pensioners:—And, Return of the Names, Rank, and Services appointed to that Corps on the Retirement of those thus paid for Retirement. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the House of the Commons relating to Public Business, 1869.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been Mr. Speaker at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords reports upon 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, delivered Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command, and 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,

I recur to your advice at the earliest period permitted by the arrangements consequent upon the retirement of the late Administration.

And it is with special interest that I command to you the resumption of your labours at a time when the Popular Branch of the Legislature has been chosen with the advantage of a greatly enlarged Enfranchisement of My faithful and loyal People.

I am able to inform you that my relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be most friendly; and I have the satisfaction to believe that they cordially share in the desire by which I am animated for the maintenance of Peace. I shall at all times be anxious to use my best exertions for the promotion of this most important object.

In concurrence with My Allies I have endeavoured, by friendly interposition, to effect a settlement of the differences which have arisen between Turkey and Greece; and I rejoice that our joint efforts have aided in preventing any serious interruption of tranquillity in the Levant.

I have been engaged in negotiations with the United States of North America for the settlement of questions which affect the interests and the international relations of the two Countries; and it is My earnest hope that the result of those Negotiations may be to place on a firm and durable basis the friendship which should ever exist between England and America.

I have learnt with grief that disturbances have occurred in New Zealand, and that at one spot they have been attended with circumstances of atrocity. I am confident that the Colonial Government and People will not be wanting either in energy to repress the outbreaks, or in the prudence and moderation which, I trust, may prevent their recurrence.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the Expenditure of the coming financial year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with a careful regard to efficiency of the Services, and they will exhibit a diminished Charge upon the Country.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The ever-growing wants and diversified interests of the Empire will necessarily bring many questions of Public Policy under your review.

The condition of Ireland permits Me to believe that you will be spared the painful necessity which
which was felt by the late Parliament for narrowing the securities of Personal Liberty in that Country, by the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act.

I recommend that you should inquire into the present modes of conducting Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, and should consider whether it may be possible to provide any further guarantees for their tranquillity, purity and freedom.

A Measure will be brought under your notice for the relief of some classes of Occupiers from hardships in respect of Rating, which appear to be capable of remedy. You will also be invited to direct your attention to Bills for the Extension and Improvement of Education in Scotland; and for rendering the considerable Revenues of the Endowed Schools of England more widely effectual for the purposes of Instruction.

A Measure will be introduced for applying the principles of Representation to the control of the County Rate, by the establishment of Financial Boards for Counties.

It will be proposed to you to recur to the subject of Bankruptcy, with a view to the more effective Distribution of Assets, and to the abolition of Improvements for Debts. The Ecclesiastical Arrangements for Ireland will be brought under your consideration at a very early date, and the legislation which will be necessary in order to their final adjustment will make the largest demands upon the wisdom of Parliament.

I am persuaded that, in the prosecution of the work, you will bear a careful regard to every legitimate interest which it may involve, and that you will be conducted by the constant aim to promote the welfare of Religion through the principles of equal Justice, to secure the action of the undivided feeling and opinion of Ireland on the side of Loyalty and Law, to efface the memory of former contentions, and to cherish the sympathies of an affectionate People.

In every matter of public interest, and especially in one so weighty, I pray that the Almighty may, in this, as in every matter of public interest, never cease to guide our deliberations, and may bring them to a happy issue.

Resolutions for Address.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to thank Her Majesty for the Most Gracious Speech delivered by Her Command to both Houses of Parliament:

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that Her relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be most friendly, and to express our satisfaction at learning that She is animated for the maintenance of Peace.

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us of Her Majesty's endeavours, in concurrence with Her Allies, to effect a settlement of the difficulties which have arisen between Turkey and Greece, and to express the gratitude with which we learn that these joint efforts have aided in preventing any serious interruption of tranquillity in the Levant.

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that she has been engaged in Negotiations with the United States of North America for the settlement of questions which affect the interests and the international relations of the two Countries, and to assure Her Majesty that we share in the earnest hope that the result of the Negotiations may be to place on a firm and durable basis the friendship which should ever exist between England and America.

To assure Her Majesty that we have learnt with grief that disturbances have occurred in New Zealand, and that at one spot they have been attended with circumstances of atrocity; and that we participate in Her Majesty's confidence that the Colonial Government and people will not be wanting either in energy to repress the outbreaks, or in the prudence and moderation which we trust will prevent their recurrence.

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for directing that the Estimates for the expenditure of the coming financial year should be submitted to us, and to express our satisfaction at learning that while they have been framed with a careful regard to the efficiency of the Services, they will exhibit a diminished Charge on the Country.

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that we rejoice to learn that the condition of Ireland leads Her Majesty to believe that we may be spared the painful necessity, which was felt by the late Parliament, for narrowing the securities of personal liberty in that Country by the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act:

To express our readiness to inquire into the present modes of conducting Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, and to consider whether it may be possible to provide any further guarantees for their tranquillity, purity, and freedom.

Humbly to thank Her Majesty for informing us that measures will be brought under our notice for the relief of some classes of occupiers from hardships in respect of rating, which appear to be capable of remedy; for the extension and improvement of Education in Scotland; for rendering the considerable revenues of the Endowed Schools of England more widely effectual for the purposes of instruction; and for applying the principle of representation to the control of the County Rate, by the establishment of Financial Boards for Counties:

To thank Her Majesty for informing us that we shall be invited to recur to the subject of Bankruptcy, with a view to the more effective Distribution of Assets, and to the abolition of Improvements for Debts:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that our serious attention will be given to the Ecclesiastical Arrangements for Ireland, and to the legislation which will be necessary in order to their final adjustment; and that in the prosecution of the work, we shall bear a careful regard to every legitimate interest which it may involve, and that we shall be governed by the constant aim to promote the welfare of Religion through the principles of equal Justice, to secure the action of the undivided feeling and opinion of Ireland on the side of Loyalty and Law, to efface the memory of former contentions, and to cherish the sympathies of an affectionate People:

Humbly to assure Her Majesty that, with Her, we fervently pray that the Almighty may, in this, as in every matter of public interest, never cease to guide our deliberations, and that He may bring them to a happy issue.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Committee draw up an Address to be presented to Her Majesty upon the said Resolution:—And a Com­mittee was appointed of Mr. Henry Cooper, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Bruce, Mr. Secret­ary Cardwell, Mr. Childers, Mr. John Bright, Mr. William Edward Forster, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Gobchen, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Ayrton, and Mr. Glyn, or any Five of them:—And they are to report to the Committee.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's Most Gracious Queen's Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Wednesday, 17th February, 1869.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from Mr. Baron Martin, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate and Report, relating to the Election For the Borough of Tawton.

And the same were read, as follow:

An Election Petition for the Borough of Tawton, in the County of Somerset, between John Dyke and William Otten, Petitioners; and Alexander Charles Burlington, Respondent.

The undersigned Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Judges of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby certify and report to you that I have this day heard an application, made in the manner prescribed by the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the withdrawal of this Petition, and have given leave to withdraw the same; and I further report to you that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of this Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

To the Right Honorable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

A Petition of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company to enter into a Working Agreement with, and to grant a Lease of their Undertaking to the Ebbow Vale Steel, Iron, and Coal Company, Limited, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Gore and Mr. Gore Longton.

A Petition of the Local Board for the Parish and District of Melton Mowbray, in the County of Leicester, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Local Board of Melton Mowbray, in the County of Leicester, to provide a Cattle Market; and for conferring other Powers on the Local Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Atherstone and Mr. Charles Auchter.

A Petition of the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Crawfurd and Mr. Loch.

A Petition of the City of Glasgow Union Railway Company, the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, and the North British Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the City of Glasgow Union Railway Company, the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, and the North British Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dalphie and Mr. Graham.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of Lambeth Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Company of Proprietors of Lambeth Waterworks to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Lord Mayor of London and Mr. M'Arthar.

A Petition of the shareholders of the Marine Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for better supplying with Water the District of中央, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Wynn and Mr. Charles Wynn.

A Petition of the Caledonian Railway Company, Caledonia Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Caledonia Railway Company to abandon certain Authorised Railways; for sanctioning the acquisition by that Company of certain Land; for altering the mode of raising a portion of their authorised Share Capital; for authorising the amalgamation of the Crief and Methven Junction Railway Company with the Company, and Agreement with other Companies and Parties, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alexander Maitland and Mr. Dalgliesh.

A Petition of the Glasgow Gas Light Company, Glasgow Gas Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower 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. Cowper and Mr. Lock.

A Petition of the Perronet, Magistrats, and Dumbarton Town Council of the Borough of Dumbarton, acting as Commissioners for executing and carrying into effect the objects of the Dumbarton Waterworks Reclamation, and Municipal Extension Act, 1857, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Dumbarton Water Commissioners to make and maintain an additional Storage Reservoir and other Works, and to give an increased Supply of Water; for dividing the Borough of Dumbarton into Wards, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brown and Mr. Orr-Ewing.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to acquire additional Lands at Great Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. Jacob Bright.

A Petition of Trustees of the theretofore mentioned Roads, for leave to bring in a Bill for repairing and maintaining the Road from Manchester to Thame, and the Roads from Thame to Shillingford, Pestcombe and Bicester, in the Counties of Buckingham and Oxford, or parts thereof, and for making better Provision respecting the Debts charged thereon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel North and Mr. Samuel George Smith.

A Petition of the Margate Gas Light Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for providing additional Gas Light for the Borough of Margate, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Perry Wynham and Mr. Pither.

A Petition of the Brighton Marine Palace Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for acquiring and re-incorporating the Proprietors of "The Grand Junction Road," at Brighton, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. White and Mr. Forrester.

A Petition of the Worthing Gas Light Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Worthing Gas Light Company and re-incorporating and giving additional Powers to the Worthing Gas Light Company, and to authorise the widening and improvement of parts of the Roads called the "The Marine Parade" and "The Grand Junction Road," at Worthing, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. White and Mr. Forrester.

A Petition of the Margate Gas Light Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for providing additional Gas Light for the Borough of Margate, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Perry Wynham and Mr. Pither.

A Petition of the Brighton Marine Aquarium Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for acquiring and re-incorporating the Proprietors of "The Grand Junction Road," at Brighton, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. White and Mr. Forrester.

A Petition of the Worthing Gas Light Company (Limited), for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Worthing Gas Light Company and re-incorporating and giving additional Powers to the Worthing Gas Light Company, and to authorise the widening and improvement of parts of the Roads called the "The Marine Parade" and "The Grand Junction Road," at Worthing, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. White and Mr. Forrester.
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Bradford Water.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bradford, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bradford, in the West Riding of the County of York, to construct new Waterworks, to take, compulsorily, certain lands and streams of water, to extend the limits of water supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Edward Forster and Mr. John Gilbert Talbot.

Cleveland Water.

A Petition of the Cleveland Water Company (Limited) for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Cleveland Water Company Limited, and re-incorporate the members thereof, and to make further provision for the supply of water to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Skelton, and other places in Cleveland, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Milbank, Mr. Fussell, and Mr. Botcham.

Porthaven Harbour.

A Petition of Undertakers of the Harbour of Porthaven, in the County of Cornwall, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation of the Harbour of Porthaven, in Mounts Bay, in the County of Cornwall, and for the Determination of the Interest therein of the Porthaven Harbour Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. St. Aubyn and Mr. Arthur Power.

Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire and Midland Railway Companies.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway, the Midland Railway, and the Manchester and Stockport Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill for dissolving the Manchester and Stockport Railway Company, and transferring their Undertaking to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Midland Railway Companies jointly; and for empowering the two last-mentioned Companies jointly to make a short Branch Railway out of the Stockport and Woolley Junction Railway, and for authorizing a joint ownership by those two Companies of the Newton and Compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Newton and Compulsory Purchase Railway and the Mumps New Mills and Haggfield Junction Railway, and for granting running powers to the Midland Railway Company over parts of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Turner and Mr. Jacob Bright.

Breach Doors Harbour and Docks.

A Petition of the Breach Doors Harbour Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to give further Time for the Completion of Breach Doors Harbour, and for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Breach Doors Docks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Floyer and Mr. War.

London and South Western Railway Company (Extension of Time.)

A Petition of the London and South Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Time for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of the authorized Railway of the London and South Western Railway Company from Bideford to Great Torrington, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount Berry, Mr. Russell Gurney, and Mr. Selater-Broth.

A Petition of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Acts relating to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Graves, Viscount Sondan, and Mr. Rathbone.

A Petition of Trustees acting under an Act passed in the twentieth year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for dividing the Park of Potsford, in the County of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Potsford Park Trustees and the Potsford Street Commissioners respectively, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Childers and Mr. Waterhouse.

A Petition of the Birmingham Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the limits of the District within which the Birmingham Gas Light and Coke Company may supply Gas, and for empowering the 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. Disson and Mr. Montgomerie.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Boundaries of the Borough of Stockton, and for authorizing the Municipal Corporation of the Borough to construct Waterworks, and to supply Water in the Borough and its Neighbourhood, and for extending the Limits within which the Corporation are authorized to supply Gas, and for consolidating and amending the Acts in force in the Borough in relation to the Management and Improvement of Streets, and to Sewerage and to Buildings, and to Police and other matters of Local Government, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dodds and Mr. Davison.

A Petition of the then-undelegated, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Formation and Improvement of Clontarf Township, comprising the District of Clontarf, Dalkey, and the Borough, in the Barony of Coolock, and County of Dublin, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Taylor and Mr. Ion Tantum Hamilton.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston as a Municipal Corporation, and also as the Local Board of Health, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hermon and Sir Thomas Healith.
17th February.

A Petition of the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Company, to raise further Moneys by Shares, and by borrowing, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Albert Egeron and Mr. Philips.

A Petition of the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital of the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cowen and Mr. William Lee.

A Petition of the West Ham Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the West Ham Gas Company to increase their Capital, and for other purposes with respect to the same Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Bayes and Mr. De Grey.

A Petition of the Nottingham Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Nottingham Water Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wright and Mr. Frederick Smith.

A Petition of Commissioners of the Port or Harbour of Newport, in the County of Monmouth, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the construction of a Dry Dock and other Works at Newport, by and for conferring other Powers upon the Newport Harbour Commissioners, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Francis Russell and Mr. Robert Fowler.

A Petition of the-gaslight Company to increase their Capital, and for conferring Powers for that purpose on the Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring on the Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks 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. Tite and Mr. Dimdale.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company Midland and the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring an Agreement between the London and the London Companies, and North Western Railway Companies, with respect to the use of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway, for the Abandonment of the Settle and Carlisle Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bates, Mr. William Philip Price, Mr. Charles Howard, and Mr. Gosc.

A Petition of the Herford, Hay, and Brecon Brecknock, Hay, and Brecon Railway Company into Debenture Stock, and for other purposes with relation to the Thame and Brecon Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major Morgan and Mr. Eylyn.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur. Commissioners of the Borough of Grimsby, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of Grimsby as to the West Marsh, and the Construction of a Bridge over the old Dock, and of other Works at Grimsby, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tamine and Sir Montague Cholmeley.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur. Commissioners of the Huddersfield Water Company of the Borough of Huddersfield, to carry into execution the several Acts of Parliament relating thereto, for leave to bring in a Bill for transferring to the Corporation of Huddersfield the Undertakings of the Commissioners for the Huddersfield Waterworks, and for empowering
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A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds to improve the Streets and Decks, and to make other improvements in the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Leatham, Mr. Baines, and Sir Francis Crosley.

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A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds to improve the Streets and Decks, and to make other improvements in the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Leatham and Mr. Alderman Carter.

Great Tower

A Petition of the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, for leave to bring in a Bill for making better Provision for the Repair and Improvement of Great Tower Hill, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Starling.

Metropolitan Railway

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring additional Powers on the Midland Railway Company for the construction of New Works, and in relation to their own Undertakings and the Undertakings of other Companies; for extending the Periods for the Purchase of certain Lands, and for the Construction of certain authorized Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Baines and Mr. William Philip Price.

Metropolitan Railway

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to grant further Powers to the Metropolitan Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Lee, Mr. Gilpin, and Mr. Sherriff.

Metropolitan District Railway

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to grant further Powers to the Metropolitan District Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sherriff and Mr. Gilpin.

Garstang and Knot End Railway

A Petition of the Garstang and Knot End Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the purchase of Lands, and for the completion of the Garstang and Knot End Railway, and for increasing the Capital of the Garstang and Knot End Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Heshle and Mr. Friedrich Stanley.

Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse Fund Appropriation

A Petition of Thomas Hill and William Howard, the Churchwardens of the Parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, and of Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the disposition of the Workhouse Fund of the Parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord George Hamilton, Mr. William Henry Smith, and Captain Greenerow.

Dukinfield and Denton Local Board of Health

A Petition of the Local Board of Health for the District of Dukinfield, and the Local Board of Health for the District of Denton, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Local Boards of Health for Dukinfield and Denton to acquire the Undertaking of the Dukinfield Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Egerton and Mr. William John Leigh.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Saint Helens, in the County of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Local Boards of the Districts of Saints and Parishes, in the Borough of Saint Helens, in the County of Lancaster, and to repeal the "Saint Helens Improvement Act, 1855," and to constitute the Corporation of the said Borough the Local Authority therein for the improving and governing of the said Borough; to enable the said Corporation to extend their Waterworks, and to purchase the Undertakings of the Saint Helens Waterworks Company and the Saint Helens Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cross and Colonel Haworne.

A Petition of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, Dublin Port for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the several Acts relating to the Port and Harbour of Dublin, to extend and define the Pilotage District of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pim and Sir John Gray.

A Petition of the London and North Western London and Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring additional Powers on the London and North Western Railway Company for the Construction of new Works, and in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies; for extending the Periods for the Purchase of certain Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Howard and Mr. Graves.

A Petition of the Bristol and Exeter Railway Bristol Harbour Railway Company, and the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Western and the Bristol and Exeter Railway Companies, with respect to the Bristol Harbour Railway and Docks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Daniel Gooch, Mr. Dilwyn, and Mr. Morley.

A Petition of the Enniskillen, Bundoran and Enniskillen, Sligo Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for effecting an arrangement with respect to the Mortgage and other Debts of the Enniskillen, Bundoran and Sligo Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Conolly and Captain Archdell.

A Petition of Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Saint Giles, Parish of St. Giles-without-Cripplegate, within the Liberties of the City of London, for leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Parish of St. Giles-without-Cripplegate, within the Liberties of the City of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Alderman Lawrence.

A Petition of the Parochial Board of the Parish of Edinburgh, and Trustees of the Estate of Craigmillar, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Parochial Board of the Parish of Edinburgh, and the Trustees of Craigmillar, for behoof of the said Board, to obtain from the Edinburgh Water Company a Supply of Water for the new Foothouses and other Buildings in connection
connection therewith, erected or to be erected on the lands of Craighalder, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. M'Leone and Mr. Miller.

Dundee Gas.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Dundee, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Commissioners, and to provide more effectually for the supply of the Town of Dundee and Places adjacent with Water; and for vesting in the Commissioners the Waterworks and Property connected therewith of the Municipal Corporation of Dundee, and of the Commissioners, under the Act (Local and Personal) 1 Vict. c. 126; and for the acquisition by the Commissioners of the Undertaking of the Dundee Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Ogilvy and Mr. Armitstead.

Cleckheaton Gas.

A Petition of Shareholders in and Directors of the Cheetham Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and granting further Powers to the Cheetham Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Christopher Dawson and Mr. Joshua Fielden.

Dundee Harbour.

A Petition of Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee, for leave to bring in a Bill for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Dundee and the Docks and Works connected therewith, and amending the Acts relating to the said Harbour, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Carstairs, Sir John Ogilvy, and Mr. Armitstead.

Waistcoat and Finsbury Railway.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the East Lincolnshire Line of the Great Northern Railway at Ferrybridge, to the Town of Waistcoat All Saints, in the Parts of Lindsey, in the County of Lincoln, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Annette and Mr. Chaplin.

North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Companies.

A Petition of the North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill for vesting the Undertaking of the Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Company in the North and Brecon Railway Company; for suspending legal proceedings against the North and Brecon Railway Company; for converting the Mortgage and other Debts into Debenture Stock; for raising Money and regulating the Capital of that Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henry Vesey and Mr. Thomas Cave.

Edinburgh and District Water.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Borough of Leith, and of the Provost, Magistrates and Council of the Borough of Portobello, for leave to bring in a Bill to create and incorporate a Public Trust for supplying Water to the City of Edinburgh, Town and Port of Leith, Town of Portobello, and Districts and Places adjacent, to transfer to the Trust the Undertaking and Powers of the Edinburgh Water Company, and to authorize the introduction of an additional supply from Saint Mary's Loch and the Loch of Lomond, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Burslem Gas Company, Burslem Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for better Gas (No. 2) supplying with Gas the Borough of Burslem, and other places adjacent thereto, in the County of Devon, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Local Board for the District of Musley, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Monley Local Board to construct Waterworks for the supply of Water to their District, and certain neighbouring places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Leatham, Mr. Henry Bonnemain, and Sir Francis Crossley.

A Petition of the Great Central Gas Consumers' Great Central Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Great Central Gas Consumers' 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 Lord George Lennox and Colonel Miller.

A Petition of the Local Board of Oswestry, Oswestry, and of five of the members thereof, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Local Board of Oswestry, in the Parish of Wembridge, in the County of Lancaster, to make and supply Gas, and to confer various Powers upon the said Local Board in reference to Gas, Water, and Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Milford Improvement Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Milford Improvement Commissioners to borrow further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Scouller and Mr. Magrath.

A Petition of Trustees appointed under the provisions of an Act passed in the Third year of Harbour, the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for regulating and preserving the Harbour of Workington, in the County of Cumberland, and for other purposes relating thereto" (therein referred to as "The Trustees"), and of the Right Honourable William Earl of Lonsdale (therein referred to as "The Earl"), for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer the Harbour of Workington from the Trustees thereof to the Right Honourable William Earl of Lonsdale; to authorize the improvement and extension of that Harbour, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Lowther, Mr. Bristow, and Mr. Fletcher.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, Glasgow and Council of the City of Glasgow, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to erect Gasworks and supply Gas within the Municipality, City, and Royal Borough of Glasgow and its suburbs, and other places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Darwen Waterworks and Darwen Reservoirs Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for dissolving and incorporating the Darwen Waterworks and Reservoirs Company, and for enabling them to execute additional Works, and to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
Great Western Railway.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Great Western Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir David Gough and Mr. Dilke.

Birkenhead Waterworks Company.

A Petition of the Birkenhead Waterworks Company to extend their Works, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Spalding Waterworks Company.

A Petition of the Spalding Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Spalding Waterworks Company to extend their Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Bewdley Election Petition.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction of Railways in Cheshire and Lancashire, to be called "The Railway and Liverpool Railways," was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Election Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking of other Companies, and for which was read, as followeth:

The House was moved, That the several Acts for Contagious and Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals, might be read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir David Gough and Mr. Dilke.

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and perpetuate the Acts relating to Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals, and for other purposes:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Trust Deeds registered under the Provisions of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1861," between the 11th day of October 1867, the 11th day of January 1868, the 11th day of October 1868, and the 11th day of January 1869, respectively; distinguishing the Number of Deeds registered under Composition, the Amount of the Debt, the Amount of the Composition engaged to be paid upon the said Debts, and the Number of Deeds registered under Inspection and Assignment respectively; and showing the Amount of unsecured Debts stated in those Deeds.

Ordered, That a Copy of Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Bradford Election Petition be laid before this House.

Ordered, That a Copy of Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Drogheda Election Petition be laid before this House.

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Ordered, That the Report be now received.

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

Ordered, That the Copies of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Drogheda Election Petition, ordered Election Petition, be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Copies of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trials of the Norwich and Bewdley Election Petitions be printed.

Lord Selwin-Ibbetson do prepare, and bring it in.
Thursday, 18th February, 1869.

PRAYERS.


d and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Lord Robert Montague presented a Bill to amend and perpetuate the Acts relating to Contagious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Nares presented a Bill to extend and regulate the Admiralty Jurisdiction of the County Courts and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

A Petition of the City of London, Chatham, and Dover, Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time limited for the Completion of the Bridge and other Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Doble and Mr. Holt.

A Petition of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Imperial Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to raise more Money, and purchase more Land, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Davison.

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A Petition of the Metropolitan (Southern District) Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of Street Tramways in certain parts of the Metropolis South of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. M'Arthur and Mr. Davison.

A Petition of the London, Chatham, and Dover, Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm additional Powers on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company for the Construction of Works, and otherwise in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hodgkinson and Major Dickson.

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And then the House adjourned.
28th February, 1869.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, and THE COMPANY OF PROMPTORS OF THE GLASGOW, RAITH, AND ARGYLLSHIRE CANAL, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest the Glasgow, Paisley, and Johnstone Canal in the South Western Railway Company, and to enable that Company to guarantee the payment of Dividends upon a portion of the Share Capital of the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dalgety and Mr. Maxwell.

DUBLIN AND DROGHEDA RAILWAY.

A Petition of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company to effect a communication between their Railway and the Works of the London and North Western Railway Company at the North Wall, Dublin, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pinn and Mr. John Gray.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to alter and abandon part of their authorised Gilling and Pickering Railway, and of their Port Clarence Branch, and to confer on the Company further Powers in reference to other portions of their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pease, Mr. James Leathem, and Mr. Westhead.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (West Riding Branches, &c.) Act, 1866; to authorise the abandonment of a Junction Railway; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horaxy and Mr. Francis Cranstey.

WATERFORD, NEW Ross, AND WEXFORD JUNCTION RAILWAY.

A Petition of the Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction Railway Company to make further Deviations from their authorised Railways; to relinquish certain Works, and to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

BARROW-ON-TRAFFALGAR GAS (No. 2).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Examiner of the Petitions for Private Bills, the Examiner for the Petition for the Northwich Water Bill, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Northwich Local Board Bill.

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

BARMHURST WATER.

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 Barmhurst Water Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Examiner of the Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the Oswestry Local Board 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 Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction 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 Edinburgh and District Water 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 Holyhead Docks and Warehouses 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 Holyhead Docks and Warehouses Bill.

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

Ordered, That every Railway Bill promoted by an Incorporated Company and originating in this House shall, after having been read a first time, be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, who shall inquire and report as to compliance with the Provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 115, s. 35.

Ordered, That the Examiner shall give at least two clear days’ notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for such examination, and Standing Orders 78, 77, and 230, shall be applicable to any Memorials complaining of non-compliance with such Provisions.

Ordered, That in the case of such Bills the time limited by Standing Order 191 between the first and second reading shall be extended to, but shall in no case exceed, fourteen days.

Ordered, That the Statement required by the 65th Provision of the said 31st section to be laid before Parliament, in case of a poll being taken, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

A Bill for repairing and maintaining the Road from Aylesbury to Thame, and the Roads from Thame to Shrillington, Portsmoor, and Binbrook, in the Counties of Buckingham and Oxford, or parts thereof; and for making Better Provision respecting the Dales charged thereon, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for re-incorporating and giving additional Powers to the Brighton Aquarium Company; and to authorise the widening and improvement of parts of the Roads called “The Marine Parade” and “The Grand Junction Road” at Brighton, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to dissolve the Cleveland Water Company (Limited), and re-incorporate the members thereof; and to make further Provision for the supply of Water to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Skelton, and other places in Cleveland, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for extending the limits of the District Breringham within which the Birmingham Gas Light and Coke Bill Company may supply Gas, and for empowering the 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 give further time for the completion of the Borough of Brean Down Harbours, and for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Brean Down Docks, 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 Severn and Wye Valley and Drainage of the Towns and Villages in the Severn and Wye Valley of the River Crop, in the County of Kent, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to acquire additional Lands at Great Grimsby, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to provide for the disposition of the Salts-Mineral Workhouse Fund of the Parish of Saint Martins-in-the-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for empowering the Corporation of Glasgow to purchase by Agreement, and for empowering the Glasgow Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the Water Trust of Greenock to raise further Money, and for amending Water Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for transferring the Harbour of Wokingham to the Right Honourable William Earl of Londesdale; to authorise the improvement and extension of that Harbour, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to dissolve the Local Boards of the Districts of Sutton and Parr, in the Borough of Saint Helens, in the County of Lancashire, and to repeal “The Saint Helens Improvement Act, 1855,” and to constitute the Corporation of the said Borough the legal authority therein for the improving and governing of the said Borough; to enable the said Corporation to extend their Waterworks, and to purchase the Undertakings of the Saint Helens Waterworks Company and the Saint Helens Gas Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the better regulation of the Harbour of Portland, in Mounts Bay, in the County of Cornwall, and for the determination of the interest therein of the Portland Harbour Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for extending the limits of the District Breringham within which the Birmingham Gas Light and Coke Bill Company may supply Gas, and for empowering the 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 give further time for the completion of the Borough of Brean Down Harbours, and for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Brean Down Docks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
and for the purification of the River Croy, and for
other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered
to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon, and
for amending the Acts relating to the London and
South Western Railway Company, was read the
first time; and referred to the Examiners of Pe-
titions for Private Bills.

London and South Western
Railway (Further
Powers) Bill.

A Bill for extending the Time for the compulsory
Purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of
the authorised Railway of the London and South
Western Railway Company from Kidderminster to Great
Torrington, was read the first time; and referred
to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London and
South Western
Railway
(Extension
of
Time) Bill.

A Bill for amending the Acts relating to the
Mersey Docks and Harbour Commissioners, was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time.

Mersey Docks
and Harbour
Commissioners
Bill.

A Bill for amending the Acts relating to the
Newport Corporation, was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time.

Newport
Corporation
Bill.

A Bill for extending the Boundaries of the
Studley-on-the-Three-Bridges
and Improvement
Bills.

A Bill for extending the Time of the Corporation
of the Borough of Saint Giles, within the Liberties
of the City of London, for other purposes, was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
A Bill for conferring additional Powers upon the
Midland and
Midland Railway Company for the construction of
new Works, in relation to their own Undertakings
and the Undertakings of other Companies;
for extending the periods for the purchase of
certain Lands and for the construction of certain
authorised Railways, and for other purposes, was
read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of
Petitions for Private Bills.

London
and
Midland
Railway
Bill.

A Bill for extending the Time of the Corporation
of the Borough of Saint Giles, within the Liberties
of the City of London, for other purposes, was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time.

Saint Giles,
Collegiate,
Vestry
Bill.

A Bill to establish and define the Pilotage District
of the Docks and Harbour Board, and for other
purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Manchester
Water
Bill.

A Bill to authorize the Great Central Gas
Companies' 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.

Great Central
Gas Bill.

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

Clockhouses
Gas Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the
Great Western Railway Company in relation to
their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of
other Companies, for other purposes, was
read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of
Petitions for Private Bills.

Great
Western
Railway
Bill.

A Bill for conferring additional Powers on the
London and North Western Railway Company for
the construction of new Works, and in relation to
their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of
other Companies, for other purposes, was
read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of
Petitions for Private Bills.

London
and
North Western
Railway
Bill.


VICTORIA. 18th February.

A Bill for dissolving and re-incorporating the Maryport Proprietors of the Maryport Gas Light Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate Commissioners and to Dundee Water agreeably to the Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower 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.

A Bill for dissolving and re-incorporating the Maryport Proprietors of the Maryport Gas Light Company, limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate Commissioners and to Dundee Water provide more effectually for the supply of the Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds to improve the Streets and Roads, and to make other Improvements in the said Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for extending the Capital of that Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for acquiring the Properties of the Great Northern Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Local Board of Melton Mowbray to construct a New Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Warrington to raise a further sum of Money, by Shares, and to consolidate the Debts of the Corporation, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to increase the Capital of the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company, 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 Thetford and Watton Railway to the Great Eastern Railway at Swaffham, in Norfolk, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors Leasibrook, the Lambeth Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making better Provision respecting Tyne Salmon in the Fishery District of the County of Tyne, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for improving and maintaining the Docks and Works Harbour Bill, and the Docks and Works Harbour Bill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Milford Improvement Commissioners to borrow further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for vesting the Undertakings of the Seezarns Tolth and South and Brecon Junction Railway Company in the North and Brecon Railway Company; for suspending Legal Proceedings against the North and Brecon Railway Company; for converting the Mortgage and other Debts into Debenture Stock; for raising Money and regu

A Bill for empowering 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.
A Bill for authorising the Dumbarton Water Commissioners to make and maintain an additional Storage Reservoir and other Works, and to give an increased supply of Water; for dividing the Borough of Dumbarton into Wards, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for enabling the Caledonian Railway Company to abandon certain authorised Railways; for obtaining the acquisition by that Company of certain Land; for altering the mode of raising a portion of their authorised Share Capital; for authorising the amalgamation of the Caledonian and Croydon Junction Railway Company with the Company, and agreements with other Companies and parties, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Burgess, to serve in this House, a Return of the Annual Accounts of the several Manufacturing Establishments under the Act of Parliament for the year 1867-8 (in continuation of the first Report of the War Office for the year 1867-8); and that 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. Maudsley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address 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 had the goodness to make, and to observe, that the Address already presented to You, and the Address which shall be presented in pursuance of the said Speech, do not contain any thing which it may be thought necessary to add.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that Your relations with all Foreign Powers continue to be most friendly, and to express our satisfaction at learning that they cordially share in the desire by which Your Majesty is actuated for the maintenance of Peace.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us of Your Majesty's endeavours, in concurrence with Your Allies, to effect a settlement of the difficulties which have arisen between Turkey and Greece, and to express the gratification with which we learn that these joint efforts have aided in preventing any serious interruption of tranquillity in the Levant.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that You have been engaged in negotiations with the United States of North America for the settlement of questions which affect the interests and the international relations of the two Countries, and we assure Your Majesty that we share in the earnest hope that the result of the Negotiations may be to place on a firm and durable basis the friendship which should ever exist between England and America.

We assure Your Majesty that we have learnt with grief that disturbances have occurred in New Zealand, and that at one point they have been attended with circumstances of atrocity; and that we participate in Your Majesty's confidence that the Colonial Government and people will not be wanting either in energy to repress the outbreaks, or in the prudence and moderation which we trust will prevent their recurrence.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for directing that the Estimates for the expenditure of the ensuing financial year should be submitted to us, and we express our satisfaction at learning that while they have been framed with a careful regard to the efficiency of the Services, they will exhibit a diminished Charge on the Country.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that we rejoice to learn that the condition of Ireland leads You to believe that we may be spared the painful necessity, which was felt by the late Parliament, for narrowing the securities of personal liberty in that Country by the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act.

We express our readiness to inquire into the present modes of conducting Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, and to consider whether it may be possible to provide measures for securing the tranqulity, purity, and freedom.

We humbly thank Your Majesty for informing us that measures will be brought under our notice for the relief of some classes of occupiers from hardships in respect of rating, which appear to be capable of remedy; for the extension and improvement of Education in Scotland; for rendering the considerable revenues of the Endowed Schools of England more widely effectual for the purposes of instruction; and for applying the principles of representation to the control of the County Rate, by the establishment of Financial Boards for Counties.

We thank Your Majesty for informing us that we shall be invited to re-consider the subject of Bankruptcy, with a view to the more effective Distribution of Assets, and to the abolition of Imprisonment for Debt.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that our serious attention will be given to the Ecclesiastical Arrangements for Ireland, and to the legislation which will be necessary in order to their final adjustment; and that in the prosecution of the work, we shall bear a careful regard to every legitimate interest which it may be necessary to consider, and that the measure shall be governed by the constant aim to promote the welfare of Religious through the principles of equal Justice, to secure the action of the individual feeling and opinion of Ireland on the side of Loyalty and Law, to allay the animosity of former contumacies, and to cherish the sympathies of an affectionate People.

We humbly assure Your Majesty that, with You, we fervently pray that the Almighty may, in this, as in every matter of public interest, never cease to guide our deliberations, and that He may bring them to a happy issue.

The said Address being read a second time; Resolved, That this House do 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 the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council do humbly know Her Majesty's pleasure when She will be attended by this House.

Ordered,

18th February, 1869.
Ordered, That Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Report from the Commissioners in the Business of the Government of Ireland, with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Endowed Schools and other Educational Endowments in England and elsewhere, in order to provide for the advancement of Education: And that Mr. William Edward Forster and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to report to Mr. Speaker in all matters which relates to the Printing executed by Order of this House, and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for Printing, Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members of this House:—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Bow­ham-Carter, Sir John Polkington, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Nesley, Mr. Secretary Cardwell, Sir Stafford Northcote, The V.C. O'Connor Dev, Mr. Hastings Russell, Mr. Hunt, and Mr. Edward Egerton.

Ordered, That the Quorum be Three.

Ordered, That a copy of the Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the City of Dublin Election Petition be laid before this House.

Ordered, That, leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to restrain Party processions in Ireland": And that Mr. William Johnston and The O'Donoghue do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Area, Population, Average Rent, Rateable Value, Expenditure, and Rate in the £ for the Relief of the Poor of the several Metropolitan Unions and Parishes under separate Boards of Guardians, for the year ended Lady Day 1868:—And, Map showing the several Metropolitan Unions and Parishes under separate Boards of Guardians as existing at the present time, and also the several School Districts and Sick Asylum Districts formed by Orders of the Poor Law Board.

Mr. Goacher accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing, with regard to the several Parliamentary Boroughs in England and Wales having a Population of 20,000 and upwards, the Number of Unions and separate Parishes wholly or partly within each Borough, and the Amounts which, except in special cases, if any, are entered in the Valuation Lists or lest Poor Rate or the Gross Estimated Rental and Rateable Value of a Tenement let or estimated to let at the Rent of 2s., of 2s. 6d., of 3s., of 3s. 6d., and of 4s., per week, such Rent being exclusive of any payment to the Landlord in respect of Rates when paid by him under a private Arrangement.

Mr. Goacher accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Mr. Carnegie presented a Bill for the abolition of the Landlord's right of Hypothec in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Hughes presented a Bill to Endowed Schools (Scotland) Bill.—Ordered, That Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. William Edward Forster presented a Bill to Endowed Schools (Scotland) Bill, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act; Mr. Gladstone, 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.
the High Court of Chancery, which have been 
in each, and altogether, in pursuance of the 
the Act of the ninth year of the reign of King 
the Secretary was also presented, pursuant  
Pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy  

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Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the original Estimate for and of the Monies expended upon the Bridge over the Tees at Stockton, specifying separately, the Sums spent on the Bridge itself, and the Sums spent on Property necessary to be obtained for the Alteration of the Bridge; also specifying the Sums received from the Commissioners of Highland Roads and Bridges towards the Erection of said Bridge,—Copy of an Account of the Roads and Bridges relative to the Erection of, and the Reports made to the Bridges, and the Accounts, and the Amount credited to the Bridge from all. |

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table. | |


Friday, 19th February, 1869. |

PRAYERS. |

M R. Speaker informed the House, that he had received a Petition, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Townshend. And the same were read, as follows:— |

Judges' Lodgings, Coventry, 18th February, 1869. |

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Townshend Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, by John Hill and Thomas Watson, voters at the last Parliamentary Election for the Borough of Townshend, against the Right Honourable Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer, Knight, who were upon that occasion elected and returned; which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Right Honourable Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer, Knight, was not duly elected or returned, and that the Election of him was void: |

1. The said Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel, Baronet, was duly elected or returned, and that the Election of him was void; |

2. That the said Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, being one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, do certify and report such determination as follows:—

1. The said Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel, Baronet, one of the Members whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned. |

2. The Right Honourable Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer, Knight, the other Member whose Return is complained of by the Petitioner, was duly elected and returned. |

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election. |

4. Upon the evidence before me it does not appear that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election. |

J. S. Willes. |

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons. |

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House. A Petition.
Docks.

Town. for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Towns

Lymington A Petition of the

Medway A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons,

Kingstown A Petition of the

South

Surrey. bring in a Bill for making better provision for the

North British • A Petition of the North

Railway. pany, for leave  to bring in a Bill  to authorise the

Great Eastern A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company

Railway. for leave  to bring in a Bill  to extend the

London, to be brought in accordingly,  by Colonel

Mr. Hart Dyke

and Viscount

Purchase of Lands, and for the construction of the

North British " A Petition of the North British Railway Company

certain Railways of the said Company, and for other

purposes, was presented and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord

Cure of Souls within the original limits  of the

London,

and Sir

Adam

Brand.

Kilburn, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to  be brought

Harwich and certain Foreign Ports, was presented,

and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord

Hastings of the Q- reat  Eastern Railway Company

Railway. for authorising the Mayor and Com-

and McCombe and Citizens of the City of London to

Humber Valley Impri-

raise a further sum of Money for the completion of

the Humber Valley Viaduct, and the Streets

and Works connected herewith, was read the first

time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making provision for the execution of New and

the "London Coal and Wine Duties Continuation other Bridges

Bill.

Bill.

A Bill for authorising the Mayor and Com-

other purposes, was read the first

time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make provision respecting the use of London (City)

Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time for the Purchase  of Garstang and

Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the West Somerset Mineral

Railway Company to enter into a working Agree- Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time for the compulsory Ebbw Valley

Purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the Parochial Board of the Parish of Edinburgh, and the Trustees of the

Estate of Greatbridge for behoof of said Board, to Supply Bill.

A Bill for the Purchase of the Works authorised by "The

Lymington Harbour and Docks Act, 1864," was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by

Lord George Lennox

and Sir John Hay.

A Bill for authorising the Mayor and Com-

other purposes, was read the first

time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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plection of the Bridge and other Works authorised by "The Albert Bridge Act, 1864," and for other

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

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A Bill to authorise the Accrington Gas and Waterworks Company to supply the Township of Oswaldtwistle with Gas, to extend their Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confirm a working Agreement between the Dublin and Meath Railway Company and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for defining and extending the Powers of the Corporation of Waterlooville in relation to the management of Streets in the Borough, and to Sewerage and to Police and other matters of Local Government, and to Water Supply, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company to raise more Money and purchase more Land, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for improving and completing a direct Line of Railway communication between Glasgow and Kilmarnock and surrounding districts; and for vesting the Property and Undertakings vested in them jointly, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for enabling the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company to effect a Communication between their Railway and the Works of the London and North Western Railway Company at the North Wall, Dublin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to vest the Glasgow, Paisley, and Johnstone Canal in the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, and to enable that Company to receive the payment of Dividends upon a portion of the Share Capital of the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the Time for the purchase of Lands for and for the construction of certain Branch Railways authorised by "The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (West Riding Branch, &c.) Act, 1896," to authorise the Abandonment of a Junction Railway authorised by that Act; to confer further Powers on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and the London and North Western Railway Companies with respect to certain Undertakings vested in them jointly, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to alter and abandon part of their authorised Railway, and of their Port Clarence Branch, and to confer on the Company further Powers in reference to other portions of their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

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 showing the Training Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; the Numbers present, absent, and wanting to complete, for the Training of 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 300, of Session 1867-8).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Asylums which are in course of building under the 6th, 9th, and 7th sections of the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867, and of those which it has been directed should be built; with the estimated Cost of Site and Structure in each case, whether the same shall be altogether new, or partly the conversion of existing Buildings;—Of the Unions, Districts, or Parishes having Dispensaries, and of those which have complied with the Provisions (Sections 38 to 46) for establishing Dispensaries and appointing Dispensers for the Relief of the Out-door Sick Poor, and the Estimated Cost of the same in each case;—Of the Salaries paid to all Persons employed under the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867, in each Union, District, or Parish;—And of the Number of Medical Officers in each Union and Parish, with the Total Amount of Remuneration, inclusive of Salary, Fees, &c., paid to them, stating whether all or any of the Medicines are supplied by the Guardians; and, if so, the Cost during each of the Three years ended the 29th day of September 1868; together with the Total Number of Sick Poor (In-door and Out-door) attended during the year ended the 30th day of September 1868.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, which was presented upon the 16th day of February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Annuities), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Public Income and Expenditure, which were presented upon the 16th and 18th days of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Revenues, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Loan), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Revenues), which were presented upon the 16th and 18th days of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Annuities), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Revenues (Counties and Boroughs), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Election Petition, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Bradford Election Petitions, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Dublin City Election Petition, ordered upon the 18th day of this instant February to be laid before this House.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the 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 or advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending the 5th January 1869, 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 1869, aforesaid.

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 three undermentioned 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 Receipts and Expenditure of £ 235,863. lis. 7 d. from the Exchequer of Money for the Payment of Dividends due, and not paid off and discharged, and the Amount of such Balances of Sums remaining in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending the 5th January 1869, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Dublin City Election Petition be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Minute relating to the Duties of the Third Lord of the Treasury, dated 28th December 1868. Mr. Aglionby accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 22nd February, 1869.

M R. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from Mr. Baron Martin, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate and Report, relating to the Election for the City of Westminster.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that the said Certificate and Report had been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the Candidates at the said Election.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows:—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the Candidates at the said Election.

And in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial, I determined that the said William Henry Smith, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was duly elected and returned; and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows:—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the Candidates at the said Election.

And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that upon the trial of the said Petition, there was not evidence before me that any corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Dodson reported, That, in accordance with Private Bill Standing Order 22, it had been determined, with the concurrence of the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

1. Aberdon and Aberaman Gas.
2. All Saints District, Bithynogate.
3. Athenry and Tuam Railway.
5. Bridge, Barnsley, and Freshwater Railway and Pier.
6. Bridgend (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water.
8. Bristol and North Somerset Railway.
15. Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
17. Farm and Limehouse Railway.
18. Festiniog Railway.
20. Great Northern and Western (of Ireland) Railway.
23. Harrows Water.
25. Hastings Pier.
27. Ilkeby Gas.
28. Imperial (Fire) Insurance.
29. King's Lynn Docks and Railway.
30. Lancaster and South Devon Railway.
31. Llanelli Railway and Dock.
32. Lymen and Ogmore Railway.
33. London Necropolis and National Manu­factory.
34. Leighlin (Ireland).
New Road, and South Brighton, Belgravia

Baths. Market and Hounslow and U

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was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, 32 VICTORIA. 1

Kensington presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be for and completion of the aforesaid, Esquire, Suitors for the Bill therein­

A Petition of the Belgravia and South Kensington New Road Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the purchase of Lands for and completion of the Belgravia and South Kensington New Road, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Jermyn and Mr. Bulkeley Hughes.

A Petition of Richard Budd, of Barnstaple, in the County of Devon, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine; George Edwin Kingan, of Barnstaple aforesaid, Esquire, and John Brent Parke, of Barnstaple aforesaid, Esquire, Suitors for the Bill therinafter referred to, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company, to be called the Barnstaple Gas Company; to provide for the Lighting of the Town and Parish of Barnstaple, and adjoining Places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lopes and Mr. Arnold.

A Petition of the Hounslow and Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands and for the completion of the Hounslow and Metropolitan Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount Epsom and Lord George Hamilton.

A Petition of the three-undesignated, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining a Market and Baths, in the Parish of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thomas Cave and Mr. Henry B. Sherard.

A Petition of Trustees acting in execution of an Act passed in the third year of the reign of George the Fourth, for repairing and improving the Road from Brighten to Shoreham and Lancing, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes connected therewith, for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Brighten to Shoreham and Lancing, in the County of Sussex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Pecham and Mr. North.

A Petition of Trustees acting in execution of an Act passed in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, “An Act for maintaining and improving the Road from Gateshead, in the County of Durham, to the Hexham Turnpike Road near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith,” for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Gateshead, in the County of Durham, to the Hexham Turnpike Road, near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Hedworth Williamson and Mr. Wentworth Beaumont.

A Petition of Trustees acting in pursuance of an Act passed in the third year of the reign of George the Fourth, intituled, “An Act for more effectually repairing the Road from the North end of the Road called the ‘Coal Road,’ near West Auckland, in the County of Durham, to the Eildon Road, near Etchingham, in the County of Northumberland,” for leave to bring in a Bill for maintaining and repairing the West Auckland Turnpike Road, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Du Pre and Mr. Lambert.

A Petition of the three-undesignated, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining a Market in Saint Luke, Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Viscount Epsom and Lord George Hamilton.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway from Southend to Shoeburyness, in the County of Essex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Russell, Mr. Charles Mills, and Mr. Robert Fowler.

A Petition of Promoters of the Undertaking thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Bridge over the River Ouse, in Sussex, to be called “The Ockridge Bridge,” was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Mills and Mr. Robert Fowler.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Board of Works, Park Lane for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Metropolitan Board of Works to widen Hamilton Place, and to extend the same into and improve Park Lane, in the Parish of Saint George, Hanover...

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A Petition of the Devon and Cornwall Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to form into a separate Undertaking the Exeter and Torrington Extensions of the Devon and Cornwall Railway Company, and to incorporate a Company for the making and maintaining thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tite and Mr. White.

A Petition of the Local Board of Health, for the District of Kightley, in the West Riding of the County of York, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Local Board of Health for the District of Kightley to make additional Waterworks, for extending the limits within which the Board may supply Water and Gas, for authorising improvements in the Town of Kightley, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Stafford Northcote and Mr. Lope.

A Petition of the Seine Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Seine Railway Company to amalgamate their several Undertakings, and to make further Agreements with the Secretary of State in Council of India, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Samuel George Smith.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Sligo, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Local Management of the Borough of Sligo, and for dissolving the Town and Harbour Commissioners of Sligo, and vesting in the Corporation of the Borough the Powers of the Town Commissioners, and for empowering the Corporation to construct Waterworks and supply Water, and to acquire Gasworks and supply Gas, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Gray and Mr. Chudleigh.

A Petition of Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Street Tramways from Pimlico to Peckham and Greenwich, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Grosvenor and Mr. Mandela.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the limits within which the Corporation of Oldham may supply Water, and for authorising them to construct additional Waterworks, and for amending "The Oldham Borough Improvement Act, 1865," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Elphinstone and Lord Henry Scott.

A Petition of the Southern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Railways authorised by "The Southern Railway Act, 1867," and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Gray and Mr. Dunne do Spuy, and bring in the Bill.

A Bill for the formation and Improvement of Clontarf Township, comprising the Districts of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making better provision for the Cure of Souls within the originallimits of the Parish of Saint Mary, Newington, in the Diocese of London, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Street Metropolitan Tramways in certain parts of the Metropolis South of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to afford the Great Eastern Railway Company to abandon the construction of certain Railways, and to purchase Lands for Station purposes; also to enact certain provisions with respect to the Great Eastern Metropolitan Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the Powers of the Great Eastern Railway Company with respect to the use of Steam Vessels between Harwich and certain Foreign Ports, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer various Powers upon the North British Railway Company for the abandonment of certain Railways and Works; the Purchase of Lands for Station purposes, and with respect to superfluous Lands, deferred Preference Dividends, and other matters connected with their Undertaking; to authorise Trustees of the Clyde Navigation to contribute to certain Railways of the said Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Kent Coast Railway Company to provide for the payment of their Mortgages by means of redeemable Debenture Stock, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Crystal Palace and South London Junction Railway Company to make a short Railway in the Parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the Time for the purchase Medway Docks and Harbours, and for the construction of the Works, was authorised.
Lymington 
A Bill to extend the Time for the purchase of Town Bin. (Ireland) Vide Second Public Petitions. 
Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 29th day of December last, and the 17th, 18th, and 19th days of this instant February, and had directed Mr. Tipping 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. 
A Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Secretary Brassey. 
A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, for leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of raising additional Land, and to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tipping, Mr. Jacob Bright, and Mr. Brassey. 
A Petition of the North London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of raising additional Lands for the purposes of their Water-works, to widen and alter Dockgate, to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tipping and Mr. Brassey. 
A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return, from the time when the late Lord Chancellor Brougham became Lord Chancellor, of the Number of Barristers who have received Patents of Precedence and Patents constituting them of Counsel to the Crown, commonly called Queen’s Counsel or King’s Counsel; distinguishing in such Return the Number of Barristers receiving such Patents respectively during the holding of the Great Seal by such Lord Chancellor respectively; and, the Date of the call to the Bar of each such Barrister. 
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. 
Mr. Agar presented, pursuant to the directions Consolidated under the “Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866.”
31st March 1868, for Interest of the Debt and for all other Services charged directly on the Consolidated Fund, together with Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and Treasury Minute thereof.

**Army.**

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1868, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and Treasury Minute thereof.

Statement of Savings and Deficiencies for the Army, for 1867-8.

**Navy.**

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services, for the year ended 31st March 1868, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General and Treasury Minute thereof.

Statement of Savings and Deficiencies for the Navy, for 1867-8.

**Civil Services and Revenue Departments.**

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for certain of the Civil Services, and for the Revenue Departments (including the Post Office Packet Service), for the year ended 31st March 1868, together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General and Treasury Minute thereof.


**Russian-Dutch Loan.**

An Account of the Sums which have been paid and applied within the year 1868, on account of the Russian-Dutch Loan.

**Greek Loan.**

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 up to 31st December 1868.

**Salutary Loans.**

An Account of the Total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund, and advanced to his Majesty the King of Sardinia, by virtue of the Acts 18 Vic. c. 17, and 19 & 20 Vic. c. 39; and also of the Sums received to 31st December 1868, for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof.

A 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.

An Account of the Sums advanced in each year from the Consolidated Fund for the purchase of Bullion for Coinage; and of the Sums paid in each year to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer at the Bank of England in Repayment thereof.

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

**Court of Chancery.**

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Bank of England, which were presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Gladstone stated, that since Her Majesty had appointed to be attended this day by the whole House, with the Address, this had been prevented by the serious illness of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold from leaving Osborne, and was therefore obliged, with deep concern, to forgo the pleasure of receiving Her Faithful Commons.

The Order made upon the 18th day of this instant February, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That 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 into a Committee on the Acts relative to Civil Offices.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend and extend the Provisions of the Acts 57 Geo. 3, c. 65, and 6 Geo. 4, c. 90, enabling Her Majesty to reimburse the Service of persons holding, or who have held, certain high and efficient Civil Offices, and of the Act 4 & 5 Will. 4, c. 24, regulating Pensions, Commissions, and Allowances to persons having held Civil Offices in Her Majesty's Service.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the House supply, to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

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

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Queen's Speech read.

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The House was moved, That the Acts relative to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, might be read; and the Permissive Acts referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 enable Owners and Occupiers of Property in certain Districts to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within such Districts:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir Wifrid Lawson, Mr. Bazley, and Mr. Dalbye do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Assessment of Rateable (Municipal.)
Batable Property in the Metropolis: And that Mr. Goschen, Mr. Arthur Peel, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a common Basis of Value for the purposes of Government and Local Taxation, and to promote uniformity in the Assessment of Rateable Property in England: And that Mr. Goschen, Mr. Arthur Peel, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring it in.

Printing.

Ordered. That Mr. Ayrton be added to the Select Committee on Printing.

Ecclesiastical Titles.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth Victoria, chapter sixty-six, intituled, "An Act to prevent the Assumption of certain Ecclesiastical Titles in respect of Places in the United Kingdom," and Section Twenty-four of the Act of the tenth Victoria, chapter seven; And that Mr. MacEvoy, Mr. William Gregory, Sir Rowland Blennerhassett, and Mr. Corbally do prepare, and bring it in.

Sugar, &c.

Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Tabular Return showing the Quantities of Sugar of all sorts imported into the United Kingdom, and the Quantities retained for Home Consumption; together with the Rates of Duty charged thereon, and the Net Revenue accruing therefrom in the year 1868; followed by a Comparative Statement of the Average Prices of British Plantation and Foreign Sugar (ordinary Yellow Hancanas) for the same year:—Account of the Imports into the United Kingdom of Sugar, Molasses, Rum, Coffee, Cocoa, and Coton, from the West Indies, British Guiana, the Mauritius, and British Possessions in India, for the year 1868; distinguishing the Quantities Imported from each Colony and each Possession:—Similar Account of the Quantities of Foreign Sugar imported, stating from whence, and the Quantities from each Place or Country:—Accounts of the Quantity of Refined Sugar and Sugar Candy imported into the United Kingdom in the year 1868; stating the Quantity retained for Home Consumption, the Rates of Duty paid, and the Quantity exported:—And, of the Quantity and declared Value of Foreign Refined Sugar exported from the United Kingdom in the year 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 246, of Session 1867-8).

Foreign Sugar.

Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Immigrants and Liberated Africans admitted into each of the British West India Colonies, as well as the Places from whence they were introduced from the year 1863 to the end of the year 1867; and in each year since the 1st day of January 1857, to the end of the year 1868:—Similar Return for Mauritius:—And, Return of the Number of those who have returned from each Place in each year to their own Countries, and (as far as can be ascertained) the Amount of Earnings remitted through Government Agency in their behalf (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 206, of Session 1867-8).

Immigrants and Liberated Africans.

Ordered. That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to consider whether Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow is disqualified from sit-
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The West Hazl Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

A Bill to enable the Metropolitan Board of Works to widen Hamiton Place; and to extend the same into and improve Paddy Lane, in the Parish of Saint George, Hanover Square, in the County of Middlesex, for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction of a Bridge across the River Crouch, in Essex, to be called the Crouch Bridge; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for extending the London, Tilbury, and Southend and Southend Railway from Southend to Shoeburyness, Shoeburyness Railway Bill, in the County of Essex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the Railways authorised by "The Southern Railway Act, 1867," Railway Bill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the Time for the completion of the North Norfolk Railway, and for other purposes, Railway Bill, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make better provision for the Local Streets Borough Management of the Borough of Sligo, and for dissolving the Town and Harbour Commissioners of Sligo, and vesting in the Corporation of the Borough the powers of the Town Commissioners, and incorporating a new body of Harbour Commissioners, and for empowering the Corporation to construct Waterworks and supply Water, and to acquire Gasworks and supply Gas, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining a Market and Baths, in the Market and adjoining places, 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 purchase of the Belpronia Lands for, and completion of, the Belpronia and South Kentish New Road, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate a Company, to be called "The Barnet Bridge Gas Company," to provide for the lighting of the Town and Parish of Barnet, and adjoining places, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Stoney Street, in the County of Buckingham, to the Welwyn and North Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for maintaining and improving the Road from Hitchen to Shoeburyness, Shoeburyness, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining a Market and Road between County Road Bill.
Mr. Lowry's Appointment as one of such District Judges, and directing the Queen's Warrant for the purpose to be prepared and granted. — Of Sir Frederick Rogers' Letters to Mr. Lowry, dated the 28th day of March, and 30th day of April 1867, and of Mr. Russeworth's Letter to Mr. Lowry, dated the 18th day of June 1867. — Of the Correspondence between Sir John F. Grant and the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting Mr. Lowry's Appointment as such District Judge. — Of the Correspondence between Mr. Lowry and Sir John F. Grant and the Jamaica Colonial Secretary relating to his said Office, or to the discharge of the duties of a Magistrate of the Parish of Saint Ann's and Saint Mary's, Jamaica, and of the Documents connected therewith. — Of the Correspondence between Sir J. P. Grant and the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the Charges brought against Mr. Lowry as a Magistrate, and of the Despatch of the 10th day of June 1885, conveying the decision of the Secretary of State. — Of, the Correspondence between Mr. Lowry and the Colonial Office since his return from Jamaica.

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

The Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant February, that there be laid before this House, Returns relative to Immigrants and Liberated Africans, 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 showing the Number of Immigrants and Liberated Africans admitted into each of the British West India Colonies, as well as the Places from whence they were introduced from the year 1843 to the end of the year 1857, and in each year since the 1st day of January 1857, to the end of the year 1898. — Similar Return for Mauritius; — And, Return of the Number of those who have returned from each Place in each year to their own Countries, and (as far as can be ascertained) the Amount of Earnings remitted through Government Agency in their behalf (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 208, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal Section Twenty-six of the Act of the sixth year of Queen Anne, chapter Seven, relating to the Re-election of Members accepting Office under the Crown. — And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the present amount, incidence, and effect of Local Taxation, with a view to a more equitable re-adjustment of those burdens. — 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, Copies of so much of Sir John F. Grant's Despatch to the Earl of Leopardstown as relates to the Appointment of District Judges in Jamaica, dated the 29th day of December 1866. — Of Official Minute of the 6th day of March 1867 of Vol. 114.
Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Tests and Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Tests and alter certain Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 repeal certain Tests and alter certain Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Dalhousie, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Denson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel: And that Mr. Baines, Mr. Cndidich, and Mr. Morley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the roadway and viaduct proposed to be made on the Thames Embankment across Vauxhall.

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee on Civil Offices, the Acts relative to Civil Offices, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient and extend the provisions of the Acts 57 Geo. 3, c. 65, and 6 Geo. 4, c. 90, enabling Her Majesty to recompose the Services of Persons holding, or who have held, certain high and efficient Civil Offices, and of the Acts 4 and 5 Will. 4, c. 24, regulating Pensions, Compensation, and Allowances to Persons having held Civil Office in Her Majesty's Service. 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. Dodson, Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee to Supply, whom it was referred to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty; which was read, as followeth:

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty. The said Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, Nemine Contradiceante, 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, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider or equalising the Money Laws of England and Ireland, by extending to Ireland the provisions of the Act seventh George the Fourth, chapter Six.

"To prohibit the issuing of Promissory Notes under a limited sum":—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 equalise the Money Laws of England and Ireland, by extending to Ireland the provisions of the Act seventh George the Fourth, chapter Six, "To prohibit the issuing of Promissory Notes under a limited sum":—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Dalhousie, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Denson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Tests and alter certain Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 repeal certain Tests and alter certain Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Dalhousie, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Denson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the roadway and viaduct proposed to be made on the Thames Embankment across Vauxhall.

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That it is expedient and extend the provisions of the Acts 57 Geo. 3, c. 65, and 6 Geo. 4, c. 90, enabling Her Majesty to recompose the Services of Persons holding, or who have held, certain high and efficient Civil Offices, and of the Acts 4 and 5 Will. 4, c. 24, regulating Pensions, Compensation, and Allowances to Persons having held Civil Office in Her Majesty's Service. 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. Dodson, Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Solicitor General presented a Bill to repeal certain Taxes and alter certain Statutes affecting the constitution of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Delahunt presented a Bill to equalise the Money Laws of England and Ireland, by extending to Ireland the provisions of the Act seventh of George the Fourth, chapter Six, "To prohibit the issuing of Promissory Notes under a limited sum": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Baines presented a Bill to amend the Law of Libel: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Petition of the Mess Improvement Com- mission Act, 1865, Amend- ment.

A PETITION of the Mess Improvement Com- mission Act, 1865, Amendment, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Mess Improvement Act, 1865," was presented, read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Joseph Bailey, Mr. Biddulph, and Mr. George Oliver.

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

Ordered, That the Actington, Thame, &c. Road Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

The Brompton Aquarium and Improvements Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Crox Valley Sewerage and Drainage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Edinburgh Parish Poorhouse Water Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Tower Hill Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Ken and other Bridges Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London (City) Subways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Melton Massway Cattle Market, &c. Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Mr. Magnier have leave of absence for three weeks, on account of ill health. Absence.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan (Southern District) Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Stockton-on-Tees Extension and Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for maintaining and improving the Road and Turnpike Road, near Dilston Bar, in the County of Northumberland, and other Roads connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for maintaining and repairing the West Auckland Turnpike Road, 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 purchase of Hounslow and Westmoreland Lands, and for the completion of the Metropolitan Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester to purchase additional Lands for the purposes of their Waterworks; to widen and alter Drainage, to acquire new Bill; additional Lands and to raise further Monies, 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 South London of certain authorized Works, and to confer further Powers upon the North London Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Street Tramways in certain parts of the Metropolitan Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the Seaside Railway Com- pany to amalgamate their several Undertakings, and to make further Agreements with the Secretary of State in Council of India, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Street Tramways from Pembroke to Peckham and Greenwich, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining a Market in Belgrave Saint Luke, Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to form into a separate Undertaking the Dover and Tangier Examinations of the Doree and Corwall Railway Bill, and to incorporate a Company for the making and maintaining thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Magnus have leave of absence for three weeks, on account of ill health. Absence.
CIVIL SERVICES.

Mr. Agnew presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of Sums required to be voted for the Expenditure of the Year ending 31st March 1869, in addition to the Sums already provided in the Estimates presented in the Session of 1867-8.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Official Appointments made by the late Government in Ireland, from the 1st to the 10th day of December 1868, giving, in Tabular Form, the Names of the Persons appointed; the Nature and Salaries of the Offices; the Dates of the several Appointments; the Names of the previous holders of these Offices; how the Vacancies were created; and, if caused by Resignation, the Date of the Resignation.

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 by the Sheriff Clerk of each County, of the Number of Petitions for Sequestration for Rent of Agricultural Subtenants for Sale had been granted: And, of the Number of such Petitions on which Warrants for Sale had been granted:—And, of the Number of Cases in which the Amount of Rent in Arrear exceeded £100; between £50 and £100; between £25 and £50; between £10 and £25; and below £10.

Ordered, That 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 abolish the Amity Tax, or Ministers' Money, in the Parish of Caithness, within Edinburgh, and to make other provisions respecting the Signdum of the Minister in that Parish, and of the Ministers in the City Parishes: And that Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Crum Ewing do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Assimilation of the Law for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland to that of England, by substituting a Union Rating for the present System of Rating by Electoral Divisions: And that Mr. M'Leod, Mr. Blaikie, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Stacpoole do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Judgment delivered by the Special Commissioners for English Fisheries at Workington on the 10th day of December, 1868, relative to Louis Leblanc's Fishing Coop in the River Derwent, and affecting the right to Weirs in the navigable portions of Salmon Rivers in England.

Ordered, That 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 Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to hear Counsel upon the matters referred to them.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put— deserves, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Married Persons aged Sixty years and upwards who may have occupied common Apartments within any Union House, in pursuance of the Act 19 & 20 Vict. c. 109, s. 27, during 1867.—Of the Total Number of Pauper Children receiving Education under the Act 22 & 23 Vict. c. 29, s. 111.—And, of the comparative Number of Paupers relieved in the Borough and County Union Houses since the Acts 24 & 25 Vict. c. 53, and 28 & 29 Vict. c. 79, s. 8; exclusive of the Metropolis.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of In-door Paupers relieved in each Union in England and Wales on the 1st day of January in each of the following years, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, and 1869; with the Number of Parishes in each Union, and the Area and Population of each Union.

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

Ordered, That the Imperial Gas Bill was, according to Order, Imperial Gas Bill, to be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1869.

PRAYERS.

1. The Glasgow Corporation Gas (Purchase, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aylesbury, Thame, &c., Road Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next.

The Imperial Gas Bill was, according to Order, Imperial Gas Bill, to be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Imperial Gas Bill and the Metropolis Bills of all other Companies supplying the Metropolis with Gas be referred to the same Committee.

A Bill to amend "The Ross Improvement Act, 1865," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, and of the Examiners of Petitions for Public Bills, in the case of the London and North Western Railway Company; and of the Examiners of Petitions for the case of the London and North Western Railway Company; and of the Examiners of Petitions for Public Bills, in the case of the London and North Western Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports from the Committee of the Lords and from the Committee of the House of Commons, on the Bill.
Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Dublin and Meath Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Enniskillen, Brecon Junction and Neath and Sligo Railway Companies Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Kinithkillon, Bandon, and Sligo Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the London and South Western Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Truro Water Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 22nd and 23rd 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. Chilvers presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Naval Estimates for the year 1869-70; with Appendix. [Account of Naval Old Store Moneys and Extra Receipts in 1867-8.]

Statement of Expenditure for Her Majesty's Navy for the year 1867-68.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Commanding, Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for 1869-70.

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Statement showing the Variation of the Numbers of Army barracks of Her Majesty's British Forces, and Explana-
character; together with a Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon, and of the further Letter of the Chief Secretary on the subject.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, that Her Majesty, having been attended, with their Address of Thursday last, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer: I have received with satisfaction your loyal and dutiful Address.

I gladly rely on the Members of a House of Commons, elected by a greatly enlarged Constitution, to co-operate with Me in My endeavours to promote the welfare and union of My People.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:—

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Law with respect to the Property of Married Women: And that Mr. Russell Gurney, Mr. Headlam, and Mr. Jacob Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

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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 from the several Sheriffs and Returning Officers of the Abstract of the Expenses incurred by or on behalf of each Candidate at the last General Election for every County (or Division of a County), City, or Borough in the United Kingdom of which a Return has been made, pursuant to the Provisions of the Fourth Section of the Act 26 & 27 Vic. c. 29:—Of the Account sent in by each Returning Officer in the United Kingdom to each Person who was a Candidate at that last General Election for every County (or Division of a County), City, or Borough in the United Kingdom of which a Return has been made, pursuant to the Provisions of the Fourth Section of the Act 26 & 27 Vic. c. 29:—Of the Account sent in by each Returning Officer in the United Kingdom to each Person who was a Candidate at the last General Election for every County (or Division of a County), City, or Borough in the United Kingdom of which a Return has been made, pursuant to the Provisions of the Fourth Section of the Act 26 & 27 Vic. c. 29:—Of the Account sent in by each Returning Officer in the United Kingdom to each Person who was a Candidate at the last General Election for every County (or Division of a County), City, or Borough in the United Kingdom of which a Return has been made, pursuant to the Provisions of the Fourth Section of the Act 26 & 27 Vic. c. 29:

Ordered, That 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 legalize Marriages with a Deceased Wife’s Sister: And that Mr. Thomas Chambers and Mr. Morley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Russell Gurney presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Property of Married Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Expenses, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Metropolitan Improvements, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant February, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Caledonian, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Caledonian, Glasgow, and Clydebank and South Western, and Crofthead and Kilmarnock and Kilmarnock Extension Railway Companies Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 116, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Dublin and South Western Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, That in the case of the Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Great Western Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Petitions of J. Gilchrist Clark and others, Members of the County of Dumfries;—Charles Stewart and others, Members of the County of Dumfries;—and John Meen and others, Members of the County of Wigtown, alleging that Sir Sydney Waterlow, and others, Electors of the County of Dumfries, having been disqualified from sitting or voting in the House, on the ground of his having held a Government contract at the date of his election for the County of Dumfries, and praying to be heard by themselves or by their Counsel before the Committee to whom the matter has been referred, and that on the Report of the said Committee the House may be pleased to order the Election of the said Sir Sydney Waterlow to have been and to be void, or to afford such other relief to the Petitioners in the premises as to the House shall seem just, were presented, and read.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Select Committees on Members holding Contracts, and that the Petitioners be heard by themselves or their Counsel upon their Petitions, if they think fit; and Counsel heard against the said Petitions.

Mr. Ayton presented,—Return to an Order, Under dated the 25th day of this instant February, for a Copy of the Return relative to the Under Secretaryship for Ireland.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions in an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled, by the Visitors of Lunatics, pursuant to the Lunacy Regulation Act, 1862, between the 1st of October 1867 and the 31st of October 1868.

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of March 1868 (both inclusive)—Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunaticks, pursuant to the Lunacy Regulation Act, 1839, between 1st April 1868 and the 30th September 1868 (both inclusive)—And, Return of all Sums received by the Visitors of Lunaticks for travelling expenses, or upon any other account from 1st January to 31st December 1868 (both days inclusive).

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Army (Variation of Numbers, &c.), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Army (Colonies), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Trade and Navigation, which were presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Bankruptcy Act, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Augmentation of Benefices, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Time of Arrival of each of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Ships from the West India, at Plymouth, since October 1867 to the present Date;—Showing the Time at which the Ships were on each occasion landed at Plymouth and delivered in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, and Dublin:—Showing the Number of Special Trains employed in the Conveyance of the Mails, the Dates on which they were so employed, and the Expense incurred for each:—Showing the Time at which the Ships respectively could have reached StringBuffer had they proceeded direct upon their course from the Lizard without calling at Plymouth:—Showing on what particular Voyages were the Letters sorted on board before arrival at Plymouth, and to what extent so sorted on board, and the extra Expenses incurred from the attempt to sort the Letters on board the Ship:—And, showing the additional Payments made by the Post Office or Admiralty Departments consequent upon landing the West India Mails at Plymouth.

Mr. Goschen presented a Bill for amending the Law with respect to Rates assessed upon Occasional Term Tenants: 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, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £131,844, be granted to Her Majesty, for the following Civil Services, which will come in during the remainder of the Session:—

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Dodson 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Acts 27 & 28 Vic. c. 134, being an Act to amend the Law regarding Roman Catholic Churcheis, and into that of any Acts passed subsequently to the passing of the above-mentioned Act, which may or may have been held to modify or alter the operation of the above Act, or which relate to the subject-matter thereof; and into the operation of the Act 52 Geo. 3, c. 146, and into that of the 27 & 28 Vic. c. 97, which Acts relate to the Registration of Burials;—The House divided.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Stannaries, for amending the Law relating to Mining Partnerships within the Stannaries of Devon and Cornwall, and to the Court of the Vice Warden of the Stannaries: And that Mr. St. Aubyn, Mr. Penrose Vivian, Mr. Brydone Willoughby, and Mr. Kinnock do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the several Acts Beerhouses, relating to the Licensing of Beerhouses, and the Sale of Beer, Cider, and Wine, 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.

(The Committee.)

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law for Licensing Beerhouses, and to make certain alterations with respect to the Sale by Retail of Beer, Cider, and Wine.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend...
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amend the Law for Licensing Beerhouses, and to make certain alterations with respect to the Sale by Retail of Beer, Cider, and Wine.—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Selwin-Bissett, Mr. Arundel, and Mr. Holdom do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Preservation of Sea Birds: And that Mr. Sykes, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Ward Jackson do prepare, and bring it in.

Landlordry

City Election.

Notices being taken, that the Petition of Adam Hogg, Patrick Bradley, and Cornelius Campbell, Electors of the City of Lancaster, which was presented upon the 29th day of December last, complaining that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the last Election for the said City, was not signed upon the sheet on which the Petition is written:

The Orders, that the said Petition do lie upon the Table, be printed, were severally read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Petition, as printed in the Appendix to the Votes, be cancelled.

Evidence.

Abatement.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Amendment of the Law of Evidence: And that Mr. Denman, Mr. Locke King, and Mr. Locke do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of District Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and to provide for the better description thereof: And that Mr. West, Mr. Busby, and Mr. Davison do prepare, and bring it in.

Beershouses, Mr. Bill.

Bill 22.

Mr. Selwin-Bissett presented a Bill to amend the Law for Licensing Beerhouses, and to make certain alterations with respect to the Sale by Retail of Beer, Cider, and Wine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Marriage with a Decreed Wife.

Mr. Thomas Chambers presented a Bill to render legal Marriage with a Decreed Wife's Sister, void: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Evidence.

Abatement.

Mr. St. Aubyn presented a Bill for amending the Law relating to Mining Partnerships within the Stannaries of Devon and Cornwall, and to the Court of the Vice Warden of the Stannaries; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Evidence.

Abatement.

Mr. Denman presented a Bill for the further Amendment of the Law of Evidence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Court of Common Pleas.

Bill 24.

Mr. West presented a Bill to authorize the appointment of District Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and to provide for the better description thereof: 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 adjourned till Monday next.

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The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. Election Petition for the Borough of Penryn and others, voters at the last Parliamentary Election, by Edward Backhouse Eastwick, Esquires, who were upon that occasion elected and returned, which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Edward Backhouse Eastwick were not duly elected or returned, and that their said Election and Return were and are wholly null and void.

1. Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, do certify and report such determination as follows:—

1. The said Robert Nicholas Fowler, one of the Members whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. The said Edward Backhouse Eastwick, the other Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed at the Election, and that the Petition, was duly elected and returned, which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that it might be determined that the said Edward Backhouse Eastwick was not duly elected or returned, and that the said Election and Return were and are null and void, and that the said Henry William Eaton and the said Alexander Stanley Hill were not duly elected or returned, as follows:

1. Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, being one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, do certify and report such determination as follows:—

1. The said Henry William Eaton, one of the Members whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. The said Alexander Stanley Hill, the other Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed at the Election, and that the said Henry William Eaton and the said Alexander Stanley Hill were not duly elected or returned.

4. Upon the evidence before me it does appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have, extensively prevailed at the Election.

J. S. Willes.


To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, by Thomas Berry Bishop and others, voters at the last Parliamentary Election for the City of Coventry, against Henry William Eaton and Alexander Stanley Hill, Esquires, who were upon that occasion elected and returned, which Petition alleged, amongst other things, corrupt practices to have been committed at the Election, and prayed that the said Henry William Eaton and the said Alexander Stanley Hill were not duly elected or returned, as follows:—

1. The said Henry William Eaton, one of the Members whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. The said Alexander Stanley Hill, the other Member whose Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed at the Election, and that the said Henry William Eaton and the said Alexander Stanley Hill were not duly elected or returned.

4. Upon the evidence before me it does appear that corrupt practices have, nor that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have, extensively prevailed at the Election.

J. S. Willes.

The said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The Albert Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Barnstaple Gas (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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**Bayswater Market and Baths Bill.**
Ordered, That the Bayswater Market and Baths Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

**Belgravia and South Kensington New Road Bill.**
The Belgravia and South Kensington New Road Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Clacton Township Bill.**
The Clacton Township Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Crickets Bridge Bill.**
The Crickets Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

**Lymington Harbour and Docks Bill.**
The Lymington Harbour and Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Midway Docks Bill.**
The Midway Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Metropolitan District Railway Bill.**
The Metropolitan District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Puck Lawn Improvement Bill.**
The Puck Lawn Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey, Railway Bill.**
The Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey, Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Sligo Borough Improvement Bill.**
Ordered, That the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

**Southend and Shoeburyness Railway Bill.**
Ordered, That the Southend and Shoeburyness Railway Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

**Dublin Port and Docks Bill.**
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dublin Port and Docks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th, 25th, and 26th days 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. Sykes presented a Bill for the Preservation of Sea Birds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to 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 Elym Valley Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Glasgow (City) Union Railway Bill, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Crystal Palace and South London Junction Railway Bill, referred on the 22d.

First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Great Eastern one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Great Eastern Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Great Eastern one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Kent one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Kent Coast Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from North British one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the North British Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Edinburgh, Hay, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Haymarket and Pier Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from London, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Aberdare, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Aberdare, Taff Vale, and Merthyr Railway (Steamboats) Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Brompton, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Brompton, Chelsea, and Westminster Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Private Bills, one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the respect of the Bills comprised in the List referred to by the Chairman of Ways and Means, as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz: 

- Aberdare and Aberaman Gas.
- All Saints District, Bishopsgate.
- Athelney and Twom Railway.
- Boulter, Yarmouth, and Freshwater Railway and Pier.
- Bridgeport (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water.
- Bristol and North Somerset Railway.
- Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon Railway.
- Callington and Colestock Railway.
- Consul Water.
- Crystal Palace Company.
- Darley Water.
- Dundalk and Gouraw Railway, and Fier.
- Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
- Ellesmere and Glyn Valley Railway.
- Fermanagh and Limerock Railway.
- Felling Railway.
- Furness Railway.
- Glyn Valley Tramway.
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Great Northern and Western (of Ireland) Railway.
Hedeham, Willingham, and Longstanton Railway.
Harrogate Water.
Hastings Pier.
Ikestru. Imperial (Fire) Insurance.
King's Lynn Docks and Railway.
Lancashire and South Downs Railway.
Lancett Railway and Dock.
Lyons and Gisors Railway.
London Necropolis and National Mausoleum.
Laughistown Commons Enclosure.
Manchester City Railways.
Margate Pier and Tramway.
Midand Mineral Railway.
Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland).
Mile-White Railway.
Milford Haven.
Naron and King's Lynn Railway.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Assembly Rooms.
Oriel College, Oxford.
Oxford.
Portobello Pier.
Portlethen Bridge.
Richmond and Reeth Railway.
Rock Life Assurance Company.
Sant Andra's Chapel, How.
Saint Joseph's Chapel and Burial Ground.
Hampstead Road.
Severn Railway and Canal.
Sover Navigation.
Shayl Bridge and Connex District Gas.
South Devon Railway.
Stanthorpe Jetty.
Teeling-Derby Railway.
University College, London.
Wilton Abbey and Chesham Gas.
Waltham Abbey and Waltham Bridge.
Widlington and Princes Risborough Railway.
West Surrey Water.
Whitland and Taff Vale Railway.
Wrexham, Mold, and Conwy's Quay Railway.

And that they had certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following instances:—

Bishops Norton Water Gas.
Brighton and Horace General Gas.
Great Yarmouth Water.
Heathcote, Edgware, and London Railway.
Holyhead Docks and Warehouses.
Truro Water.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Constitution and Practice of Courts Martial in the Army, and the present System of Punishment for Military Offences.

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

Mr. Ayton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Account (pursuant to the Act 6 & 7 Vic. c. 65, intitled, "An Act for granting Relief to the Islands of Antigua, Saint Kitts, Carambou, Dominica & Montserrat") of all Sums advanced to those Islands; and of all Sums repaid by reason of such Advances, with the Interest paid thereon, during the year ending 5th January 1869.

An Account (pursuant to the 6th Section of the New Act of 20 & 21 Vic. c. 34, intitled, "An Act to guarantee a Loan for the Service of New Zealand", of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund to make good the Deficiency in the regular payment, on the part of New Zealand, of the Interest due upon the Loan raised under the authority of the said Act, of Sums repaid by reason of such Advances, and of Interest paid thereon (being in continuation of the Account presented to Parliament in February 1868, for the year ending 5th January 1869).

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Bank of

of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January 1868 to the 5th January 1869, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereto.

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 Nominal Return of any Children committed in the year 1867 to any Reformatory or Industrial School not "conducted in accordance with the Religious Persuasion to which the youthful Offenders appeared to the committing Authority." together with the Reasons for such Commitment by the committing Authority.

Ordered, That 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, Savings Banks.

a Return from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, containing, in Columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries, and other Allowances, if any; the Amount of Security given; the Number 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 Sums drawn from the Consolidated Fund, on the 20th day of November 1868; 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 Payments; the Number and Amount of Annuité grants; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1868; 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; including in such Return a List of all such Savings Banks as, under the provisions of the Act 26 Vic. c. 14, or otherwise, have been closed and have transferred their Funds, or any part thereof, to the Post Office Savings Bank; showing, in each case, the Number of such Banks, as well as the Number and Amount of Depositors' Accounts so transferred, and the Amount of Compensation, if any, made to all or any of the Officers of such Banks respectively;
Supply. The Order of the day being read, for receiving Irish Church. The House was moved, That the Act 39 & 40 Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Com­ 32 VICTORIA. in lieu thereof, might be read; and the same was Ireland, might be read; and the same was and on the 20th day of November) next preceding the read. imo thereof, might be read; and the same was read.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com­ mittee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re­ solve itself into the said Committee.

Irish Church.
The House was moved, That the Act 39 & 40 Geo. 3, c. 87, for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the Act 39 & 40 Geo. 3, c. 87, to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Temporalities of the Church in Ireland, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 109, to abolish Compositions for Tithes in Ireland, and to substitute Rent Charges in lieu thereof, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the Act of the Parliament of Ireland, 35 Geo. 3, c. 21, for the better Education of Persons professing the Popish or Roman Catholic Religion, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the Act of the Parliament of Ireland, 35 Geo. 3, c. 21, for the better Government of the Seminary established at Maynooth for the Education of Persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion, and for amending the Laws now in force respecting the said Seminary, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 25, to amend two Acts passed in Ireland for the better Education of Persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion, and for the better Government of the College established at Maynooth for the Education of such Persons, and also an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom for amending the said two Acts, might be read; and the same was read.

The House was also moved, That the First Resolution which, upon the 7th day of May in the last Session of Parliament, was reported from the Committee on the Established Church (Ireland), and which was then agreed to by the House, “That it is necessary that the Established Church of Ireland should cease to exist as an Establishment, due regard being had to all per­ sonal interests, and to all individual rights of pro­ perty,” might be read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts and Resolution.—The House accord­ ingly 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 put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, and to make Provision in respect of the Temporalities thereof, and in respect of the Royal College of Maynooth.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, and to make Provision in respect of the Temporalities thereof, and in respect of the Royal College of Maynooth.

And a Motion being made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, and to make Provision in respect of the Temporalities thereof, and in respect of the Royal College of Maynooth; Mr. Gladstone, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty has been pleased to place at the disposal of Parliament, for the purposes of the Bill, Her interest in the Arch­ bishopric, Bishoprics, and other Ecclesiastical Dignities and Benefices in Ireland.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill, And that Mr. Dodson, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. John Bright, Mr. Chichester Fortescue, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regular the Sale of Fermented and Distilled Liquors by Retail in Ireland; And that Mr. O’Reilly, Mr. Pem, and Mr. Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the said two Acts, and for the Education of such Persons, and to make Provision in respect of the Temporalities thereof, and bill it in.

The Committee of Public Accounts was nomi­ nated of Mr. Ayrton, Mr. Alpern Ayrton, Mr. AYcillos, Pollard-Upperton, Mr. Groves, Mr. Step, Mr. Liddell, Mr. William Foster, Lord Frederick Cowarden, and Mr. Selater-Booth.

Mr. Dodson presented a Bill to put an end to Irish Church and the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, and to make Provision in respect of the Temporalities thereof, and in respect of the Royal College of Maynooth; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. O’Reilly presented a Bill for further regular the Sale of Fermented and Distilled Liquors by Retail on Sunday in Ireland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill to con­ firm a Scheme under “The Metropolitan Commons Supplement Customs Act, 1866”; And that Mr. Knatchbull- Hayes and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regular the Sale of Fermented and Distilled Liquors by Retail in Ireland; And that Mr. O’Reilly, Mr. Pem, and Mr. Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Scheme under “The Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866”; And that Mr. Knatchbull-Hayes and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

The Committee of Public Accounts was nomi­ nated of Mr. Ayrton, Mr. Alpern Ayrton, Mr. AYcillos, Pollard-Upperton, Mr. Groves, Mr. Step, Mr. Liddell, Mr. William Foster, Lord Frederick Cowarden, and Mr. Selater-Booth.
Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill to authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Revised Code of Regulations, with an Appendix of all Articles cancelled or modified, and of Supplementary Rules, by the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Mr. William Edward Forster also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th July 1868, approving certain Bye Laws made by the Newport Docks Board.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th December 1868, approving certain proposed Alternations of Salaries and New Appointments in the Office of Secretary of State for India in Council. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

C. 1. That in the case of the Edinburgh and District Water Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that an amended copy of the Book of Reference be deposited in the Private Bill Office; 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 Spalding Water Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That in the case of the Oldham Corporation Water 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 Oldham Corporation Water 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 Birchfield and Liverpool Road Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that an amended copy of the Book of Reference be deposited in the Private Bill Office; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

6. That in the case of the Spalding Water 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 Oldham Corporation Water 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 Keighley Water Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

9. That in the case of the Worsley Railway Wishing Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first eight 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 Dumbarton Borough Improvement Council be read; and the same was read.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for extending the limits within which the Corporation of Oldham may supply Water, and for authorizing them to construct additional Waterworks, and for amending the Oldham Borough Improvement Act, 1865, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Herbert and Mr. Platt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for dissolving and re-incorporating the Darnrow Waterworks and Reservoir Company, and for enabling them to execute additional Works and raise further Capital, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Hornby and Mr. Stairs do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to erect Gasworks and supply Gas within the Municipality, City, and Royal Burgh of Glasgow and its Suburbs, and other Places, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Smith, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Anderson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to erect Gasworks and supply Gas within the Municipality, City, and Royal Burgh of Glasgow and its Suburbs, and other Places, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Smith, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Anderson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Report from Barnsley Borough Improvement Council be read; and the same was read.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to erect Gasworks and supply Gas within the Municipality, City, and Royal Burgh of Glasgow and its Suburbs, and other Places, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Smith, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Anderson do prepare, and bring it in.
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Ordered, That the Stony Stratford Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Byewater Market and Baths Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southland and South Shirkem Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tyne Salmon Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That in the case of the Glascow (City) Glasgow (City) Union Railway Bill, Standing Order 225 be suspended, and that the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That in the case of the Hesford, Hay, Hesford, and Brecon Railway Bill, Standing Order 225 be suspended, and that the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Adair have leave of absence Leave of for six weeks, on account of a domestic affliction; and Vice-Count Milson a fortnight, on account of ill-health.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Printed Books. Accounts of the Quantities and also the Value, so far as it can be given, of Printed Books imported into and exported from the United Kingdom in each of the years 1828, 1829, 1830, 1845, and 1866; showing the Countries from which received and to which sent, and distinguishing the Totals of Foreign Countries and British Provinces —— And, of the Quantities and also the Values, with the Weights and Moneys rendered into English equivalents, of Printed Books imported into and exported from Foreign Countries in each of the years 1835, 1865, 1867, and 1866.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of such Cattle Plague Orders of
the Privy Council as are now in force, in whole, or in part.

Ordered, That 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, Copies of any Correspondence respecting the Rupture of Diplomatic Relations between Turkey and Greece, 1868-69.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed to inquire into the operation of the Poor Law in Scotland; and, whether any and what Amendments should be made therein.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to Orders of the House of Lords, a Paper containing a Return to the Lord Chancellor of all Sums of Money received by the several Commissioners in Lunacy during the Six Months ending on the 30th June 1868.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the House of Lords, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order for reading a second time, upon the Bill relating to Educational, Health, and Charitable Institutions in Ireland.

The Order for reading a second time, upon the Bill relating to Educational, Health, and Charitable Institutions in Ireland, was read, and discharged.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed to inquire into the operation of the Poor Law in Scotland; and, whether any and what Amendments should be made therein.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Poor Law in Scotland, and to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Game Laws of Scotland: And that Mr. McLogan, Mr. Forde, and Mr. Orr Ewing do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented for the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Table of Officers of Criminal Offenders for the year 1869, reported by Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland, in virtue of the Statute 1 Gd. 4, c. 37, with Alterations and Additions ordered and required by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in virtue of the powers therein contained.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Public Bills by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return (in Supplement of Parliamentary Paper, No. 306, of the present Session, relative to Public Bills (Ireland and Scotland), giving the same Information for each of the last Ten years, including the present Session, and showing how many of the Bills were passed into a Law each Session, with a Summary of the Results for the Ten years.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon the Bill relating to Educational, Health, and Charitable Institutions in Ireland, was read, and discharged.

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Ireland in 1800, 1825, 1850, 1866, 1867, and 1868:—showing, also, the Number granted, or understood to be granted, in England for the Colonies in the years 1800, 1825, 1850, 1866, 1867, and 1868:—showing, also, the Number of Applications for Patents made or granted in the year 1866, arranged according to the Classification adopted in the subject-matter Index published by Order of the Commissioners of Patents:—showing, also, the Number of Patents, or of Applications for Patents, recorded for the year 1866, affecting processes or operations in the manufacture and refining of Sugar and Molasses, and the manufacture, revivication, and use of Animal Charcoal, so far as indicated by the Titles or otherwise readily ascertainable or inferrible:—And, showing, also, the Number of Patents in force in England on the 31st day of December of the years 1848 and 1868; with any Explanatory Notes which may be required.

Ordered, That 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 Hungerford Bridge and Wellington Street Viaduct do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Alderman Lawrence, Mr. Mr. A. Dilke, Mr. Mr. Maclean, Lord John Manners, Mr. Mr. Layard, Mr. Mr. Elcho, Mr. Mr. Booth, Mr. Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Mr. Manners, Mr. Mr. Buxton, Mr. Mr. Gregory, Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Mr. Britton, Viscoun, Captain Davison-Damer, Mr. McClean, Mr. Alderman Lawrence, and Mr. Dilke; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

The House was moved, That the Acts relative to the Regulation of Burials, might be read, and the same be read, and accordingly.

ORDERED, That the House will, To-morrow, re-solve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means, and four to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law which regulates the Burial of Persons in England not belonging to the Established Church.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Ayrton 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 Law which regulates the Burial of Persons in England not belonging to the Established Church.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Headfield, Mr. Charles Reed, Mr. Henry Richard, and Mr. Condish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Parishes in each Poor Law Union and Incorporation in England and Wales:—and, with reference to single Parishes not in Union, as well as to Unions and Incorporations, Statement of the Area, Population, and Gross Estimated Rental of each; distinguishing, with Vol. 124.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re-solve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, re-solve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Mr. Logan presented a Bill to amend the Game Laws of Scotland:—And the same was read a first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

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And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that upon the trial of the said Petition there was not evidence before me that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election. Samuel Martin.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The Bristol Harbour Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. The Caledonian, Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. The Manchester Corporation Waterworks and Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire and Midland Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. The Midland and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Baywater Market and Baths 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:—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.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons. 

Mr. Houghton presented a Bill to amend the Law which regulates the Burial of Persons in England not belonging to the Established Church: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Population, Revenue, &c., which was presented upon the 18th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Population, Revenue, &c., which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Piers and Harbours, which was presented upon the 25th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Three Contracts entered into by the Postmaster General for the Conveyance of Mail in this Country to the United States, &c., with Messrs. Cunard and Co.; with Mr. William Inman; and with Mr. German Lloyd of Bremen; And, of the Treasury Minute on the Subject, Mr. Ageron accordingly presented the said Paper, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1869.

P R A Y E R S.

Controversies.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Baron Martin, one of the Judges, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Salford. 

And the Certificate and Report were ordered to be laid upon the Table.

Salford.

Election.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the above Act, certify that upon the 24th day of February 1869 and several days following, I duly held a Court at Salford, in the County of Lancaster, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Borough of Salford aforesaid, between Roderick Anderson, Jesse Bryant, and Edward Charles Cawley and William Thomas Charley, Respondents.

And in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Charles Edward Cawley and William Thomas Charley, being the Members whose Elections and Return were complained of in the said Petition, were duly elected and returned, and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition, of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I, in further pursuance of the said Act, report as follows—That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the Candidates at the said Election.
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Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Street Tramways 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 Yes to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Grosvenor, 209.
Tellers for the Mr. Peate,
Tellers for the Mr. Locke.

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.

Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill and all other Metropolitan Street Tramways Bills be referred to the same Committee; and that all Petitioners who may pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents against any of the said Bills, be heard, without reference to any question of locus standi, upon the allegations contained in their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bills against such Petitions.

Birkenhead and Shottonborough Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birkenhead and Shottonborough Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant March, and ordered to be read a second time.

Stony Stratford Railway Bill.

The Stony Stratford Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow Corporation Gas (New Works, &c.) Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to erect Gasworks and supply Gas within the Municipality, City, and Royal Burgh of Glasgow and its Suburbs, and other Places, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Birkenhead and Liverpool Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Railways in Cheshire and Lancashire, to be called "The Birkenhead and Liverpool Railways," was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Spalding Water Bill.

A Bill to enable the Spalding Waterworks Company to extend their Works, and for other purposes in relation to the same Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Barnstable Gas (No. 2) Bill.

A Bill for better supplying with Gas the Borough of Barnstable, and other Places adjacent thereto, in the County of Devon, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Oldham Corporation Water, &c. Bill.

A Bill for extending the Limits within which the Corporation of Oldham may supply Water, and for authorising them to construct additional Waterworks, and for anamending "The Oldham Borough Improvement Act, 1860," and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Darwen Water Bill.

A Bill for dissolving and re-incorporating the Darwen Waterworks and Reservoir Company, and for enabling them to execute additional Works, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

and raise further Capital, 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 Ryde Tramways 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 Old India Irrigation and Canal Company 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 Henley and Metropolitan Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the West India Waterworks, &c. Relief, which were presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the India India Office, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Criminal Criminal Offenders (Scotland), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Post Post Office Mail Service (United States of America), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Residences of the Members of the Parochial Board of the Parish of Saint Cuthbert, County of Edinburgh, qualified as such under the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 55, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amount of Duty paid in the shape of Licence in the last Three Years, being the last Three Years of the Hop Duty.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Trading Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Expenses 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. Rea, Mr. M'Laren. 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. B. Bastey. 166.

So it is 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 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 Committee of Supply:

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Constitution and Management of the Department of the General Valuation of Ireland, the Cost of the Townland and Teresament Valuation, and all matters connected with the Annual Revision thereof.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, so far as relates to the Settlement of the Costs of Arbitrations; And that Mr. Bazley, Mr. James Bright, Mr. Greville, Mr. D'Arcy, and Mr. Hobart do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Game Laws in Scotland: And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Minutes of the Carrickfergus Court House, this day, be printed.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Game Laws in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bazley presented a Bill to amend the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act:—The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Game Laws in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Life Assurance Companies Act relating to Life Insurance Companies:—The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Stephen Cave presented a Bill to amend the Life Assurance Companies Act:—The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Lord Elcho presented a Bill to amend the Game Laws in Scotland:—The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 4th March, 1869.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had been informed from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections for the Borough of Cashel; and for the Borough of Sligo.

And the same were read, as follow:—

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. In the Cashel matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Cashel, between the same Petitioner and the same Respondent.

And of another Election Petition for the said Borough of Cashel, between the same Petitioner and the same Respondent.

I do hereby certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker that the Election Petitions aforesaid were tried together before me at Cashel, upon the 30th day of February 1869; and that at the conclusion of the said trial I did, on the said 30th day of February, determine that the said James Lyster O'Beirne was not duly elected or returned to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Cashel.
ment as Member for said Borough of Cashel at the Election to which said Petitions relate; and further, that the said Henry Munster was duly elected, and ought not to have been returned to serve as aforesaid, inasmuch as the said Henry Munster was not proper to have had a majority of legal votes, and was moreover proved at the said trial to have been guilty by his agents of bribery at the said Election; and further, that the said Election was void.

And, in addition to the above Certificates, I do report—

1. That the corrupt practice of bribery was proved to have been committed by and with the knowledge and consent of the said James Lyster O'Beirne at the said Election, such bribery consisting in the payment to voters of alleged claims of money against the said James Lyster O'Beirne arising out of a previous Election for the said Borough in the year 1865, and also in the paying and agreeing to pay large sums of money to voters for the hire of apartments in the houses of such voters, and in the payment of money directly at the said Election. And further, that no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge, or consent of the said Henry Munster, at the said Election.

2. That the several persons hereafter named and all of whom are mentioned and described in the evidence given at the said trial were proved at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices of bribery: namely, Simon Trcey, Patrick Laffan, and Patrick Cunningham, of bribery under the 2nd section of the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854; and Michael Hanley, Michael Ryan, Thomas Murphy, Michael Coffey, and Edward Walshe, of bribery under the 3rd section of the same Act, but that all said several persons, except the said Simon Trcey and Patrick Laffan, were examined before me as witnesses at the said trial, and were, in my opinion, respectively entitled to certificates under the 3rd section of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

3. That, from the evidence given at the said trial, I have reason to believe that the corrupt practice of bribery did extensively prevail at the last Election to which the said Petitions relate.

Copies of the said Petitions, and of the evidence given at the said trial, as taken down by the deputy of the Returns Writer of the House of Commons, accompany this my Certificate and Report.

Given under my hand, at Dublin, on the 22nd day of February 1869.

P. A. FitzGerald,
A Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

The Right Honourable The Speaker
of the House of Commons.

Signs Borough

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. In the matter of the Petition of Michael Foley, and Joseph Foley, Petitioners; Major Lawrence Edward Knox, Esq., Respondent.

The matter of this Petition (of which I annex a Copy) came on to be tried before me at Carrick on-Shannon, on the 19th day of February last, and continued four succeeding days, in presence of the parties, their Counsel and Agents; and having heard the evidence, and what was offered on both sides, I did then determine, and do accordingly certify—

That the last Election for the said Borough of Sligo was a void Election.

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That the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox was not duly elected to serve in Parliament for the said Borough of Sligo.

That the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox was, by his agents, guilty of bribery at said Election; and I hereby report—

That it has not been proved before me that such bribery was committed by or with the knowledge or consent of the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox; and I do further report—

That John Shiel, a voter, did, immediately before said Election, receive money and goods to the amount of £ 8. 6s. 2d. from Stephen M. Cherry, acting on behalf of the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, and did agree to receive a further sum of £ 31. 13s. 10d. from the said Stephen M. Cherry, for agreeing to refrain from voting at said Election, and was guilty of bribery.

That Patrick Nolan, Patrick Flyn, Martin Malligan, and Charles Ternan received money for agreeing to vote for the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox at said Election, and were guilty of bribery.

That, in addition to the persons whose names I have so reported, it was proved by the evidence of the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, and other testimony, that divers of the Electors of said Borough, from 30 to 40 in number, were in the habit of applying for payment of money to the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, and to other persons acting on his behalf, in consideration of their agreeing to vote for, or to refrain from voting against, the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox.

That Thomas Brennan, Stephen M. Cherry, John H. Galleagh, Robert Stokes, William A. Woods, and Joseph L. Woods were proved to have offered and promised various sums of money to the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, and to refrain from voting and to vote for Captain the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, or to refrain from voting for, or to vote for the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, or to refrain from voting, and to vote for the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, or to refrain from voting for, or to vote for the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, or to refrain from voting; and during the said last Election for the said Borough of Sligo, such intimidation and violence was almost entirely practised by large mobs of persons acting in opposition to the said Major Lawrence Edward Knox, and was not proved to have had a majority of 65 3 2 VICTORIA.
Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 1st and 2nd days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Commission. jesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-first Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the Dioceses of Stockport, and of the City of London and the Borough of Greenwich.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to intimate to Her Parliament the following:

1. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that the Business carried on by the Offender, and the amount of Salary and other remuneration given to the Inspectors of Weights and Measures for the quarter ending the 24th day of June 1868.

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

Ordered, That the 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 to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Return relative to Fenian Convicts.

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Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain."

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Dodson, Mr. William Edward Forster, and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a new copy of the Report made by Mr. F. W. Shields, of Justice, c.e., on the subject of the sites for the new Courts of Justice and their Approaches.

The House was moved, That the Acts relative to Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle (Animals) be consolidated.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Speaker 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 consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Dodson, Mr. Henry William Ripley, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

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 Bradford, in the room of Henry William Ripley, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Bradford, in the room of Sir Richard Atwood Glass, Knight, 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 "the Writ for the Borough of Bradford be suspended for twelve months," 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, (Colonel Dyott, Mr. Golding; Mr. Munts, Dr. Brewer;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Dodson, Mr. Golding;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker 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 Bradford, in the room of Sir Richard Atwood Glass, Knight, whose Election has been determined to be void.

The House was moved, That the Acts relative to Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals, might be read; and the same was read, as followeth:

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received. It was accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

The Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Dodson, Mr. William Edward Forster, and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a new copy of the Report made by Mr. F. W. Shields, of Justice, c.e., on the subject of the sites for the new Courts of Justice and their Approaches.

The House was moved, That the Pharmacy Act, 1868, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Dodson, Mr. William Edward Forster, and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Dodson, Mr. William Edward Forster, and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a new copy of the Report made by Mr. F. W. Shields, of Justice, c.e., on the subject of the sites for the new Courts of Justice and their Approaches.
Mr. Dodson 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 Pharmacy Act, 1868"—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:

And that Lord Robert Montagu and Sir Graham Montgomery do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account for Railways, &c., was presented upon the 22nd day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Statement of Savings and Deficiencies for the Army, which was presented upon the 22nd day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Account for Navy Services, &c., which was presented upon the 22nd day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Statement of Savings and Deficiencies for the Navy, which was presented upon the 22nd day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, which were presented upon the 22nd day of February last, be printed.

Lord Robert Montagu presented a Bill to amend "The Pharmacy Act, 1868"—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Edward Forster presented a Bill to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 5th March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Glasgow (City) Union Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Hereford, Hay, and Bloom railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Return, being a Copy of all Reports of Colonel Tolland, n. w., to the Board of Trade, with respect to the Nuneaton Railway Station and Level Crossing, which was presented upon the 20th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, together with any subsequent Reports touching the said subjects, be referred to the Committee on the London and North Western Railway Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Ryde Tramways Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vic. c. 119, s. 35, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Ryde Tramways Bill, comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, he had certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of a Special Committee on Breech-loading Rifles; together with Minutes of Evidence.

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

Mr. Aytoun presented,—Return to an Order, New Courts and North Western London Tramways Bill, committed.

Mr. Aytoun also presented, pursuant to the 37th Section of an Act of Parliament.—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall, for the year ending on the 31st December 1868:—Also, Capital Account of the Duchy of Cornwall, for the year ended on the 31st December 1868.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com 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 the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that Her Majesty's Government should give their earliest attention to the widespread and most reprehensible practices of using False Weights and Measures, and of adulterating Food, Drink, and Drugs, with a view of amending the Law as regards the Penalties now inflicted for those Offences, and of providing more efficient means for the discovery and prevention of fraud," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,989 0s. 6d. be granted to Her Majesty, to make good an Excess of Expenditure beyond the Grant for the Post Office Packet Service for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1868.

2. Resolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,094,894. 0s. 4d. be granted to Her Majesty, to make good Excesses of Expenditure beyond the Grants for the following Civil Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1868; viz.:—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Dodson 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. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That a Sum, not exceeding £3,600,000, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the Expenses of the Expedition to Abyssinia, beyond the Ordinary Grants of Parliament for Army and Navy Services.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Court of Common Pleas (County Palatine of Lancaster) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 5th day of April next.

The Sea Birds Preservation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 14th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Bankruptcy, to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy:

And that Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant Despota 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 Scarborough, in the room of Sir John Vanden Bempte Johnston, Baronet, deceased.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of this instant March.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Valuation of Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Bridgewater, by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Minutes of the Evidence taken at the Trial of the Bridgewater Election Petition No. 65. Election Petition, ordered upon the 6th day of this instant March to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 9th March, 1869.

Prayers.

The Speaker informed the House, That he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections for the Borough of Twomley; For the Borough of Preston; For the Borough of Kingston-Upon-Hull; For the Borough of Wigan; and for the Borough of Bradford; and for the Borough of The Hartlepooles.

And the same were read, as follow:—

The Election Petitions Act, 1868. Court for Tunstall the trial of an Election Petition for the Borough of Tunstall, in the County of Somerset, between Thomas Meredith Williams and Joseph Mellor, Petitioners; and Edward William Cox, Esquire, Respondent.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.

Sir,

This 9th day of March 1869.

I hereby certify that at the trial of the above Election Petition, I determined that Mr. Searjant Co, the Member whose Election is complained of, was not duly returned and elected, and that Henry James, Esquire, was duly elected.

And,
And, in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, s. 11, I report:

A. That Mr. Serjeant Cox was by his agents guilty of bribery at the Election, but that no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the Election.

B. That James Shepherd, acting for a body called the Constitutional and Conservative Association, who were agents for Mr. Serjeant Cox, was proved to be guilty of bribery in distributing 5s. each to a large number of voters (under colour of paying them for their attendance before the Returning Barrister) in order to induce them to vote for Mr. Serjeant Cox. And that the following persons, John Chisnall, Edward Crosby, Mark Beatty, William Smith, Robert Hughes, Abraham Cole, Thomas Wood, and William Stolberg, were proved to be guilty of bribery in receiving the sum of 5s. each for voting.

C. That the corrupt practice of paying the sum of 5s. to voters under colour of paying as it was called Barrie's Court Money, did extensively prevail at the Election, but that there was no reason to believe that any other corrupt practice extensively prevailed.

Colin Blackburn, Election Judge.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, certify that upon the third day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and Esquire, and Sir John Chigley, Edward Crosby, Mark Beatty, William Smith, Robert Hughes, Abraham Cole, James Edery, Henry Colbraith, John Dane, James Cole, Thomas Wood, and William Stolberg, were proved to be guilty of bribery in receiving the sum of 5s. each for voting.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of the said Election, I in further pursuance of the said Act report as follows:—That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the said Candidates at the said Election.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, I in further pursuance of the said Act report as follows:—That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the said Candidates at the said Election.

And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that upon the trial of the said Petition there was no evidence before me that any corrupt practice prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.


I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows, viz.:

Upon the application of the Petitioners, I have given leave to withdraw the Petition, being satisfied that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Section 36). Gloucester Election Petition.

Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 8 March 1869.

In the matter of an Election Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas for the Borough of Gloucester for the last Parliamentary Election for the City of Gloucester, I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows, viz.:

Upon the application of the Petitioners, I have given leave to withdraw the Petition, being satisfied that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Section 36). Preston Election Petition.

Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 8th March 1869.

In the matter of an Election Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Joseph Toulmin and Richard Pendleton, against Edward Herman, Esquire, and Sir Thomas George Farnese Husketh, Baronet, Members of Parliament, complaining of their Election and Return at the last Parliamentary Election for the Borough of Preston, I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows, viz.:

Upon the application of the Petitioners I have given leave to withdraw the Petition, being satisfied that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Section 36). Bradford Election Petition.

Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 8th March 1869.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Bradford, I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows:

I have given leave to withdraw the above Petition, upon being satisfied that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Section 36). The Hartlepool Election Petition.

Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 8th March 1869.

In the matter of an Election Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by William Gray and
and others against Ralph Ward Jackson, Esquire, Member of Parliament, complaining of his Election and Return at the last Parliamentary Election for the Borough of the Horsholds.

I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows, viz.:

Upon the application of the Petitioners I have given leave to withdraw the Petition, being satisfied that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

J. S. Willes.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

And the said Certificate and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The Barmsteope Gas (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Crystal Palace and South London Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Garstang and Knot End Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The Order made upon the 18th day of February last, limiting the time for the Second Reading of certain Railway Bills, was read, and suspended in the case of the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time not later than the 4th day of April next.

The Order made upon the 18th day of February last, limiting the time for the Second Reading of certain Railway Bills, was read, and suspended in the case of the East Norfolk Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time not later than the 4th day of April next.

The Standing Order of the House, No. 9, relative to Private Bills, was read, and amended by inserting, in line 7, after the word " therin," the words " or a Referee;" in line 8, after the word " Members," the words " of the Committee;" by leaving out, in line 11, after the word " Members," the words " to be appointed by the Committee of " Selection, " and by inserting, in line 15, after the word " Bill," the words " or one Member and a " Referee, to be appointed by the Committee of " Selection.

The Standing Order of the House, No. 108, relative to Private Bills, was read, and amended by inserting in line 6, after the word " therein," the words " or a Referee; " and, in the same line, after the word " interested," by inserting the words " or one such Member and a " Referee.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Devon and Cornwall Railway Bill, That in the case of the Devon and Cornwall Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, s. 45, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, 10th Report.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Balance Sheets of the Post Office Savings Banks for the year 1868; showing the Balance due to Depositors, the Amount of Expenditure remaining unpaid, the Value of Securities at the Cost Price less Depreciation of those which are terminable by lapse of time, Amount of Cash in hand and Dividends accrued but not received at the end of the year, and the Surplus or Deficiency of Funds to meet Liabilities.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Quasi to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from every County Court in England and Wales of the Total Number of Plaints, &c., entered in each Court, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1868, both days inclusive; distinguishing those not exceeding £ 20; those above £ 20, and not exceeding £ 50; and those by agreement above £ 50 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 244, of Session 1867).

Ordered, That 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, Postal a Copy of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General, the Treasury, and parties tend- master and the United States (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 42, of Session 1867-8).

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Railway Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, upon certain Accidents which have occurred on Railways during the Months of June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 1868. (Part Fourth.)

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

Ordered,
In order to present to the House, a Report upon the following Harbour Bills:—
Blithfield Port and Harbour;—Porchester Harbour.
Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Receipts and Disbursements by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the year ended the 31st day of December 1867.

Turnpike Roads, which was presented upon the Roads.

Duchy of Cornwall.

Gun Cotton, Mr. Secretary to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to the Under Secretaryship for Ireland, which was presented upon the 26th day of February last, be printed. No. 66.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to an Address of the House on the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Gun Cotton, &c.

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

Metropolis Turnpike Roads.

No. 67.

New Courts of Justice.

No. 68.

Duchy of Cornwall.

No. 69.

Under Secretaryship for Ireland.

No. 70.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Metropolis Turnpike Roads, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the New Courts of Justice, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of Cornwall, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Under Secretaryship for Ireland, which was presented upon the 20th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present to this House, a Report upon the following Harbour Bills:—
Blithfield Port and Harbour;—Porchester Harbour.

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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 Receipts and Disbursements by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the year ended the 31st day of December 1867.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of Accounts of the Turnpike Trusts in the South Wales District for the year ended 31st December 1868.

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

Gun Cotton, &c.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to an Address of the House on the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Gun Cotton, &c.

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

Metropolis Turnpike Roads.

No. 67.

New Courts of Justice.

No. 68.

Duchy of Cornwall.

No. 69.

Under Secretaryship for Ireland.

No. 70.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Metropolis Turnpike Roads, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the New Courts of Justice, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of Cornwall, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Under Secretaryship for Ireland, which was presented upon the 20th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and from the Court of Burgesses of Westminster, of the Expenditure of £ 500 paid annually to the Deputy Steward of Westminster out of Her Majesty's Civil List, stating how applied, to whom paid, and nature of Services rendered, of any kind from any source, Salary, Emoluments, and Names of the Officers, and their Fees, Salaries, and Emoluments, and Names of the Burgesses, with Date of Election or Appointment, the Revenue of the Court, the Duties now performed by the "General and High Steward of Westminster":—Copies of his Appointment, and his Deputy Steward, the Number of Courts holden and Date thereof in the last five Years, the Nature of the Business transacted at such Court, the Duties now performed by the High Bailiff, Total Receipts and Expenditure of such Officer and his Deputy from every source, Salary, Fees, Perquisites, Emoluments:—Of the Patent by which the Office is held:—Like Return as to the Town Clerk, stating by whom and when appointed:—Like Return as to the High Constable of Westminster, stating under what Acts of Parliament he now exercises Authority, and the Nature of such Authority:—Like Return as to the Sealing Officer:—Like Return as to the Searcher of the Sanctuary, the Clerk of the Market, and the Coroner:—And, Return of all Orders and Ordinances issued by the Dean and Chapter and Court of Burgesses or Corporation of Westminster, or their Officers, since 1853, together with a Statement of all Property of whatever kind, Real or Personal, held by the Corporation of Westminster (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 666, of Session 1853).

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

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

1. 63,300 Men and Boys for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, including 14,000 Royal Marines. 2. £ 2,762,353, for Wages to Seamen and Marines.

3. £ 1,172,286, for Victuals and Clothing for Seamen and Marines. 4. £ 366,545. 5s. 6d., Excess of Naval Expenditure.

Resolved to be reported.

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

Tuesday, 9th March, 1869;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson 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. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,989. 0s. 6d. be granted to Her Majesty, to make good an Excess of Expenditure beyond the Grant for the Post Office Packet Service, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1868; etc.:—

Class I. £ s. d.

Royal Palaces — — 7,762 2 2

British Embassy House, Paris and Madrid — — 2,049 10 9

Public Record Repositories — — 3,549 14 6

British Consulate and Embassy Houses, Constantinople — — 394 15 5

Class II.

Office of Weights and Measures — — 760 19 2

Office of Woods, Forests, and Land Revenue (1858-9 and 1859-60) — — 4,844 10 8

Investigations of Exorbitant Fisheries, &c. — — 1,552 12 2

Household of Lord Lieutenant, Ireland — — 1,277 11 10

Chief Secretary, Ireland, Offices — — 1,042 7 11

Superintendent of Weeds, South Wales — — 132 7 2

Landed Estates Record Offices — — 177 4 17

Printing and Stationery — — 8,680 9 10

Class III.

Law Charges, England — — 436 10 2

Criminal Prosecutions, &c. — — 25,251 10 1

Police, Constables and Boroughs, Great Britain — — 190,134 14 7

Probate Court — — 19,382 10 11

County
Ways and The Order of the day being read, for the Comm-
Metropolitan The Metropolitan Commons Supplemental Bill till this day.
mons was, according to Order, read a second time; and
Pharmacy The Order of the day being read, for the Second rough of
Supplemental committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Bill.
Act (1868) Reading of the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment
Inclosure of The Inclosure of Lands Bill was, according to
Corporation (Metropolis.)
Colonel
Maynooth
were agreed to. Committee, this day, on the Sea Birds Preservation
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Friday next.
Buxton
do prepare, and bring it in.
Thomas Hughes
and Mr.
Buxton
do prepare, and bring it in. and
1. That in the case of the
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Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Ireland.
1,481 7 7
Landlord Estate Court, Ireland.
2,069 11 8
Dublin Metropolitan Police and Police
Justices, Ireland.
903 1 9
Maintenance of Priests in County
Lands, &c., and Rental of County
Courts Establishments in the Colonies
14,430 6 4
Royal Irish Academy.
- 81 10
Belfast Theological Professors.
- 144 1 9
Governors and others, West India, &c.
1,304 18 2
Treasury Chancellors
2,253 13
Ministers at Foreign Courts, Resident-
Curacy.
5,524 16 9
Special Ministers, Offices, &c.
- 4,741 6
Supersession and Retired Allowances
547 11 7
Relief of Unwaged British Seamen
9,707 5
Non-assenting and other Ministers
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Transitory Consequences.
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- 300 -
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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were
agreed to.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the
Ways and Means.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Metropolitan Common Supplemental 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 Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment
Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of Municipal Corpora-
tions within the Metropolis: And that Mr. Buxton and Mr. Thomas Hughes do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the creation of a Corporation of London: And
that Mr. Buxton and Mr. Thomas Hughes do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Reports giving an Account, with Particulars of all
Sums of Money voted by Parliament or paid out of Public Monies by virtue of Acts of Par-
lament, or otherwise, for building, enlarging, improving, repairing, or otherwise maintaining the
College of Maynooth; together with the Dates at which such Grants or Payments, giving references to any
Reports or Returns showing the manner in which such Monies have been expended; and further,
giving the Names of the Trustees or other Authority:
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the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Board of Control, and the several Orders of the Board of Control, in the case of the East India Company (Limited), to issue Preference Debenture Stock, facilitate Transfers of its Debenture Stock, and other purposes: And that Mr. Starkie and Mr. Holt prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction Railway Company to make further Deviations from their authorised Railways, to relinquish certain Works, and to construct new Railways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. M'Mahon prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented, pursuant to the directions of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Ceylon Local Board Bill, might be read; and the same being read.

Ordered, That 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, 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 leave to bring in the Ceylon Local Board Bill, might be read; and the same being read.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction Railway Company to make further Deviations from their authorised Railways, to relinquish certain Works, and to construct new Railways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. M'Mahon prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in the case of the Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the 21st day of April next.

Ordered, that Sir Robert Clifton have leave of absence till Easter, on account of a domestic affliction.

Ordered, that there shall be laid before this House, a Return showing the Area, Population, Pauperism, and Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor, also a Comparative Statement of the Poor Rate under the present system and under Union Rating, in a Tabular Form for each Electoral Division of such Poor Law Union in Ireland, for the year ending the 29th day of September 1868.

 Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better settling the Real Estates of In- testates: And that Mr. Stapleton, Colonel Stapleton, Mr. Hinde Palmer, and Mr. Headlam do prepare, and Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Aylmer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Laws affecting the Registration of Voters, and to report whether any and what Amendments are required therein.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the mode of electing Representative Peers in Scotland and Ireland, and to enable the Crown to summon such Scotch and Irish Peers as may not be Representative Peers to sit in Parliament for Life: And that Mr. Stapleton, Colonel French, and Colonel Stanyan do prepare, and bring it in.

Mail Steamers (Concert and Homeward Lines.)

Ordered, that there shall be laid before this House, a Return of the Arrivals and Departures, Out­ wards and Homewards, of each Passage for the last year, ending on the 31st day of December 1868, of the Steamers of the Camard and James Lines, conveying the Mails between Queenstown and New York, and the Steamers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American Steam Packet Company, conveying the Mails between Southampton and New York.

Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Liquors on Sunday (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 "on the 29th day of June next." And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The "Y." 194.
Mr. Agnew presented a Bill for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the East India Irrigation and Canal Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 10th March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Birkenhead and Liverpool Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Edinburgh and District Water Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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 Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—and a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Lands Clauses Reading of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill;

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

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.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted Consolidated to Her Majesty for the Service of the years ending the 31st day of March 1868 and 1869, the Sum of £2,400,272.13s.4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. 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. Dodson and Mr. Chancelor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The East India Irrigation and Canal Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee to be nominated by the Committee of Selection. Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection, that they have power to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed upon Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits distilled in England, Scotland, Ireland, and the United Kingdom, the Gallons delivered, Duty paid, from Distillers' Stocks, and the Gallons put into Bond, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1868:—The Number of Gallons of Proof British Spirits on which Duty was paid in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, with the Rate per Gallon and the Amount of Duty; also, the Total Number of Gallons and Duty in the United Kingdom:—The Number of Gallons of Proof British Spirits consumed in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, and the Net Amount of Duty retained thereon:—The Number of Gallons of Proof British Spirits removed, Duty free and Duty paid respectively, from each part of the United Kingdom to each of the other parts:—The Number of Gallons of Proof Spirits permitted from Distillers' Stocks and Duty-free Warehouses in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, for Exportation to Foreign Parts, and the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon:—The Number of Proof Gallons of Spirits in Bonded Stores in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, on the 31st.
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1st day of December 1868.—The Number of Gallons, at Proof Strength, of Foreign and Colonial Spirits respectively, received into Rectifiers' Stocks, and the Total Number of Gallons of Proof British Brandy permitted out of Rectifiers' Stocks in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, in the year ending the 31st day of December 1868:—The Number of Proof Gallons of British Spirits permitted from Rectifiers' Stocks, in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, for Exportation to Foreign Parts, and the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon:—And, the Total Number of Gallons of Methylated Spirits sent out by Persons licensed to sell the same, under the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 36, in each of the Three Kingdoms, and in the United Kingdom, with the Amount of Drawback or Allowance paid thereon, for the year ending the 31st day of December 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 221, of Session 1867–8).

New National Gallery.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Correspondence between Her Majesty's Office of Works and the Architect of the New National Gallery respecting his Appointment; And, of his Instructions for the preparation of Designs for the new Building.

Poor Law (Scotland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland) do consist of Nineteen Members:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Indemnity Awards (County Palatine of Durham.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for providing for depositing in one place the Indemnity Awards preserved at Durham, and for abolishing the Office of Curator of the Court of Chancery in the Palatine of Durham: And that Mr. Bentinck, Sir Rowland Palmer, and Mr. William Louther do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund. (S. A. 306; £273 13s. 4d.)

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the years ending the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Regeneration of the People Act (1867) Amendment Bill. Bill 43.

Mr. Henry B. Sheridan presented a Bill to amend "The Representation of the People Act, 1867"; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Indemnity Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill. Bill 44.

Mr. Bentinck presented a Bill to provide for depositing in one place the Indemnity Awards preserved at Durham, and for abolishing the Office of Curator of the Court of Chancery in the Palatine of Durham: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Queen Anne's Bounty. No. 71.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Queen Anne's Bounty, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fenian Convicts, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of Lancaster, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant March, be printed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House. Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, that the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of Thirty thousand pounds Three per cent. 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 about Four hundred and fifteen pounds; and also of a bequest of the late Lord Farnborough, 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 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant March, That the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland) do consist of Nineteen Members.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

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 relieve Alexander Hugh Bruce, of Kenneth, in the County of Clackmannan, Esquire, and the Heirs for the time being of the body of Michael, first Lord Balfour of Burley, in the Peerage of Scotland, from the effect of the Attainder of Robert, fifth Lord Balfour of Burley; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Motion was made, That Bruce's Restitution Bill be now read the first time;

Mr. Gladstone, 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 Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighteenth Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, with an Appendix, for the year preceding 1st March 1869.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to theRegisters General on the Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered in Scotland during the year 1868; and Fourth Annual Report on Vaccination.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Castle Plague.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Mechanic's Institutes (Grants to Elementary Classes).

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

Mr. Arthur Peel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of February last, for a Return relative to Asylums (Metropolis).

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, Postal dated the 8th day of this instant March, for a Contract.

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

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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

Friday, 12th March, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson 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 Second Reading of the Marine Mutiny Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was to the end of the Question, in order to add the words: "in order to promote greater economy and improve efficiency, the Departments of the Home Guards and War Office, and the War Office should be placed under the control of one responsible Minister," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

1. Land Forces, not exceeding 175,366 Men (including 9,595, all Ranks, to be employed with the Depots in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of Regiments serving in Her Majesty's Indian Possessions).

2. 1,560, of Native Indian Troops, belonging to Her Majesty's Native Indian Army, to be maintained beyond the limits of Her Majesty's Indian Possessions.

3. £. 3,312,600, the Pay and Allowances of Her Majesty's Land Forces at Home and Abroad, exclusive of India.

4. £. 1,185,600, the Commissariat Establishment, Services, Movement of Troops, &c.

Resolutions to be reported.
The Consolidated Fund (24,406,273 L. 13s. 4d.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Assessed Rates Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assessed Rates Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ways and Means:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lands Clause Consolidation Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Civil Service Pensions:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the Qualification of Persons holding Civil Service Pensions or receiving Superannuation Allowances to sit in Parliament; And that Mr. Locke King and Mr. Russell Gurney do prepare, and bring it in.

Medical Officers' Superannuation Act Amendment Bill, Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Qualification required for the Medical Officers of Poor Law Unions, and of Dispensary Districts of such Unions in Ireland; And that Mr. Broady, Mr. Pio, and Mr. Ben Trant Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Municipal and Parliamentary Franchise (Ireland):

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Superannuation Allowances to Medical Officers of Poor Law Unions, and of Dispensary Districts of such Unions in Ireland; And that Mr. Broady, Mr. Pio, and Mr. Ben Trant Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Game Laws (Additional) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Game Laws in Scotland; And that Mr. Leach, Sir Robert Anstruther, and Mr. Parker do prepare, and bring it in.

Game Laws (Additional) (No. 2) Bill:

Mr. Locke King presented a Bill to remove doubts as to the Qualification of Persons holding Civil Service Pensions or receiving Superannuation Allowances to sit in Parliament; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Game Laws (Additional) (No. 2) Bill:

Mr. Leach presented a Bill to amend the Game Laws in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Medical Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill:

Mr. Broady presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation Allowances to Medical Officers of Poor Law Unions and of Dispensary Districts of such Unions in Ireland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill:

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next, on the Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Lunatic Broadmoor Asylum.

Contracts.

Court of Chancery.

Homerton Congregational Schools.

Electors in Cities and Boroughs.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "a Select Committee be appointed to in­ quire into the state of Education in the great "Provincial Towns," 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 word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the amount of Funds con- signed by the Order of any Court of Law in Scotland, which are still unclaimed or undisposed of, in any Cause now asleep or standing dismissed; the Return to give the following particulars, in columns:—The Date when the Consignation was made; The Name of the Party making it; The Cause in which it was made; The Person or Persons with whom the Money was deposited; The Sum consigned; The Amount of it, with Interest, at the Date of the Return.

Ordered, That 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, with respect to each of the Parliamentary Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales, the Population in 1861; the Total Number of Electors on the Register now in force; distinguishing those entitled to vote as House­ holders under the Representation of the People Act, 1867, from those entitled to vote as £10 Occupiers; and the Number of Electors who voted at the last General Election.

Ordered, That 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 Cattle Plague, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant March, be printed.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Order of the High Court of Chancery as to Amendment of General Order of 21st March 1868, Tuesday the 2nd day of March 1869.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address from Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Homerton Congregational Schools.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report made by the Commissioners in Lunacy on the 14th October 1868, upon Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

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

Mr. Orton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Reports received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Consuls during the year 1868, August to December.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Printed Books.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Land Forces.
1. That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 157,906 Men (including 9,505, all Ranks, to be employed with the Depots in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of Regiments serving in Her Majesty's Indian Possessions), be maintained for the service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

2. That a Number, not exceeding 7,793, of Native Indian Troops, belonging to Her Majesty's Native Indian Army, be maintained beyond the limits of Her Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,313,890, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray 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 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,185,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Commissariat Establishment, Services, Movement of Troops, &c., which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

Native Indian Troops.

Ways and Means.

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. Dodson, Mr. Secretary Cardwell, and the Judge Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund.

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

Order, to be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Consolidated Fund, a Copy of the shorthand writers' Notes of the Petitions.

Ordered, That these shall be laid before this House, Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, to provide for more effectual inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament, by the Appointment of George Bingley Downes, Esquire, as Commissariat for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices:—And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the shorthand writers' Notes of the Petitions.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 12th House of May, in the last Session of Parliament, was made from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Arrangements), with the Proceedings of the Committee, be reprinted, but without the Minutes of Evidence and Plans.

Ordered, That there be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Adulteration of Seeds: And that Mr. Woby, Mr. Brand, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, and Mr. Rodd, do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Land Forces.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Consol­idated Fund Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Stannaries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Com­mittee of the whole House, for Friday the 30th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com­mittee on the Sea Birds Preservation Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Poor Law, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant March, to the Select Committee on Poor Law, (Scotland) do consist of Nineteen Members.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, 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 humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons, that corrupt practices did prevail at the last Election for the City of Norwich, and that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at the said Election:

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 George Bingley Downes, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Council, Horatio Mannfield, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Robert John Biron, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices:—And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the shorthand writers' Notes of the Petitions.

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 George Bingley Downes, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Council, Horatio Mannfield, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Robert John Biron, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices:—And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.
Member of the Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or as holding any other office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an Annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Victoria, chapter ninety-one;

Mr. Stanhope, 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.

Mr. Welby presented a Bill to prevent the Adulteration of Seeds; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Judge Advocate presented a Bill for punishing Murder and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Valuation of Property (Metropolitan) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Valuation of Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 15th March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Members holding Contracts (Sir Sydney Waterlow) have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Mr. Thomas Chambers reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the said Resolution was read, as follows:

"That Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow is disqualified under the Statute 22 Geo. 3. c. 45, from sitting and voting as a Member of this House;" Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Harry Verney reported from the Committee on the East India Irrigation and Canal Company Bill: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that proof had been adduced that notice of the intended application to Parliament had been given to each Shareholder of the Company, in compliance with the Resolution of the House; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice Keogh, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the County of the Town of Galway.

And the same were read, as follow:—


In the matter of the Petition of Thomas McGovern, Petitioner; Sir Rowland Bleanerhassett, M.P., and Lord Viscount St. Lawrence, M.P., Respondents.

The matter of this Petition (of which I annex a copy) came on to be tried before me, at Galway, on the twenty-fifth day of February last, and continued for the succeeding days in the presence of the parties, their Counsel and Agents, and having heard the evidence and what was offered on both sides, I did then determine and do accordingly certify—

That the said Sir Rowland Bleanerhassett, Baronet, and Lord Viscount St. Lawrence, were duly returned at the last Election as Burgesses to serve in Parliament as and for the said County of the Town of Galway.

That it appeared to me, that the following Freemen, Electors of the said Borough, proposed to give their votes at said Election for Martin O'Flaherty, Esquire, as Candidates, in consideration of receiving a promise of payment of money after the said Election; namely, Anthony Finegan, John M'Cormick, Patrick Doherty, Lawrence Drury, Timothy Tooly, Thomas Murphy, John M'Tyfe, John Dolber, John Lenihan, John Drury, John Walsh, John Dillon, John M'Longhin, and Martin C. Lynch. That said proposal was rejected by the said Candidate and his Agent. And from eighty to a hundred Electors of the said Borough known to be Freemen, but whose names were not disclosed in evidence, had from time to time and shortly previous to the said Election, solicited the Agent of the said Lord Viscount St. Lawrence to promise them payment of money in consideration of their giving their votes to the said Lord Viscount St. Lawrence; but such proposals were proved to have been in every instance rejected by the said Agent. And I do further report, that I have not any reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the last Election for the said County of the Town of Galway.

Given under my hand, this eleventh day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

[Signature]

William Keogh, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas on the rod for the trial of Election Petitions in Ireland.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Copy of the Evidence taken at the trial, as furnished to me by the House of Commons Short-hand Writer, who was duly sworn before me faithfully to take down the same pursuant to the Statute, accompanies this my Certificate.

William Keogh.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th, 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.

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

A Petition of Inhabitants of the City of Norwich, praying the House not to recommend Her Majesty to issue a Royal Commission of Inquiry into alleged Corrupt Practices at the late Election for the said City, as in the opinion of the Petitioners it would cause a great amount of distress and ill-feeling, without being productive of the slightest benefit, was presented and read.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eleventh and Final Licences, Brewing Associations.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Light Duties.

Mr. Arundel presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Brewing Licences.

Colonel Bartleto presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 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 1867, up to and including the 31st day of December 1868.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Bills (Ireland and Scotland), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Services and Revenue Departments, which was presented upon the 22nd day of February last, 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 showing what steps have been taken by the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury in carrying into effect the Requirements of the Land Writs Registration (Scotland) Act of last Session of Parliament, and more particularly as respects that part of the 20th Section which requires that payments in pursuance thereof shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, upon the application of the Lord Clerk Register, to regulate from time to time the Offices of the General Register of Sasanis and of the General Register of Harnings, Inhibitions, and Adjudications under this Act, and to sanction such increased Establishment of Deputies, Assistants, Clerks, or other Officers as may be necessary for the purposes hereof, and to fix the Salaries and Remuneration to be allowed out of Funds to be provided by Parliament for that purpose; and Copies of all Minutes made by the said Commissioners in pursuance of this Section shall be laid before Parliament forthwith, if Parliament be sitting, or, if not, within fourteen days after next ensuing Session of Parliament; the Return to show the Date of each Appointment to any of the Offices referred to, and by whom made; the Salary given under the new Appointment, and the former Salary payable for the same or a similar Office; the Total Amount of the Salaries as the Offices are now regulated, and the Total Amount formerly payable; also to distinguish the Names and Salaries of Persons newly appointed to Offices under the Act from the Names and Salaries of Persons who formerly held Offices in the Register House, and who have been promoted to other Offices, or whose Salaries have been increased; also to show what steps have been taken by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in carrying into effect the 20th Section of the Act, by providing a Salary for the Lord Clerk Register.
and regulating the Duties of the Office, with the Date of granting any such provision or making any such Regulations, also to state what Amount, if any, has been paid or promised under that part of the 22nd Section of the Act which authorises the Keeper of a Register whose Office has been discontinued to receive from the Treasury such compensation as the said Commissioners shall deem just, having regard to the Terms of his Commission; together with Extracts from the Commission of such Keeper, so far as respects the nature of his original Appointment, or his Claim to Compensation in terms of this 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.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Accounts of the Sums expended out of the Means of the Parliament for Public Education in England and Wales, between the 21st day of March 1868 and the 1st day of April 1869:—So far as can be given or estimated, of the Sums derived from Subscriptions, School Peace, and other Sources, and spent in connection with the Monies voted as above by Parliament:

And, similar Accounts for 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.

The Consolidated Fund (£.8,405,272. 13. 4. d.) 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 Endowed Schools Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Norwich the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 12th day of this instant March, relative to the Norwich Election:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 1st day of April next.

And a Motion being made, and the Question

so put, That this House do now adjourn; And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Noes to the Left.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons in to consider whether any facilities can be given for the Despatch of Business in Parliament, especially in regard to the relations of the two Houses; and the Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to appoint an equal number of Members to be joined with the Members of the Lords.

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Norwich the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 12th day of this instant March, relative to the Norwich Election:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 1st day of April next.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

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Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That it is expedient to enable Lord Napier of Magdala to receive the full benefit of his Salary as Member of the Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or as holding any other office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an Annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Victoria, chapter ninety-one.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Second Amended Reading of the Assessed Rates Bill:

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Metropo into a Committee on the Metropolitan Commonal Supplemental Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply on the Indemnity of Lands Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Pharmacy Act Reading of the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment (1869) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by Mr. Attorney General for Royal clemency on behalf of such Prisoners, was resumed till Wednesday next.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

The same was read the first time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Blake presented a Bill to amend the Laws relative to the Sea Fisheries of Ireland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The said Petition, praying the House to adopt measures for the consolidation of the Irish Railways into one harmonious system, and the reduction of the Tariff for Goods and Passengers to the scale suggested by the Irish Railway Commissioners in their Second Report, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Dundee Harbour Board on 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 Dundee Harbour Bill.

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

The Oswaldtwistle Local Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business was postponed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Reports of the Inspectors of Factories to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for the Home Department, for the Half-year ending 31st October 1868.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business was postponed.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, New National Gallery, dated the 10th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the New National Gallery.

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

Sir Francis Goldsmid reported from the General Railway and Canal Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; That they had formed certain Bills into Groups, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Mr. Aves reported from the Select Committee on Bruce's Restitution Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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,

Tuesday, 16th March, 1869.

Pray for Us.

Political Prisoners.

The House being informed, That the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin attended at the door; he was called in, and at the Bar presented,—A Petition of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin.—And then he withdrew.

And the said Petition, praying the House to take such steps within the Constitution as may hasten the extension of perfect religious equality to all Her Majesty's subjects in Ireland, by the disestablishment and disendowment, by Act of Parliament, of the Church now established by Law in Ireland, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Metropolitan Poor Act" (1867); and that Mr. Courtenay, Mr. Arthur Peel, and Mr. Ayerton do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the Hours of Toil of the Women and Children employed in Printworks ought to be assimilated to the Hours of Toil of the Women and Children employed in Factories:—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, a Return of the Names and Addresses of all Persons convicted within the last six months, in the Metropolitan District of Police, in Penalties of not less than Forty shillings each, of using short Weights and Measures, with the Amount of the Fine imposed in each case.

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act" (1863)," and the Acts continuing the temporary Provisions of the same: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Ch educational opportunities in the Metropolitan District of Police, in Penalties of not less than Forty shillings each, of using short Weights and Measures, with the Amount of the Fine imposed in each case.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Parishes in England and Wales to provide for the maintenance of Paraphernal Assessment or Voluntary Contributions; And that Mr. Whitley and Mr. Blake do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Parliamentary and Municipal Elections do consist of Twenty-one Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Marquis of Harrington, Mr. Gathorne Hardy, Mr. John Bright, Mr. Hunt, Sir George Grey, Mr. Villiers, Sir Frederick Hoggat, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Cross, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. Rease, Mr. Langham, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Locks, Mr. Henry Smith, the O'Connor Don, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dalgety, Mr. Michael Healy Booth, Mr. James, and Mr. House; with Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes; And that Mr. Ayerton and the Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act" (1863)," and the Acts continuing the temporary Provisions of the same: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Ch educational opportunities in the Metropolitan District of Police, in Penalties of not less than Forty shillings each, of using short Weights and Measures, with the Amount of the Fine imposed in each case.

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Ordered, That Mr. Sted and Mr. Granes be added to the Select Committee on Mail Contracts.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power—

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That an Instruction to the Committee sit and proceed forthwith, and to sit from day to day.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken on the Trial of the Petition against the Return of Major Knox for the Borough of Sedgeley be laid before this House.

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning; Wednesday, 17th March, 1869:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Party Proclamations (Ireland) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereon:—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;—And that the House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Party Proclamations (Ireland) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereon:—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;—And that the House divided.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Master for any taxation to have regard to the number of witnesses of promoters of undertakings) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the East India Irrigation and Canal Company Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Lords of the 10th day of this instant March, wherein their Lordships acquaint the House, That they have appointed a Committee of Six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons, "to consider whether any facilities can be given for the Despatch of Business in Parliament, especially in regard to the relations of the two Houses;" and the Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to appoint an equal number of Members to be joined with the Members of the Lords.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the House of Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message of Monday the 15th day of this instant March, to consider whether any facilities can be given for the Despatch of Business in Parliament, especially in regard to the relations of the two Houses:—And a Committee was appointed of Sir George Grey, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Howes, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Dodson, and Colonel Wilson Patten; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint their Lordships, that this House, having considered their Lordships' Message, has appointed a Select Committee of Six Members to join with the Committee appointed by the House of Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message of Monday the 15th day of this instant March, to consider whether any facilities can be given for the Despatch of Business in Parliament, especially in regard to the relations of the two Houses:—And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Lord Napier and Lord Of Lord Napier and Mandate, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—That it is expedient to enable Lord Napier and Mandate to receive the full benefit of his Salary as Member of the Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or as holding any other office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an Annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Vtoria, chapter ninety-one.

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. Dodson, Mr. Grant Duff, and Mr. Stansfield do prepare, and bring it in.

The Metropolitan Commoners Supplemental Bill Metropolitan Commoners Supplemental 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 Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill; join with the Committee appointed by the House  

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Walpole presented a Bill to enable Parishes to provide for the mainenance of Turnpike Roads within their respective Districts as Public Highways, and to discharge the Debts due thereon by Parochial Assessment or Voluntary Contribution: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. GORENCHEN presented a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867); and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. AYRSTON presented a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes for the support of the Municipal Corporations in the Metropolis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.
Mr. Aytoun presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the Acts annexing the same; 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 Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act, 1860," and the Acts containing the temporary Provisions of the same: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Great Duff presented a Bill to enable Lord Napier of Magdala to receive the full benefit of the Salary of Member of Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or of holding any other office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an Annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Victoria, chapter ninety-one: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Appointments (Ireland), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

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 24th Volume, be printed.

Ordered, That 750 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Denis Le Marchant, the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken at the Trial of the Sligo Borough Election, ordered upon the 16th day of this instant March to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

Wednesday, 17th March, 1869.

Prayer.

The House was moved, that the Resolution Dumfries, which, upon the 15th day of this instant March, was County Writ, reported from the Select Committee on Members holding Contracts (Sir Sydney Waterlow), might be read; and the same was read, as follows:

"That Sir Sydney Holley Waterlow is disqualified, under the Statute 22 Geo. 3. c. 45, from sitting and voting as a Member of this House."

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Dumfries, in the room of Sir Sydney Holley Waterlow, who is incapable of sitting and voting as a Member of this House under the Statute 22 Geo. 3. c. 45.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Improvement Returns from the Sheriff of the City of Oxford, of the Number of Persons arrested by them under Writs of Capias ad satisfaciendum during the year 1868:—From the Governor of White Cross-street Prison of the Number of Persons transmitted to his custody under Writs of Capias ad satisfaciendum during the year 1868:—Of the Number of such last-named Persons who were discharged from custody by order of the Court of Bankruptcy:—And, from Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, showing the Number of Writs of Capias ad satisfaciendum lodged with them in the year 1868 which were withdrawn.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Readings were ordered to be upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Homerton Congregational Schools, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Sligo Borough Election Town Petition, ordered upon the 16th day of this instant March to be laid before this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Admiralty Jurisdiction (County Courts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second County Courts Reading of the County Courts Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Revenue Reading of the Revenue Officers 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. Mosh; Mr. Crawford); 88.
Tellers for the Noes: (Mr. Glynn); 307.
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.

Libel Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Money Laws (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money Laws (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sea Birds Preservation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sea Birds Preservation Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, 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 Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Poor Law (Scotland.)
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant March, That the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland) do consist of Nineteen Members;
And the Question being again proposed.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Select Committee do consist of Twenty Members.
The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Crawford, the Lord Advocate, Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Armitt, Mr. Cameron, Sir Thomas Colborne, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Cram Ewing, Mr. Orie Ewing, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Leach, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Layton, Mr. Miller, Sir Graham Montgomery, Mr. Parker, Sir D. Wattburn, and Mr. Arthur Pent, with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Brock's Salient 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant March, That the Party Proceedings (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 20th day of April next.

The East India Irrigation and Canal Company 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 Reading of the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 31st day of May next.
Ordered, That the Knights of the Shire do prepare 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 have Commissioners executing exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts, do prepare 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 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.
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Schedules of the Annual Tariff Acts Continuance Act, 1869, and report their Opinion thereon.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Registration Committee on Registration of Parliamentary Voters to inquire also into the Law affecting the Registration of Voters at Municipal Elections, and the expediency of having one Register for both purposes.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Foremost Statements from the Commissioners of Woods, and Bed of Forests, and Land Revenues, of all Legal Provisions instituted by the Law Officers others wise, on behalf of the Crown, with respect to the Title of the Crown as claimed to the Bed or Shores of the Sea Coast, or the Beds or Shores of Tidal Navigable Rivers, against Corporate Bodies or private Individuals.—Of the Nature and Object of the Suit in each Case; the Name of the Law Officer by whom it was commenced; and whether the Decision or Result was in favour of or adverse to the Crown; and the Amount of Costs incurred on behalf of the Crown: — Of the Length of Time during which such Suit was pending before it was brought to a conclusion or its object attained; the nature of the steps taken therein; and any Observations necessary to explain the same:—Of the Terms upon which Authority or Advice under which any such Proceedings have been retailed:—Of the estimated Value of any Property that has
Thursday, 18th March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dodson reported the West Middlesex Water Bill, with Amendments.

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 Waterford, New Ross, and Waterford Junction Railway Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the provisions of the Act 31 & 32 Vict. c. 116, sec. 35, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Colonel Wilson Potter reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That in the case of the London and South Western Railway (Further Powers) Bill, Petition of Arthur Edward Grant, for dispensing with Standing Order 126 in the case of the Petition of Merchants, Tradesmen, and Inhabitants of Poole, against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

2. That in the case of the Dumbarton Water, No. 1 Bill, Petition of James White, for dispensing with Standing Order 126 in the case of his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

3. That in the case of the Great Yarmouth Water Bill, 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 Bishop's Stortford Water Bill, 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 Harrow, Edgware, and London Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had Controversies received from the Juries of Elections, as to the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1869, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections for The Borough of King's Lynn; The Borough of Beverley; and, The City of Hereford. And the same were read, as follow:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1869. King's Lynn Election

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, certify that upon the sixteenth day of March 1869 and the following day I duly held a Court at King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Borough of King's Lynn aforesaid, between William Armes and George Holditch, Petitioners; and the Honourable Robert Bourke, Respondent.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial, I determined that the said Robert Bourke, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was duly elected and returned, and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election,
in further pursuance of the said Act I report as follows:—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the consent or knowledge of any of the Candidates at the said Election.

And I further report, in pursuance of the said Act, that, upon the trial of the said Petition, there was no evidence before me that any corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Baronets of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, certify that upon the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and the two following days, I duly held a Court at Beverley, in the County of York, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the said Borough of Beverley, between Lake Hill, John Armstrong, and Joseph Davanti, Petitioners; and Sir Henry Edwards, and Edmund Hogan Kennard, Respondents.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Sir Henry Edwards and Edmund Hogan Kennard, being the Members whose places and seats were complained of in the said Petition, were not duly elected or returned, and that the said Election for the said Borough was void; and I do hereby certify in writing my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, in further pursuance of the said Act I report as follows:—

That, upon the said trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any of the candidates at the said Election.

That the number of persons who were proved at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices was one hundred and four, and that their names are written in the Schedule hereto annexed.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I report that corrupt practices did prevail, and that there was reason upon the evidence before me to believe that they did extensively prevail, at the said Election.

And, in further pursuance of the said Act, I make this Special Report as to certain matters arising in the course of the said trial, an account of which ought, in my judgment, to be submitted to the House of Commons:—

The registered voters of the Borough were stated to be about 2,600, and at the Election referred to in the Petition Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard, who until this Election was a stranger to the Borough, were candidates upon the Conservative interest, and Mr. Masswell and Mr. Anthony Trollope candidates upon the Liberal interest. The result of the poll was, that Sir Henry Edwards polled 1,132 votes; Captain Kennard, 956 votes; Mr. Masswell, 856 votes; and Mr. Trollope, 740 votes.

It appeared that Sir Henry Edwards first came to Beverley about the year 1857, upon the invitation of Mr. Wreghitt, a draper in the town, on behalf of himself and others. Sir Henry Edwards was manager, and a Mr. Usher the secretary. From and after the year 1857, and con-
pasture masters are to be elected annually by the freemen, which pasture masters have the management of the pastures, and the control of the income and expenditure arising from and relating to them. From a document put in evidence, being their account from February 1868 to February 1869, it appears that the amount of income received by the pasture masters during that year was about £940, and the expenditure about £635.

When Mr. Wreggitt became the agent of Sir Henry Edwards the practice was that the pasture masters were equally divided between the two parties—the Conservative and Liberal—six of each; but that afterwards, by means of money supplied by Mr. Wreggitt, the same system of bribery was resorted to in the election of pasture masters as in the election of town councillors, and by this corruption it has resulted that the entire body is now in the Conservative interest.

By the will of a Mr. Robert Walker an annual income of £90 was given to the pasture masters, upon trust, to distribute it between poor freemen of the Borough, or their widows or children, to aid them in respect of losses which they might sustain by the death of their stock, and to enable them to purchase stock, and to help them in the world, and for other purposes of a similar nature; and the testator declared "his wish and intention to be that the payments should be made in such substantial sums as would effect the object intended by his will, and that they should not be made at small amounts so as to embrace a greater number of objects." An account of the receipts and payments for the year ending February 1869 was put in evidence, by which it appears that the net income of that year was distributed amongst forty-two persons. Of these six were women, and of the remainder all, except two, were Parliamentary voters. The sums paid were all small, varying from three pounds downwards, and it is alleged that the payments were made by the pasture masters in direct violation of their trust, and with a view to influence votes at the Elections. At the last Election 34 of these freemen voted, of whom 26 voted for Sir Henry Edwards, 23 for Mr. Kennard, 11 for Mr. Maxwell, and 7 for Mr. Trueman.

It was notorious during the autumn of last year that Parliament would be dissolved, and the General Election take place about the middle of November. The election of town councillors took place on the 2nd. There were six vacancies to be filled up—one in each of the two wards—there being two in the Borough, and there were six Conservative and six Liberal candidates. Three of the Conservative candidates were Mr. Norfolk, Mr. Ober, and a Mr. J. R. Lowther. The Election took place on the 3rd November, and the Parliamentary Election about a fortnight afterwards; it appears from the evidence of Mr. Norfolk that on the Friday or Saturday before the Municipal Election he went to a bank at Beverley, at which he did not keep an account himself, nor was the account of the Waggon Company kept there, and arranged with the manager of that bank for a loan of from £500 to £500. He stated that he believed he drew out £500 on the Saturday, but upon that day and on the Monday he of about £40, of which at least was spent in bribery; he paid it to various persons whom he named, amongst others to the Mr. Lowther and others who were directly engaged in this bribery to use such force as they might have to effect the object only, and not at all to influence the Parliamentary Election.

Sir Henry Edwards and Captain Kennard came to Beverley the following day, the 3rd November, and there was no evidence that from that day any bribery took place, and Sir Henry Edwards stated that until the trial he never was told or heard of the bribery and corruption which had taken place at the Municipal Election, certainly as early as 11 o'clock, and after more than half of the entire voters had voted for the Conservative candidates, the payment of the bribes was continued, and nearly the whole of £800 was expended in this manner.

It was stated by Mr. Norfolk that this £800 was to have been repaid by him to the bank, each of the other candidates contributing an equal share with him, but no part of this money has yet come to hand, and the whole amount is still due to the bank, nor have the other candidates paid to Mr. Norfolk any part of what is alleged they were to contribute. Very few of the above facts, and none of them relative to the last Municipal Election, were disputed or denied by the learned counsel for the Respondents. The contention was that the bribes then given were to influence the Municipal Election only, and not at all to influence the Parliamentary Election.

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It was perfectly satisfied upon the whole of the evidence that more than 800 Parliamentary Electors were bribed, and sworn to have been paid to have been said to them by the persons who bribed them, etc., that the bribes were for the Parliamentary Election as well as the Municipal Election was the truth. The persons who were alleged to have made these statements were all named, and not one of them was able to contradict it. The excuse alleged for this bribery was that the Liberal party were doing the same.
It was stated by Mr. Norfolk that his reason for drawing out the money on the Monday was, that he was told the Liberal party were paying twenty-five shillings a vote with money supplied by Messrs. Maxwell and Treloar, who were at that time in the Borough as candidates. I had no means of investigating this matter as it was not in issue in the Petition before me, nor did I think it right of myself to continue the examination of the witnesses called beyond the examination and cross-examination of the learned Counsel.

The only witnesses called for the Respondents were Mr. Norfolk and Mr. Wraggitt and the Respondents themselves, neither Mr. Louth nor any of the other persons who paid the bribes were called. It is thought right to have the condition of this Borough with regard to the general prevalence of bribery and corruption thoroughly investigated, it can only be done by a Commission issued in pursuance of the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 51.

Schedule.

1. Richard Norfolk.
2. J. B. Louth.
4. William Wraggitt, a painter.
5. William Wraggitt, a manufacturer.
6. Robert Kenyon, a Whig.
8. Mr. Cleaver, of Railway St.
12. Tindal Brown.
15. David Nutby.
16. Thompson Ireland.
17. George Clive, Esquire.
18. Thompson, a barber.
22. Samuel Deliby.
23. Mr. Munkman.
25. Mr. Kemplay.
27. Thomas Harris.
30. William Rippon.
31. Mrs. Lamb, "Tamners Arns."
32. Mr. Louth.
33. Mr. Skinn.
34. James Hoddersey.
35. Thomas Ferril.
36. Thomas Hezichurst.
37. Spence Cullinan.
38. George Weir.
40. John Brooks.
41. John Wardall.
42. Edward Beatte.
43. James Ellis.
44. John McCutiovis.
45. John Felker.
46. John Shaw Tomlinson.
47. John Tomlinson.
49. George Sampier.
50. Horace Walters.
51. Robert Moore.
52. Thomas Appletton.
53. Richd. Tattersall.
54. John Rosam.
55. Wm. Weldridge.
56. William Addy.
57. Merrius Laccelles.
58. John Bagnall.
60. John Dalton.
61. John Bean.
62. George Petch.
63. John Shields.
64. Robert, Evenington.
65. James Smethy.
66. Wm. Elbingorton.
67. Wm. Knife.
68. Wm. Eding.
69. Rod. Turnbull.
70. Jas. Wm. Lowell.
71. Robert Tose.
72. Henry De Can.
73. Dowl. Nicholass.
74. Levi Nicholass.
75. Joseph Sykes.
76. William Dixon.
77. Wm. Noon Dixon.
78. John Constable.
79. John Groventham.
80. John Tidd.
81. Henry Condor.
82. George Wilkinson.
83. John Abbott.
84. William Woolcock.
85. George Brusby.
86. Joseph Kitching.
87. Robert Charlem.
88. James Walters.
89. George Cross.
90. Joseph Andersen.
91. Robert Grassby.
92. Thea. Railton.
94. Henry Whitehall.
95. John Chambers.
96. James Harrison.
97. Robert Shaw, Porta.
98. George Sanderson.
100. Wm. serene.
101. Isaac Cooke.
102. Samuel Barrett.
103. Thomas Foster.
104. Robert Castle.

32 Victoria. 18th March.

John Cleere, Esquire, Petitioners; and George Clive, Esquire, and John William Shaw Wyllie, Esquire.

The Right Honorable The Speaker.

Sir,

I hereby certify that, at the trial of the above Election Petition, I determined that George Clive, Esquire, and John William Shaw Wyllie, Esquire, the Members whose Return and Election is complained of, were not duly elected; and that the election was void.

And, in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, s. 11, I report:

A. That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at the said Election.
B. That it was proved at the trial that the said George Clive, Esquire, and John William Shaw Wyllie, Esquire, were, by their agents, guilty of treating.
C. That corrupt practices have not been proved to have, nor is there any reason to believe that corrupt practices have, extensively prevailed at the said Election.

Colin Blackburn,

Election Judge.

To the Right Honorable The Speaker.

And the said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Ship lights, a Copy of any Correspondence respecting the siting of the Coloured Side Lights of Ships, and of any Instructions recently issued with respect thereto.

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Rule of the Road at Sea, and any Order in Council, Regulations, or Instructions recently issued with respect thereto.

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to grant to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Sentences of the Female Convicts not proposed to be released, stating what portion of their Sentences is unexpired, and distinguishing between those confined in Australia and those in Great Britain and Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 72, 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 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, confined to the Municipal Boroughs of Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester, of all Schools for the Poorer Classes of Children; whether such Schools are wholly or in part supported by Taxation, Private Contributions, or Fees; and whether they be in the nature of Asylums or of Day Schools; provided that the Fees (if any) charged at any School included in the Return do not exceed 1s. per week; also a Return of a sufficient Number of such Schools in each of the said Boroughs to inform this House of the quality of the Education which the said Schools.

Herford City Election.

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 Persons convicted of Adulterating Food and Drink (Metropolitan Police), stating the Number of Convictions in each case, the Localities in which the Offences were committed, and the Penalties awarded.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dead Meat Returns showing the Quantity by weight of Dead Meat booked to London annually, during the last ten years, by the Cabotations, North British, Glasgow and South Western, and Highland Railways in Scotland, and by the London and North Western, the Great Northern, the North Eastern, and Midland Railways in England, distinguishing the principal Booking Stations, with the Amount at each; also, similarly, the Numbers of Live Stock, Castle, Sheep, and Pigs, separately—Likewise, by the authorities of Newcastle and London Markets, showing the Quantities of Dead Meat received there annually from the Provinces during the last ten years, and the Total Quantity both from the Metropolis and the Provinces.—And, from the authorities at Preston, of the Numbers of Live Stock sold annually there during the last ten years.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Clerks Copies of the Order in Council of the 18th day of February 1866, fixing the Scale of Pay to be received by Third Class Clerks in Somerset House, and of the Communications between the Admiralty and the Treasury, on which it was founded—And, of any subsequent Correspondence on this subject between the Admiralty and the Treasury.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Poor Law Returns of the Sums expended out of the Poor Law Rates for Medical Relief in England and Wales during each of the Thirty-one Parochial years ending in 1855—Of the Sums expended under the Public Vaccination Acts during each of the Twenty-eight years ended in 1868—And, with respect to the years 1867 and 1868, a Comparative Statement of the Sums paid to Union Medical Officers in the shape of Salaries, or as a Remuneration per Case attended, as well as for Extra Medical Fees, and the Amounts disbursed for Vaccination.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Naval Officers, a Copy of the Instructions under which Discretionary Powers are granted to Naval Officers with respect to Requisitions addressed to them by Diplomatic or Consular Authorities.

Mr. Childers accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. William Edward Forster presented,—For Endowed Charities, their Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of July, in Session 1867, for Copies of the General Digest of Endowed Charities for the Counties and Cities mentioned in the Fourteenth Report of the Charity Commissioners, of the Charities vested in the various London Companies, in so far as such Digests have been completed, or can be completed, up to the time of Publication.

Ordered, That the said Return be laid upon the Table.
Mr. Ayrton presented—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Post Office (West India Mails).
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Grant Duff presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Explanation of Lord Napier of Magdala, relative to certain Statements in Mr. Rossam's Alysian Report.

Mr. Grant Duff also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to East Indies (Sanitary Improvements).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 17th day of this instant March, That there be laid before this House, the Order made upon the 17th day of this instant March, was read, and discharged.

Returns relative to Imprisonment for Debt, was read, and discharged.

Writs of Habeas Corpus were presented, by Her Majesty's Grant Duff, appointed Mr. Ayrton; and that Mr. Ayrton's Motion be now 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 Irish Church 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 six months."

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Marine Mutiny Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 1st day of April next; and be printed.

Amendments made.
Clauses, No. 1 to No. 5, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Any person who shall expose or offer for sale, or have in his possession the eggs of any Sea Birds between the first day of April and and the first day of August in any year, shall, on conviction thereof before a Justice or Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every such bird, egg, or sea fowl so exposed or offered for sale, or being in his possession as aforesaid, such sum of money as to the said Justice or Justices shall seem meet, together with the costs of such conviction, unless it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the said Justice or Justices that the said said birds or eggs as exposed or offered for sale as aforesaid have been taken previously to the first day of April or subsequently to the first day of August, or that the said eggs have been taken solely and exclusively for the purpose of being used as food)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words " or for scientific purposes." 

Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.
Clauses, as amended, agreed to, and added. Another Clause added. 

Preamble amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 1st day of April next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Apportionment of Grand Jury Fees (Ireland).

Bill 39.

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, Reports from the Sheriffs of Middlesex, showing the Number of Persons arrested by them under Writs of Capias ad satisfaciendum during the year 1868;

And that Mr. Stacpoole and Colonel Greville-Yonge do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Minutes of the Sessional Evidence taken on the Trial of the Beverley Election Petition against the Return of Sir Henry Edwards, Baronet, and Captain Kennard, be laid before this House.

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 Numbers of Public Houses and Beer Houses, the Number proceeded against, convicted of Offences against the terms of their Licence, and the Number of Persons proceeded against, convicted, and discharged for Drunkenness; showing also the Amount of Inoffensive Crime committed, and the Number of known Thieves, &c. in the following Cities and Boroughs: Bradford, Derby, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester (City), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Safford, Sheffield, Stockport, and Sunderland, for the year ending the 29th day of September 1868.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
Friday, 19th March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERS. That the Select Committee on Mail Contracts have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the Sitting of the House; and to sit Tomorrow, at Twelve of the clock, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, praying that provision may be made for the Holborn Valley Improvement Bill for enabling the Parish of Saint Sepulchre and the Corporation of Holborn to effect an Improvement near the Parish Church of Saint Sepulchre, by the appropriation of a piece of Land, and by the dedication of the same to the public, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group D of Private Bills have to sit Tomorrow, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

Ordered, The Return relative to the New National Gallery, which was presented upon the Gallery, 16th day of this instant March, to be printed.

Ordered, The Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Owen Stanley reported from the Committee Lords on Group E of Private Bills; That in the case of the Holborn Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally 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.

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

No. 68.

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Royal Assent.

Yeoman usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 follows:

An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the years ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-nine, and One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-eight, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-nine, and One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy.

An Act to relieve Alexander Bruce, of Bruce's Knowes, in the County of Caithness, Esquire, and the Heirs for the time being of the said Bruce, of the payment of the Duty of Bill [Lords.]

Michael, first Lord Balfour of Buryling, in the Peerage of Scotland, from the effect of the At-tainder of Robert, fifth Lord Balfour of Buryling.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Nottingham Water Bill, Petition of Messrs. Ward, Mills, and Whitham, Water Bill, for dispensing with Standing Order 126 in the case of the Petition of Sir John Sutton, Baronet, against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

2. That in the case of the Holborn Docks and Warehouses Bill, 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 Crichton Bridge Bill, Crichton Bridge Bill, Petition of John Allen, for dispensing with Standing Order 126, and for leave to deposit a Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Crichton Bridge Bill, Crichton Bridge Bill, Petition of William Taylor, for dispensing with Standing Order 126, and for leave to deposit a Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Abyssinia, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Public Houses and Beer Houses.

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Education (National Society). Ordered, That the said Return 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, a Copy of Correspondence with the two Architects of Justice recommended by the Judges of Designs previous to the Treasury Minute appointing an Architect to the Supreme Court of Judicature.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of a Message from the Lords:—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 the Order of the day, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Church 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.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time; and which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Crystal Palace Company to grant Leases of certain portions of their Land; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Ilkley Gas Company (Limited), and re-incorporating the Proprietors therein with others, and to give them further powers for supplying Gas to Ilkley and the Neighbourhood, in the West Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for dissolving the Ilkley Gas Company (Limited), and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Acts relating to the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

Ordinance Survey and Topographical Dept.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Ordnance Survey and Topographical Dept., to the 31st December 1868. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordinance Survey and Topographical Dept. No. 93.

Mr. Arthur Peel presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant March, for Returns relative to Education (National Society). Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present this House, a Report upon the Creeksea Bridge Bill.

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Pharmacy Act 1868. Amend ment Bill.

Ordered, That the Pharmacy Act 1868 Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of April next.

Creeksea Bridge Bill. No. 88.

Ordered, That the Board of Trade do present this House, a Report upon the Creeksea Bridge Bill.

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Pharmacy Act 1868. Amendment Bill.

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 Sums expended in the various Counties in England and Wales, levied on the County Rates, during the year 1867; showing separately the Total Expenditure in each County, and the portion of the above so spent under Statutes, over which the Local Authority have no control, and that over which they have an independent control; also, the forms of Expenditure in each County under the last column:

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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 Consideration of a Message from the Lords:—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 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 Correspondence with the two Architects of Justice recommended by the Judges of Designs previous to the Treasury Minute appointing an Architect to the Supreme Court of Judicature.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Church 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.

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 the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for better supplying with Gas and Water the Town of Ilkley and Neighbourhood, in the County of York, and for other purposes; to Bill [Lords.] the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Crystal Palace Company to grant Leases of certain portions of their Land; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure of Lands Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Select Committee on Parlia-
durham) Bill, the whole House, for Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure of Lands Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Fisheries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee on the Inclosure of Lands Bill.

Lands Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Maritime Mutiny Bill. Mr. Dodson also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Maritime Mutiny Bill.

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

That the Select Committee on Registration was nominated of Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Stanley, Lefton, Vincenzo Sambon, Mr. Bathoe, Mr. Collins, Mr. Dibb, Mr. Beauro, Mr. Morey, Mr. Wharncliffe, Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Bouamont, Mr. Godley, Mr. Hodgkinson, and Mr. Hertong, with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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

Saturday, 20th March, 1869:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Lord Napier's Salaries Bill and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Maritime Mutiny Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Dodson also reported, That the Committee had gone through the Mutiny Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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And the House, according to Order, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had Controversed with Mr. Justice Napier for the Trial of Election Petitions in the British Ship " Tornado."

Ordered, That 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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3. The Election complained of by the Petition was void, by reason that the Members whose Election was complained of were by their Agents, but not personally, guilty of undue influence at such Election within the meaning of "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1864," section 34.

4. No corrupt practice was committed at such Election by or with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate.

5. Upon the evidence it did not appear that corrupt practices extensively prevailed, nor that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the Election.

6. Undue influence was exercised at the Election by the threatened discharge in some cases, and the actual discharge or expulsion in others, also before the Election, of workmen at certain mills in the Borough, on account of their political opinions, such treatment having a direct tendency to intimidate not only those who were discharged or expelled, but also others who entertained, or might, if left alone, have chosen to adopt like opinions, and to induce them either to vote against, or not to vote according to such opinions. The intimidation began about the time of the municipal election, which preceded the Parliamentary Election by a fortnight, and was contested by the party to which the Members adhered, with their concurrence, avowedly upon the same constitutional principles and as part of one political contest. The intimidation proceeded in most instances immediately from the fellow workmen of those who were ill-treated, but under circumstances in which it is highly improbable that they should have ventured upon such misconduct of their own heads, and in which the just inference is that they were led astray by overlockers or others in a higher position. In those cases the employers within a few days restored quiet, and in most instances did their best to repair the mischief by replacing the men discharged. Amongst those who thus interfered with their fellow workmen were very many whose names did not appear. The following were named, but no individual case was dwelt upon, and they were not called as witnesses, nor had any opportunity of explanation, viz.: James Hanworth, Henry Wade, Thomas Whitall, Henry Sharples, John Procter (not the witness), Thomas Sharrock (not the witness), David Smalley, John Hanworth (not the witness), George and James Smith, John Leach, John Fielding, and James Fielding. In another and smaller class of cases men were threatened and discharged by persons in authority as managers, overseers, and otherwise, who as a class had been specially called upon (with the sanction of the Members) to exercise their influence on the men, as in the case of William Greenwood's Mill by John Langtree and William Wade, and at Coddington's Canal Mill by one Cotton, in the latter of which cases an attempt was made to recall the men, which failed because of their having taken legal proceedings by which in the end, they recovered damages. The mischief thus done extended to a portion only of the mills upon the winning side. It does not appear to have led to retaliation. It was speedily checked by the interposition of the employers, but it must have had its effect on the workmen and apprehension, which were expressly proved to have effected the votes of some few, and more than probably in fluctuation and fear. For this interference with the free exercise of the franchise, proceeding in part, at least, from agency affecting the Members return, the Election is adjudged to be void.

7. The names of the persons mentioned in the next preceding paragraph are stated in obedience to "The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868," section 11, article 14, letter (b), and not for the purpose of suggesting ulterior proceedings; on the contrary, it is respectfully submitted that, considering all the circumstances, any further vindication of the Law is unnecessary.

J. S. WILLES.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills (Pale Day Bill). Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill for the Impartial Investigation of the Causes of the Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt; for the Punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve o'clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 22nd March, 1869.

PRAYERS.

MR. CHARLES FORSTER reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the Report of the Lords Committee on Public Petitions, 17th, 18th, and 19th 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 informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice WILLES, one of the Judges selected pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, Reports relating to the Elections for the Northern Division of the County of Derby:

For the Borough of Cambridge; and
For the Borough of Thirsk.

And the same were read, as follow:—


Derbyshire Election Petitions.

Common Pleas, Judgment Chamber, 22nd March 1869.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by William Langtree, Esquire, and others, against Augustus Peter Arkwright, Esquire, one of the Members of Parliament for Derbyshire, Northern Division, praying that it might be determined that the said Augustus Peter Arkwright was not duly elected or returned, and that his Election and Return were void; and also, in the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by John Brough Coates and another against the Honourable George Henry Cavendish, commonly called Lord George Henry Cavendish, another of the Members of Parliament for Derbyshire, Northern Division, with a like prayer as to the Election of the said Lord George Henry Cavendish:—

I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows:—

Leave has been given to withdraw each of the said Petitions upon my satisfaction that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, and no one applying to be substituted as a Petitioner.

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Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 22nd March 1869.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Daniel Lloyd and John Brown, against Robert Richard Torrens, Esquire, and William Fowler, Esquire, Members of Parliament for the Borough of Cambridge, praying that it might be determined that the said Members respectively were not duly elected, and that the Election was void;

1. Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows:—

Leave has been given to withdraw the above Petition, such withdrawal having been shown to my satisfaction not to be the result of any corrupt arrangement or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, and no person applying to be substituted as Petitioner.

J. S. Willes.


Common Pleas, Judges' Chambers, 22nd March 1869.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Frederic Hill, Esquire, and others, against Sir William Payne Gulbenkian, Baronet, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Thrisk, praying that it might be determined that the said Sir William Payne Gulbenkian was not duly elected or returned, and that his Election was void;

2. Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows:—

Leave has been given to withdraw the above Petition upon my satisfaction that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, and no person applying to be substituted as Petitioner.

J. S. Willes.

And the said Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Bridgend (Glamorgan) Gas and Water Bill [Lords].

The Bridgend (Glamorgan) Gas and Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Crystal Palace Company Bill [Lords].

The Crystal Palace Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ilkley Gas Bill [Lords].

The Ilkley Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rock Life Assurance Company Bill [Lords].

The Rock Life Assurance Company 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; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Phillips reported from the Committee on Group D, of Private Bills:—That in the case of the Mosley Town and Harbour Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out that part relating to the repeal of Section 13 of the Margport District and Harbour Act, 1868, and inserting a recital that it is expedient that the Trustees should be empowered to purchase the Undertaking of the existing Company, and that until such purchase should be completed the Trustees should be limited to making and supplying Gas to the Lighthouse Harbour lamps, Town and District lamps, and the purposes specified in Section 104 of the Margport Improvement and Harbour Act, 1868, 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 there be laid before this House, "Atlantic" Pilot Cutter.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, "Atlantic", a Copy of Correspondence with the Board of Trade and the Trinity House relating to the Refusal of a Licence to the "Atlantic" Pilot Cutter of the Solly Islands.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Male Persons charged with Crime before the Police Magistrates of the Metropolis during the year 1868; distinguishing 1st. Those holding Licents of Licence, commonly called Tickets of Leave; 2nd. Those known to have been previously convicted, stating the Age of each Person so charged, the Crime laid to his charge, the Result of the Investigation before the Magistrate, and the Result of the Trial in cases in which there has been a Committal:—Numerical Return of all Male Persons whom the Police are prepared to charge with Crimes committed in the Metropolis during the year 1868 but whom they have been unable to arrest:—And, Return of Crimes committed in the Metropolis in the year 1868 of which Information has been given to the Police but of which the Perpetrators are unknown.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, "Triste Goul" Pilot Cutter.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Mens of the College of Maynooth under the Act of 23 & 24 Vict. c. 104; the Dates of Advance; and the Repayments (if any) on account of such Advances.

Mr. Monnell presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary General of the Guardian of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, a Copy of Reports showing the present state of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions transmitted with the Blue Books for the year 1867.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Income Tax, a Return of the Amount of all Abatements, Reductions, Allowances, and Repayments from Income Tax in respect of Annual Premiums paid by Persons for Insurances on Lives or Deferred Annuities to Insurance Offices or Friendly Societies, from the 31st day of March 1853 to the 31st day of March 1868, inclusive; stating the Amount in each year.

Ordered,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Correspondence between the Treasury and the Revenue Boards and the Board of Trade on the Subject of Proposals for a Reduction of the Wine Duties in connection with Negotiations for a Treaty of Commerce with Portugal.

Lord John Hay presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant March, for Returns relative to Clerks (Somerset House).

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 28th day of February 1869, for Returns relating to the Lord Lieutenantcy (Cumberland and Westmorland).

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant March, for Returns relative to Maynooth College.

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treaty Minute, dated 21st December 1868, regulating the Establishment of the General Register Office in Scotland.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Trade and Navigation Accounts for the Month ended 28th February 1869, and to the Month ended 28th February 1869, to the 20th day of this instant March, be printed.

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

Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marine Mutiny Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Mutiny Bill was, according to Order, read Marine 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.

Lord Napier's Salary Bill was, according to Lord Napier's 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Brazilian Slave Trade Bill and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Civil Officers (Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 1st day of April next.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Supplemental 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 of Supply:

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 Inclosure of Lands Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 18th day of April next, receive itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of Gentry, Yeomannies, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant March, praying for inquiry into the circumstances of the appointment of the Lord Lieutenant of the Counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland, be printed.

Ordered, That the Petition of Gentry, Yeomannies, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland and Westmoreland, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant March, praying that the Petition now in course of signature respecting the appointment of the Lord Lieutenant of the said Counties may be rejected, 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 Letter from Mears, Spratt and Partners, to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, dated the 9th day of April 1868.—Of Letter from Mr. Lane to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with joint Statement annexed thereto, dated the 26th day of May 1868.—Of Letter from the Home Office to the Chief Secretary, dated the 16th day of July 1868.—Of Letters from the Chief Secretary for Ireland to Mears, Price and Shaw, and to Messrs. Spratt and Partners, dated the 2nd day of July 1868.—Of Report from Mears, Shaw and Price to the Home Secretary, dated the 12th day of October 1868.—Of Warrant appointing Mr. Paterson to be a Special Commissioner of Irish Fisheries: Of Warrant appointing Mr. Paterson to be a Special Commissioner of Irish Fisheries, in addition to Mears, Lane and Spratt: Of Warrant revoking the Appointment of the Special Commissioners for Irish Fisheries:—Of Correspondence between the Home Office, the Irish Government, the Special Commissioners of Fisheries, and the permanent Inspectors of Fisheries, relating to the business of the Commission and the Appointment of Inspectors from the 18th day of October 1868 to the 17th day of February 1869:—And, of Warrants appointing Major Mayor and Mr. Brody to be permanent Inspectors of Fisheries.

Ordered, That 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. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of two Citizens to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Hereford, in the room of George Clarke, Esquire, and John William Wynlyde, Esquire, whose Elections have been determined to be void.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of two Burgesses to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Blackburn, in the room of William Henry Horsley, Esquire, and Joseph Fellin, Esquire, whose Elections have been determined to be void.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Valuation of the Property Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Assessed Rates Bill Dundee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Sea Birds Preservation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 5th day of April next.

The Order made upon the 19th day of this instant March, that there be laid before this House, of Justice—Counties of Durham, Meath, and Westmoreland, be printed.

Ordered, That the Address be presented to Colonel Wilson Paton reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Dundee Harbour Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party be permitted to introduce their additional Provision accordingly on proof being given that Notice of the intended application has been inserted for two successive weeks in a Dundee Newspaper; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Philips reported from the Committee on Dukinfield Group D. of Private Bills; That in the case of and Denver, the Dukinfield and Denton Local Board of Health 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. Dodson reported the Brynco Water Bill, Brynco Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Dublin Dublin and Meath Railway Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out so much thereof as relates to power being granted to the Dublin and Meath Railway Company, and to the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company, in reference to future agreements between the Companies, the Provisions in reference to which object had been withdrawn from the Bill, 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.

Mr.
Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Lambech Water Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to show more accurately 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. Dodson reported from the Penrose Park Trustees Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported the Workington Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Westmoreland, Workington, and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Middlesex Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Waterford, New Ross, and Wexford Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aylesbury, Thame, &c. Road Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 22nd of this Instant March, on account of the Fee Fund Regulations, made by the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, together with the Return of all Fees and Moneys levied in the year ending 31st December 1868, on account of the Fee Fund of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and of any other Fund under the authority of the Acts 20 & 21 Vic. c. 85, ss. 67 and 68:—Also, a Return of the Annual Salaries of the Judges, Registrars, Clerks, and all others holding Offices in the Courts of Probate in London and Dublin, together with an Account of all Fees and Moneys received in the year ending 31st December 1868:—Also, an Account of all Fees received by the District Registrars of the said Courts in England and Ireland, and the Dispensations thereout, and the Salaries paid to them respectively:—Also, a Return of all Compensations payable under the authority of the Probate Acts for England and Ireland respectively on 31st December 1868.

Return of all Rules and Regulations concerning the Practice and Procedure of fixing or regulating Fees, made by the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, together with the Return of all Fees and Moneys levied in the year ending 31st December 1868, on account of the Fee Fund of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, and of any other Fund under the authority of the Acts 20 & 21 Vic. c. 85, ss. 67 and 68:—Also, a Return of the Annual Salaries of the Judges Ordinary and of all Persons holding Offices in the said Court, with all the Incidental Expenses of the said Court, whether the said Salaries and Incidental Expenses aforesaid be defrayed out of Fees or out of any other Moneys:—Also, a Return of all Superannuations, Pensions, Annuities, Retiring Allowances and Compensations made payable under the Act, stating the Gross Amount and the Amount in detail of such Charges.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the directions of the House of Commons of 20th July 1867, an Account of the Annual Salaries of the Judges, Registrars, Clerks, and all others holding Offices in the Courts of Probate in London and Dublin, together with an Account of all Fees and Moneys received in the year ending 31st December 1868.
Breech-loading, "Atlantic" Pilot Cutter.

Mr. John Bright presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the "Atlantic" Pilot Cutter.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence between Mr. George H. Dix and the War Office, on the subject of the Reports on Breech-loading Small Arms presented to Parliament in 1868.

Copy of Report of Committee appointed to consider Captain Moncrieff’s Letter of the 5th December 1868 with reference to his Invention for mounting Guns.

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

Ordered, That a Copy of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on the 22nd day of this instant March, for a Return of Mr. O’Hare for Castel be laid before this House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Election Petitions, a Return of the Election Petitions alleging Bribery and Corruption, which have been tried and reported on by Election Committees since 1865, with the Number of Special Reports alleging general and extensive Corruption; the purport of the finding of the Committees, so as to show when a Member has been unseated for Bribery, although there has been no Special Report; giving the Number of Registered Electors, and the Population (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 77, of Session 1866).

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 Total Annual Expenses of each County Infirmary in Ireland for each year from 1861 to 1867 inclusive; including all Salaries, Repairs of Buildings, Maintenance of Sick, and all other Expenses, with the Average Cost per annum.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Trials of Coal at Woolwich, Portsmouth, and Devonsport Dockyards, between the 1st day of July 1867 and the 31st day of December 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 161, of Session 1867).

Ordered, That the Petition of the Vestry of Saint James, Westminster, which was presented upon the 16th day of February last, praying for delay in construction of Roadway along the Thames Embankment, until further inquiry has been instituted as to its necessity, be referred to the Select Committee on Hungerford Bridge and Wellington Street Viaduct.

Ordered, That Mr. Percy Wyndham have leave to move of absence for six weeks, on account of a domestic affliction;—and, Mr. Henry three weeks, on urgent business.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Mail Bill Contracts have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Dent 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, and an Appendix.

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

Ordered, That a Return, in Tabular Form, of all Election Petitions, petitions alleging Indimidation or undue influence, or either of them, and praying for the Seat in consequence thereof, which have been tried or reported upon by Election Committees since 1865, with the Decision of the Committee thereon; distinguishing in what cases the Election was upheld; in what cases the Election was declared void; and in what cases the parties for whom the Seat was prayed were seated (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 114, of Session 1866).

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, a Return, in Tabular Form, of all Election Petitions, petitions alleging Indimidation or undue influence, or either of them, and praying for the Seat in consequence thereof, which have been tried or reported upon by Election Committees since 1865, with the Decision of the Committee thereon; distinguishing in what cases the Election was upheld; in what cases the Election was declared void; and in what cases the parties for whom the Seat was prayed were seated (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 114, of Session 1866).

Ordered, That 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 Money Laws (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 24th March, 1869:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas;  Mr. Clynn, Mr. Adam.

Tellers for the Noes;  Mr. Duke.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Order: That the Bill be read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 15th day of April next.

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.

Brazilian Slave Trade Bill [Lords].

The Brazilian Slave Trade 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.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Suplemental Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 the 1st day of April next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 2nd day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inclosure of Lands Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inclosure of Lands Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 1st day of April next.

Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 2nd day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lands Clauses Consolidation 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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday the 1st day of April next.

Turbule Roads Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next, the Turville Roads Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next.
In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by T. H. Gladstone against James Leathart, complaining of his Election and Return as Member for the said City at the last Election.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
Parliament of the United Kingdom.

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, hereby report to you that leave has been given by me to withdraw the said Petition; and that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition; and that no one applied to be substituted as a Petitioner.

Samuel Martin.

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Section 36.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Borough of Oldham, in the County of Lancaster, between John Morgan Cobbett, Frederick Lowton Spinks, Thomas Evan Lee, and John Bentley, Petitioners; and John Tomlinson Hibbert and John Platt, Respondents.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
Sir, March 27, 1869.

I hereby certify that, at the trial of the above Election Petition, I determined that John Tomlinson Hibbert, Esquire, was duly returned and elected, and that John Platt, Esquire, was duly returned and elected.

And in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Section 11, I report:—

A. That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

B. That James Foreman and William Mitchell were proved to have been bribed by the payment of their day’s wages to vote for Messrs. Hibbert and Platt, and that James Pardoe and Benjamin Smith were proved to have bribed them by paying their day’s wages; and that John Hardman, junior, was proved to have been guilty of undue influence.

C. That there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have been committed at the said Election.

Colin Blackburn,
Election Judge.

Shrewsbury Election.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, (s. 36), Shrewsbury Election Petition.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker
Parliament of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Thomas Young and James Cook against James Figgis, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Shrewsbury, complaining of his Election and Return as such Member at the last Parliamentary Election.

I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, report as follows:—

Leave has been given to withdraw the Petition, upon proof to my satisfaction that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, and no one applying to be substituted as a Petitioner.

J. S. Willes.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Rock Life Assurance Company Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the City of Norwich, setting forth that corrupt practices prevailed, if at all, only to a very slight extent at the last Election for the said City; and praying the House not to recommend the issue of a Royal Commission to inquire into the alleged corrupt practices at the last Election for the said City, was presented, and read.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote "On Account" is required for the year ending 31st March 1870.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Election Petitions, ordered upon the 23rd day of March last, to be laid before this House.

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

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for a Return relative to Maynooth College.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to the Superannuation (Public Offices) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to Increase and Diminution (Public Offices), which was presented upon the 23rd day of March last, to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to the East India (Council) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts, and a Committee appointed to prepare a Report thereon; and that the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table:—Copy of Minutes of Evidence, taken at the Trial of the Corrupt Practices at Elections Petitions, ordered upon the 23rd day of March last to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be printed.

Mr. Lefevre presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Stannaries.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Norwich the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of March last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, 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 humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges selected for the Trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons, that corrupt practices did prevail at the last Election for the City of Norwich, and that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices did prevail at the said Election.

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 George Mortley Douds, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, Horatio Mansfield, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Robert John Bisco, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go to the Lords, and communicate the said Address, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for that day.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Committee on the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Supplemental 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 Reading of the Inclosure of Lands Bill,

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Endowed Schools Bill do consist of Twenty-one Members. The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. William Edward Forster, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Acton, Mr. M'Dowall, Mr. James Howard, Mr. Ashborne, Mr. Baxter, Sir John Hope, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Staffford Northop, Mr. Waller, Sir John Hope, Mr. Parker, Mr. George Gregory, Mr. Winterbottom, Mr. John Talbot, Mr. Jacob Bright, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Dilkeys, and Mr. Goldney.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, as relates to the approval by Meetings of Incorporated Railway Companies of Bills and Certificates for conferring further Powers on those Companies: And that Mr. Lefevre and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

Bridgewater Election.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, 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 humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that Sir Colin Blackburn, Knight, one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, and one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1866, has reported to the House of Commons, that there is reason to believe that bribery extensively prevailed at the last Election for the Borough of Bridgewater.

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 William Forster, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, Thomas Chisholm Astley, Esquire, Barrister-at-law, and Charles Edward Coode, Esquire, Barrister-at-law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto. Ordered, That the Clerk do go to the Lords, and communicate the said Address, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lefevre presented a Bill to repeal so much of The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, as relates to the approval by Meetings of Incorporated Railway Companies of Bills and Certificates for conferring further Powers on those Companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
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Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Treasury Chests, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mail Steamer Officers (Cunard and Isabella Lines), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mail Steamers tendered for the Service, be printed under the Bill for the first time in each case, and for the Creation and continuance in one case, and for the Pensions under any Act of Parliament still unrepealed.—Of the Names of the Political Offices holders of which might have become entitled to Pensions under any Act of Parliament still unrepealed.—Of the Names of the Political Offices holders of which might have become entitled to Pensions if the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill becomes Law; the Names of those Offices in the first Return which have been abolished or discontinued, and those in the second Return to which Pensions will under the Bill for the first time attach, to be distinguished by italics, with Notes, showing the authority for the Abolition or Discontinuance in one case, and for the Creation and
Assignments of present Salary in the other, viz. whether by Act of Parliament, recommendation of Committee, or otherwise. And, of the Total Amount which might at any one time have become payable for such Pensions under existing Acts, and the Total Amount which may become payable under the Bill if it becomes Law.

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

(In the Committee.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £168,704, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of the Admiration Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £168,204, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £284,073, for the Coast Guard Service, the Charges for the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers and for the Royal Naval Reserve.

3. £69,850, for the Expenses of the several Scientific Departments of the Navy.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,036,004, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty's Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1870.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. C. Erry; Mr. Ad, 45.

Tellers for the Noses: Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adam; 122.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having concluded to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 3rd April, 1869;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Companies' Meeting Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the 12th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the reduced Endowed Schools Bill do consist of Twenty-two Schools Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Alfred Lawrence be added to the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Committee do consist of Twenty-three Members;—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Sir John Hely be discharged from further attendance on the said Committee.

Ordered, That Lord Robert Montagu be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Turnpike Acts be consisted of Seven Members:

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Lord George Cavendish, Mr. Heath, Mr. West, Lord Beaumont, Mr. Heenaker-Major, Sir Robert Austruther, Mr. Welby, and Mr. Haversant; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the proposed Inclosure of Wisley Common;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. O. Cam, Mr. Adam; 122.

Tellers for the Noses: Mr. Glyn; Mr. O. Cam; 45.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 previous Convictions recorded against Persons now undergoing Sentences of Penal Servitude:

Life Sentences:
- Not previously convicted
- Convicted Once previously
- Twice
- Three times
- Four times
- Five times and upwards

Total

The same for:

Sentences 10 years and upwards
- 10 years and less than 10
- 7 years and less than 10
- 6 years
- 5 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.
Monday, 5th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Order for resuming, upon Tuesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Libel Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next, the Municipal Corporations (Metropolis) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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

A Petition of Electors of the City of Norwich, complaining that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the last Election for the said City; and praying the House to take measures for a Commission of Inquiry, was presented, and read.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Sea Birds consideration the Sea Birds Preservation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Mr. Ousey presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mand,—Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Secre- taries of Embassy and Legation on the Manufactures, Commerce, &c. of the Countries in which they reside. No. 2, 1869.

Copy of Commercial Reports received at the Commercial Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Consuls, in Reports. 1860. No. 3, 1869.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Ma- jesty's Command,—Tables of Agricultural Statistics, Ireland, showing the estimated Average Produce of the Crops for the year 1868; and the Emigration from Irish Ports, from 1st January to 31st December 1868; also the Number of Mills for scutching Flax in each County and Province.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return Parishes.

to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Parishes in which Alterations have been made in respect of the Number or Accommodation of Schools aided by Parliamentary Grants, giving the Average Attendance in each new or altered School, completed to the 31st day of December 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentory Paper, No. 114, of the present Session), as per annexed Schedule:—

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Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Patients for the 2nd day of March last, for Returns relative to Inventions.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Petition the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Inventions.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Petition the 9th day of March Petition last, for a Return relative to Petition Ireland.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant Dublin to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Metropolitan Police. An Abstract Account of all Monies received and expended on account of the Dublin Metropolitan Police.
Police Establishment (including the Police Courts) in the year ended 31st December 1868.

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

Mr. Aytoun presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Banks.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant April, for Returns relative to Civil Offices (Pensions),

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

Wine Duties.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Wine Duties, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant April, for the Victualling and for the Conveyance of Troops, on account of the Army Department.

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

Tuesday, 6th April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson 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. Dodson reported from the Committee of supply.

Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,089,704, be Admiralty granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £224,073, be Coast Guard granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries and the Expenses of the Coast Guard Service, the Charget for the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers and for the Royal Naval Reserve, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £92,850, be Scientific granted to Her Majesty, to defray 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 1870.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,089,704, be Dockyards, granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of Her Majesty’s Dockyards and Naval Yards, at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Comities of Ways and Means was read.

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

The Railway Companies’ Meetings Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 19th day of this instant April.

The Bankruptcy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 19th day of this instant April.

The Imprisonment for Debt Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 19th day of this instant April.

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

(In the Committee.)

1. £80,671, for the Officers and the Contingent Expenses of Her Majesty’s Victualling Yards and Transport Establishments at Home and Abroad.

2. £54,757, for the Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

3. £19,585, for the several Marine Divisions.

4. £801,572, for Naval Stores for the Building, Repair, and Outfit of the Fleet and Coast Guard.

5. £7,007, for Steam Machinery for Her Majesty’s Ships and Vessels, and for Payments to be made for Ships and Vessels building or to be built by Contract.

6. £749,816, for New Works, Buildings, Machinery, and Repairs in the Naval Establishments.

7. £79,300, for Medicines, Medical Stores, &c.

8. £18,144, for Martial Law and Law Charges.

9. £130,650, for various Naval Miscellaneous Services.

10. £723,231, for Half Pay, and Reserved and Retired Pay to Officers of the Navy and Royal Marine.

11. £609,728, for Military Pensions and Allowances.

12. £212,000, for Civil Pensions and Allowances.
Mr. Dodson reported the Saint Giles, Cripplegate, Vestry Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Corn Merchants of Dublin, and Dublin Port also of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, praying that provision may be made in the Dublin Port and Docks Bill for enabling the Port and Docks Board to appoint a Corr-Meter, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Maryport Town and Harbour Gas Bill was Maryport 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 Crystal Palace Company Bill was read Crystal Palace a second time; and committed.

The East Norfolk Railway Bill was read a third North Norfolk time; and committed.

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

The London Necropolis and National Mausoleum London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rock Life Assurance Company Bill was read a second Rock Life Assurance time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to request that their Lordships will be pleased to_withert*8 Bill of the Crystal Palace Company Bill, dated 23d March, 1869, be referred to the Select Committee on General Valuation, &c. (Ireland) to consider the same, and make such Report thereupon as they shall think fit.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection; That they had made certain alterations in the Group of Private Bills already considered, and directed the Gentleman to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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Colonel Wilson Sutton reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Holborn Valley Improvement Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

2. That in the case of the Bridgeend (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the name of Mr. Thomas Temple Lewis be struck out of Clauses 5 and 19 of the Bill, and that the name of Thomas George Smith be substituted for George Thomas Smith in the same; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

The second Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London and North Western 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 London and North Western Railway Bill.

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

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.

Railway Bills (Group S.)
Mr. Slater-Brock reported from the Committee on Group B of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill had stated that the evidence of Francis Fowler and George Taylor 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 Francis Fowler and George Taylor do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Francis Fowler and George Taylor do attend the Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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

Fenian Petitions.
No. 154. Ordered, That the Return relative to Fenian Petitions, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Dublin Metropolitan Police.
No. 155. Ordered, That the Account relative to Dublin Metropolitan Police, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Civil Offices (Pensions).
No. 157. Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Offices (Pensions), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Course of Law (Scotland).
Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Course of Law in Scotland, together with the Minutes of Evidence.

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

Lord Lawrence's Annuity.
Mr. Great Duff presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Resolution of Council of India continuing the Annuity granted to Lord Lawrence by the East India Company to his eldest Son or other next Successor to the Title.

Mr. Great Duff also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of February last, for a Return relative to Zanzibar.

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

Mr. Moncrieff presented,—Return to an Address to Immigrants, Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of January last, for a Return relative to Immigrants and Liberated Africans.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to Soldier Labour, an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of March last, for a Return relative to Soldier Labour (Aldersholt, &c.)

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, by the Clerk of the House, a Return from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, for a Return relative to Poor Law (In-door Relief).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. John Bright presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of March last, for a Return relative to Barrack Services (Portsmouth, &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, Copies of certain Papers or Documents relating to the Crime of O'Farrell in attempting to assassinate His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, which are reported in the Australian Newspapers, and especially in the "Australian Protestant Banner" of the 19th day of December last, to have been laid upon the Table of the Australian Legislative Assembly by Mr. Parkes, recently Colonial Secretary, and to have been by that House ordered to be printed on the 15th day of December last; which Papers or Documents are reported to comprise a Statement from Captain M'Lerie to the effect that there were Fenian Agents in the Colony:—And, a Copy of Leaves from O'Farrell's Diary; a Report of some Conversations between the late Prisoner, the Colonial Secretary, and others; several Declarations in the Nature of Affidavit in support of the genuineness of the Papers; and an explanatory Minute by Mr. Parkes, in his then capacity as Colonial Secretary.

Ordered, That 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 from the Corporation of the City of London, from the Metropolitan Board and from each Vestry and District Board constituted under the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 120, and from Boards of Guardians and Governors of the Poor for the same Districts, for the Financial Year 1867–8, of the Name of Parish or District; Value of Property as assessed to the County Rate; Sum on which Rates are assessed for the Poor; Total Income; Total Expenditure; Total Cost of Administration; Income.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the whole Quantity of Land which has been included in England and Wales, or in the process of being included, since the passing of the Inclusion Act of 1865.—Of the Quantity of Land which has been reserved from the aforementioned Inclusions for purposes of Exercise and Recreation: And, of the Quantity of Land which has been reserved from the aforesaid Inclusions as Allotments for the Labouring Poor, in accordance with the Provisions of the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 118, secs 30 and 34.

Ordered, That Mr. Walsh and Mr. Jones White have leave of absence for a week, on account of domestic affliction.

A Motion was made, and the Question being in the Negative, proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to reduce the Rate of Inland Postage on Printed Matter to One Halfpenny for Two Ounces, and that the Postage on Newspapers should be likewise reduced to One Halfpenny; And the previous Question being put, That that Question be now put; The House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left; Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Graves; Mr. Glyn; 62; Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Adair; 229. So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being in the Negative, proposed, That this House, agreeing in substance with the Report of the Select Committee of the year 1866 concerning House of Commons Arrangements, recommends the same for the consideration of Her Majesty’s Government; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “agreeing in substance with,” and inserting the word “refers,” 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 it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Hungerford Bridge and Wellington Street Viaduct, That they have Power to inquire street Viaduct, Street Questions:—The said proposed Amendment and Question be now put; The said proposed Amendment and Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Question passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being in the Negative, proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the Duty on Fire Insurances should be, at the earliest opportunity, reduced to 6d. per cent. in place of the Duty of 1s. 6d. per cent. now charged; and that such a reduction would have a tendency to improve the Revenue by inducing the Insurance of Property new Uninsured:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, by each Member of this House, as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council; West India Colonies...

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hightest Number of Rounds fired from any one Gun of each Class without serious Injury to the Gun; also the Charges and kind of Powder, and Weight and Nature of Projectiles used in such Trials; stating also, for comparison, the usual Service and Battering Charges for each Class of Guns:—Of the Ranges of Guns of each Class, with Service and Battering Charges up to highest Elevation in use, and the penetrative power respectively of Shot and Shell upon Iron Armour-plates backed proportionately with "Warrior" backing, so far as ascertained:—Of the Cost of each Description of Gun as produced; Cost of Sighting and Finishing; Cost of Carriages and Platforms and other Appliances for Working and Training:—Of the Cost of a single Projectile and Gun Charge of each Nature, for each Class of Guns, specifying Service and Battering Charges:—Of the Number of Guns required for the Fortifications as designed; Extent of Fortifications completed; and what Forts are ready to receive their Armaments; the Number of Guns and their Classes at this time placed in those Works; and the Number and Classes of Guns available for supply within the coming Official Year not delivered or under order for Manufacture; the Number of Guns still required to complete each Armament:—Of the Numbers and Classes of Guns required for the Iron-clad Ships, Numbers supplied, in course of Manufacture, and under Order; the same as to Carriages:—Of the Number of Guns (stating the Details of Numbers in each Class), under Manufacture and ordered, and intended to be ordered, for the coming Official Year at the Royal Arsenal at Woolhitch; the Number of Guns the existing Plant is capable of producing per Month; the Cost of Steam Power and Super­ vision, and Wear and Deteriment to Plant (A) at full Work, and (B) at slack Work, as at this present time; the Number of Hands that could be properly employed in the Gun Factories, and the Number of Hands now engaged:—Of Time required for the Production of a Single Weapon of each Class; the same as to Carriages and Platforms, &c. And, to state the Mode of Estimating the Cost of Hands now engaged, in comparison with the Mode of making Estimates previously in vogue at the Royal Gun Factories.

Ordered, That 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 all Petitions relating to the Endowed Schools Bill which have been presented during the present Session, or which may be presented during the sitting of the Select Committee on the Endowed Schools Bill, be referred to such Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for papers and records.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Detailed Return of the Persons dismissed the Service of the General Valuation of Ireland since the 1st day of January 1850 to the 1st day of January 1869:—

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Wicide Common do consist of Five Members.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland) do consist of Twenty-one Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland be added to the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Grand Jury Reading of the Grand Jury Comm. (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, as amended, not an executive Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:— 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 80,671, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Buildings, Machinery for Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and for Payments to be made for Ships and Vessels building or to be built by Contracts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 801,572, be given to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Machinery, for Steam Machinery for Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and for Payments to be made for Ships and Vessels building or to be built by Contracts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870. 3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 18,144, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Medical Stores, Medical Stores, Medical Stores, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870. 4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 787,070, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Military, to the Machinery, for Steam Machinery for Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and for Payments to be made for Ships and Vessels building or to be built by Contracts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870. 5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,557,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the General Valuation of Ireland since the 1st day of January 1850 to the 1st day of January 1869:—

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland) do consist of Twenty-one Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland be added to the Committee.
10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 723,231, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half Pay, and Privilege and Retired Pay, 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 1870.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 665,728, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Military Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 222,566, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 316,348, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense for the Freight of Ships, for the Victualling and for the Concourse of Troops, on account of the Army Department, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railway Companies' Meetings Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railway Companies' Meetings Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The South Devon Railway Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Harrogate Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence of Mr. John Wilson, concerning the works on the Midland Railway, be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Bridge Act, in Session 1866, and the Midland and Glamorgan and South Western Railways Bill, in Session 1867, which were communicated from the Lords upon the 6th day of this instant April, be referred to the Committee on the Midland and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence of Mr. John Wilson, concerning the works on the Midland Railway, be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Bridge Act, in Session 1866, and the Midland and Glamorgan and South Western Railways Bill, in Session 1867, which were communicated from the Lords upon the 6th day of this instant April, be referred to the Committee on the Midland and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill.

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The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Bridge Act, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Bill of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of General Order of the High Court of Chancery, Friday the 19th day of March 1869.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Amendment Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the same time, adding the words "upon this day six months;"

And the Question being proposed, that the word "now" stand part of the Question,—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Beerhouses, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Life Assurance Companies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June 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.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Salmon Fisheries (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 Railway Companies' Meetings 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.

Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Officers.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal that portion of the Act sixth and seventh Victoria, chapter Seventy-eight, which directs the payment of Five hundred pounds a-year into the Consolidated Fund out of Monies exclusively levied in Ireland: And that Colonel French presented a Bill to repeal that portion of the Act sixth and seventh Victoria, chapter Seventy-eight, which directs the payment of Five hundred pounds a-year into the Consolidated Fund out of Monies exclusively levied in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry B. Sheridan presented a Bill to provide for the periodical Inspection of Steam Boilers:—And that Mr. Henry B. Sheridan, Mr. Vickers, and Mr. Henry the preparo, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (China and Japan), which was presented upon the 19th day of March last, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 8th April, 1869.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice Willis, one of the Commissioners, Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Report relating to the Election For the Borough of Christchurch.

And the same was read, as follows:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Section 36).

Christchurch Election Petition.

Common Pleas Chambers, 8th April 1869.

To the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas by Harcourt Powerfoot Popham and others against Edward Holiland Burke, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Christchurch, praying that it might be determined that
that the said Edmond Haviland Burke was not
duly elected or returned, and that the Election
was void.
I, Sir James Shaw Willson, Knight, one of the
Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in En-
gland, report as follows:
Leave has been given to withdraw the said Petition, upon proof to my satisfaction that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, and no one applying to be submitted as a Petitioner.

J. S. Willson.

And the said Report was ordered to be entered
in the Journals of this House.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.
Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on
Group 1 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the
Great Eastern Railway Bill they had examined
the allegations contained in the Preamble of the
Bill, and amended the same by more fully setting
forth the present condition of the financial affairs of the Company, and other matters in reference thereto, and by omitting reference to power to make traffic and other arrangements with various other Railway Companies, which was 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.

Railway Bills (Group 1).
Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on
Group 1 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Backhouse,
one of the Members of the said Committee, was
not present during the sitting of the Committee
this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Backhouse do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Metropolitan District Railway Bill.
Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on
Group 1 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the
Metropolitan District Railway Bill they had exa-
mined the Petitions presented upon the 5th and
6th days of this instant April, and had directed
him to make a Report thereof to the House,

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

Public Petitions (Eleventh Report.)
Mr. Charles Foster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th and 6th days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House,

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

Brynose Water Bill.
The Brynose 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.

Dublin and Meath Railway Bill.
The Dublin and Meath 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.

Lambeth Water Bill.
The Lambeth 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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Ordered, That the Return relative to Dart-
Dartmouth, &c. Petts, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, No. 134.

The Pontefract Park Trustees, &c. 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 Workington Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Legard, by Her Majesty's Command, ac-

quainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read 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 was made, and the Question was pro-
posed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Metropolitan District Railway Bill to in-
quire and report whether any and what provision will be made by the Railway Company in con-
structing their Line from Westminster to Caxton Street, with a view to prevent injury to adjacent Buildings from the vibration caused by the passage of Trains.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

Resolved, That there be laid before this House, Five
an Account of all Sums paid into the Island Re-
venue Office in Great Britain and Ireland, for Duty on Engravings 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 1866, 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 Payments; 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, and for the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 289, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Postal Com-
missioners.

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

Ordered, That the Return of any other Petition, and no one applying to be

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Convicts, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relating to Poor Law (Ireland) was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ways and Means. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Convicts.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Return relating to Poor Law (Ireland) was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ways and Means. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Contagious Diseases Animals (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Return which, upon the 7th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read again upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the Poor Rates 22nd day of June, in the last Session of Parliament, was made from the Select Committee on Poor Rates Assessment, &c., with the Proceedings of the Committee, be reprinted, but without the Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented during the present Session praying to be heard before the Select Committee on Turnpike Acts Continuance, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for repealing certain enactments relating to newspapers, pamphlets, and other publications, and to printers, typefounders, and reading rooms: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt from rating Sunday and Ragged Schools for gratuitous instruction: And that Mr. Charles Reed, Mr. Ready, Mr. Grenville, and Mr. M. Arthur do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Memorial to the Secretary of State for War, relative to the Volunteer Capita Grant, presented by Peers and Members of the House of Commons serving in the Volunteer Force: And, of the Reply of the Secretary of State to the said Memorial.

Ordered, That 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, this 16th day of June 1862: The Return relative to Convicts, and Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law (Scotland), which was presented upon the 16th day of June 1862:—The Return relative to Poor's Houses (Scotland), which was presented upon the 26th day of April 1866: —The Return relative to Poor Law (Scotland), which was presented upon the 31st day of July 1866: —And, the Act 8 & 9 Vict., c. 81, for the Amendment and better Administration of the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in Scotland, be referred to the Select Committee on Poor Law (Scotland).
Sir Francis Goldswright reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, That they had made alterations in the Group already formed, and had directed him to report the same to the House.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to repeal certain enactments relating to newspapers, pamphlets, and other publications, and to printers, type-founders, and reading rooms: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Reed presented a Bill to exempt from rating Sunday and ragged schools for gratuitous instruction: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after one of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 9th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Railway Bill, that in the case of the Metropolitan Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out therefrom all relating to the enlargement of the Great Northern station, or varying the agreement with the Great Western Railway Company, the Bill, as amended being silent as to these matters, 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. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh Parish Poorhouse Water Supply Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to show more accurately 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. Bonham-Carter reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several resolutions: which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Corporation of London Bill, the standing orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.

2. That in the case of the London and North Western Railway Bill, the standing orders ought not to be dispensed with. The first resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, reports relating to the elections:

For the Borough of Pembroke; for the City of York; and for the Borough of Horsham.

And the same were read, as follow:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Sec. 36). Pembroke Borough Election. In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by William Hughes against Thomas Moyrick, Esquire, complaining of his election and return as member for the said borough at the last parliamentary election.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

I, Sir Samuel Martin, knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, Esquire, member of Parliament for the city of York, praying that it might be determined that the said Joshua Proctor Brown-Westhead was not duly elected or returned, and that the election and return of the said Joshua Proctor Brown-Westhead was void.

I, Sir James Shaw Willes, knight, one of the Judges for the trial of election petitions in England, report as follows:—Leave has been given to withdraw the Petition, upon proof to my satisfaction that such withdrawal was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, nor in consideration of the withdrawal of any other petition, and no one applying to be substituted as a Petitioner.

J. S. Willes.


To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition to the Common Pleas by John Barrill against Joshua Proctor Brown-Westhead, Esquire, member of Parliament for the City of York, praying that it might be determined that the said Joshua Proctor Brown-Westhead was not duly elected or returned, and that the election and return of the said Joshua Proctor Brown-Westhead was void.

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J. S. Willes.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868 (Sec. 36). Horsham Election Petition. Dickins and another against Hurst.—No. 42 of Petitions filed.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Charles Spencer Sneaz Dickins and another against Robert Henry Hurst, Esquire, who, by a double return, has been re-elected together with John Aldridge, Esquire, as being elected to serve in Parliament as Members for the Borough of Horsham, praying that it might be determined that the said Robert Henry Hurst was not duly elected or returned, and that the said John Aldridge was duly elected and returned.

I, Sir James Shaw Willes, Knight, one of the Judges for the trial of election petitions in England, report as follows:—Leave has been given to withdraw the Petition, it being proved to my satisfaction that the whole matter could be disposed of under the same Petition still pending against the said John Aldridge, Esquire, and that the withdrawal of the Petition against the said Robert Henry Hurst was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, nor in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition, and no one applying to be substituted as a Petitioner.

J. S. Willes.
The Redheugh Bridge Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Dublin Port and Docks Bill.

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

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

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Patents for Inventions, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lord Lawrence's Annuity, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Staff Corps, &c.), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Aytoun presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th April 1869, granting Special Superannuation Allowances to Mr. W. D. Eden, and Mr. Charles E. Lang, of the Department of the Controller General of the Navy.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of March last, for Returns relative to the Royal Patriotic Fund Schools.

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Mr. Agar-Jones, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock,

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Total Number and Tonnage of British and Foreign Vessels (including their repeated Voyages), that entered and cleared in the Foreign Trade during the year 1868, at Ports in the United Kingdom, separating British from Foreign Vessels, and distinguishing the Trade with each Country.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Amount of Compensation paid under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts for Cattle slaughtered in England and Wales within Boroughs which are separate Local Authorities under the said Acts:-—Of the Expenses incurred by the Local Authorities of each such Borough in carrying into effect the Provisions of the aforesaid Acts, and the Orders of the Privy Council up to Michaelmas 1868:—Of the Rate in the Pound which each such Borough has levied for Expenses under the said Acts and Orders up to the 31st day of March 1867:—Of the Amount of Compensation paid under the said Acts for Cattle slaughtered in each County in England and Wales:—Of the Expenses incurred by the Local Authorities of each such County in carrying into effect the Provisions of the aforesaid Acts and the Orders of the Privy Council up to Michaelmas 1868:—And, of the Rate in the Pound which each such County has levied for Expenses under the said Acts and Orders up to the 31st day of March 1867.

Ordered, That 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, Claims for Returns of the Amount of Tolls annually collected, from a Return of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing and Steam Vessels, distinguishing Iron, Wood, and Composite, placed on the Registers of Ports in the United Kingdom during the year 1868; distinguishing also the Ports of Registry of Colonial-built and Foreign-built Vessels, and giving the Number and Tonnage built in each Colony:—Of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing and Steam Vessels sold and transferred, wrecked, and broken up during the year 1868; —Of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing and Steam Vessels (including their repeated Voyages) that entered and cleared, during the year 1868, in the Coasting, Colonial and Foreign Trades respectively, at each of the Ports of the United Kingdom, including the Isle of Man and Channel Islands, distinguishing British from Foreign Vessels:—Aggregate Return of the above:—And, Return of the Number and Tonnage of Sailing and Steam Vessels (including their repeated Voyages), that entered and cleared in the Foreign Trade during the year 1868, at Ports in the United Kingdom, separating British from Foreign Vessels, and distinguishing the Trade with each Country.

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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 "to be obtained by open Competition," instead thereof.

And
32 VICTORIA.

9th April.

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 Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn;

Nayes, Mr. Edward Denison;

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.)

Supply. £ 1,866,800, on account, for the following

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Tea. 1. That, towards raising the Supply granted to Ireland, it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Inclosure of Land, so that from the passing an Act of Parliament, some land may be reserved as allotments for the labouring poor, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 6 & 9 Vic. c. 118, "sections 30 to 34," 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 Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 10th April, 1869:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned ill Monday next.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of excluding Scotland from its operation:

—It passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Capital Punishment: And that Mr. Gipps, Mr. Magntoch, Mr. St-Lauré, and Sir John Gray do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being raised, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, 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 humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons, that corrupt practices did prevail, and that there is reason, upon the evidence before him, to believe that they did extensively prevail at the last Election for the Borough of Beverley.

We therefore humbly pray Your Majesty, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the 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 Michael O'Herin, Esquire, Serjeant-at-Law, Thomas Irwin Barstow, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and Henry Secor, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the first word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the issue of a Commission for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at the last Election for the Borough of Beverley, be deferred until an opportunity be afforded for an inquiry by the Select Committee on Parliamentary and Municipal Elections now sitting, 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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

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We therefore humbly pray Your Majesty, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the 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 exist—
32 Victoria. 9th—10th—12th April.

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

Monday, 12th April, 1869.

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And the same were read, as follow:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons,

I, Sir Samuel Martin, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, certify, that upon the eighth day of April 1869,—

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1869 and the following day, I duly held a Court at Bexness, in the county of Berwick, for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the said Borough of Bexness, between Thomas Preston Lucas and Morard Jones, Petitioners; and Howel Gwyn, Respondent. And in further pursuance of the said Act, I certify that at the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Howel Gwyn, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was not duly elected or returned, and that his Election was void, because he, by his agent, was guilty of bribery at the said Election; and I do hereby certify in writing such my determination to you.

And whereas charges were made in the said Petition of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, in further pursuance of the said Act I report as follows:

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any of the Candidates at the said Election.

That James Morgan was proved, upon the said trial, to have been guilty of bribery at the said Election.

That, upon the evidence before me on the said trial, there was no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Southern Division of the County of Hereford, between John Watkins Drew, Petitioner; and Lord Henry Scott, Respondent.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.  
Sir,

Having this day made an Order giving leave to the above Petitioner to withdraw the above Petition, I, in compliance with the 30th section of the above Act, report to you that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, nor is consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

Colin Blackburn, 
Election Judge.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.

And the said Certificate and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cricksea Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grimsby Corporation 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 Saint Giles, Cripplegate, Vestry Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bridge, (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th, 8th, and 9th days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Return Relative to the Volunteer Capitation Grant, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant April, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Tutskill by the Clerk of the House, Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Tutskill Rectory.

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

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Beer and Ale.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. — Motion and original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

1. Resolved, That, on and after the 1st day of June next, the Duties of Customs chargeable upon the Articles under-mentioned, imported into Great Britain and Ireland, shall cease and determine, viz.:—


2. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable upon Beer and Ale, as demonstrated in the Tariff, on Importation into Great Britain and Ireland, the following Duties shall be charged, viz.:—

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| Beer, the barrel of 38 gallons | £ 1 1
| Malt, the barrel of 36 gallons | £ 1 1
| Sugar, the barrel of 36 gallons | £ 1 1
| Rye, the barrel of 36 gallons | £ 1 1
| Other sorts, etc. | £ 1 1

3. Resolved, That, towards raising the Supply Income granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid for one year, commencing on the 4th day of April 1869, for and in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains mentioned or described as chargeable in the Act passed in the 16th and 17th years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 34, for granting to Her Majesty Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices, the following Rates and Duties (that is to say):—

For every Twenty shillings of the annual value or amount of all such Property, Profits, and Gains (except those chargeable under Schedule (1) of the said Act), the Rate or Duty of Sixpence.

And for and in respect of the occupations of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (2) of the said Act, for every Twenty shillings of the annual value thereof.

In England, the Rate or Duty of Three-pence; and in Scotland and Ireland respectively, the Rate or Duty of Two-pence forthwith.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-day.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions:

Ordered, That the Report be resolved To-morrow.

Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee, the Address 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
to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, an authorized organization should be adopted for extending the system of Military labour to Military works" to all stations of Her Majesty's Army, instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee).

1. £ 460,800, for the Clothing Establishments, Services and Supplies.
2. £ 512,800, for the Barrack Establishment, Services, and Supplies.
3. £ 43,800, for Divine Service.
4. £ 2,000, for Martial Law.
5. £ 368,800, for the Hospital Establishment, Services, and Supplies.

Motion made, That the Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 855,700, be granted to Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Charge for the following Civil Services, and Supplies for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and Military Labour:—

7. £ 1,150,000, for the Military Store Departments for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores for Land and Sea Service, including Manufacturing Departments.
8. £ 884,000, for Superintending Establishment of, and Expenditure for, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad.

Resolved, to be reported.

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

Tuesday, 13th April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson 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. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

A Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,586,800, be granted to Her Majesty, on account for or towards defraying the Charge for the following Civil Services, to the 31st day of March 1870:—

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England:—

House of Lords, Offices | £ 7,500 |
House of Commons, Offices | 9,000 |
Treasury and Subordinate Departments | 10,000 |
Hera Office and Subordinate Departments | 14,000 |
Foreign Office | 11,000 |
Coloured Office | 4,000 |
Privy Council Office and Subordinate Department | 7,000 |
Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments | 16,000 |
Naval and Military Seal Service | 3,000 |
Charity Commission | 3,000 |
Civil Service Commission | 5,000 |
Copyhold, Inclosure, and Tithe Commission | 5,000 |
Copyhold, Inclosure, and Drainage Acts | 2,000 |
Exchequer and Audit Department | 6,000 |
General Register Office | 1,000 |
Lunacy Commission | 1,600 |
Ministry | 7,500 |
National Debt Office | 2,500 |
Patent Office | 5,500 |
Payment General's Office | 5,500 |
Poor Law Commission | 35,000 |
Public Record Office | 4,500 |
Public Works Loan Commission | 5,000 |
Registrars of Friendly Societies | 400 |
Stationary Offices and Printing | 8,000 |
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of | 4,500 |
Wages and Public Buildings, Office of | 5,000 |
Secret Service | 4,000 |

Scotland:—

Exchequer and other Offices | 1,000 |
Fishery Board | 2,000 |
General Register Office | 1,000 |
Lunacy Commission | 1,000 |
Poor Law Commission | 4,500 |

Ireland:—

Lord Lieutenant's Household | 1,000 |
Chief Secretary's Office | 1,600 |
Boundary Survey | 200 |
Commission Department and Requests Office | 3,500 |
General Register Office | 3,500 |
Poor Law Commission | 10,000 |
Public Record Office | 7,500 |
Public Works Office | 4,500 |

England:—

Law Charges | 7,000 |
Criminal Prosecutions | 20,000 |
Common Law Courts | 11,000 |
County Courts | 41,000 |
Probate Court | 13,500 |
Admiralty Court Registry | 2,500 |
Land Registry Office | 1,000 |
Police Courts, London, and Glenswilly | 5,000 |
Metropolitan Police | 35,000 |
County and Borough Police, Great Britain | 42,000 |
Government Prisons, English, and Transatlantic | 35,000 |

Scotland:—

County Prisons and Reformatory, Great Britain | 47,000 |
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum | 3,500 |
Miscellaneous Local Charges | 5,000 |

Ireland:—

Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions | 14,500 |
Court of Chancery | 7,000 |
Common Law Courts | 4,500 |
Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency | 2,500 |
Lauded Estates Court | 5,000 |
Private Court | 3,500 |
Admiralty Court Registry | 2,000 |
Registry of Deeds | 2,500 |
Registry of Judgments | 1,000 |
Dublin Metropolitan Police | 16,000 |
The Sea Birds Preservation 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.

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 Reports sent to the Secretary of State for War, by the Officers commanding on occasion of the Volunteer Reviews held at Manchester, Durham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Carlisle, and Edinburgh, in the year 1868.

Ordered, That 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, Copies of Calendars of Crimes for Trial, laid before the same Judges:—And, a Return showing the Murders, attempt to Murder, Criminal Personal Violence, and Threating Letters sent, which have been officially reported in Dublin since the last Assizes in Ireland.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of Parochial Schoolmasters in Scotland: And that Mr. M'Laren, Sir Edward Coleridge, and Mr. Fordyce do prepare, and bring it in.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Pleading, Practice, and Procedure of the Courts of Common Law in Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. M'Laren presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of Parochial Schoolmasters in Scotland: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The Habitual Criminals Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Common Law Courts (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Law of that part of the Message from the Lords of the Hypothec 5th day of this instant April, wherein the Lords, ships request that this House will give leave to the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Henry James, Esquire, Members of this House, to attend their Lordships, in order to their being examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on the Law of Hypothec in Scotland.

And the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. James, being present in their places, severally declared that they were willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved,
Resolved, That the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Henry James, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if they think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Henry James, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if they think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Tuesday, 13th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Henley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows;

That in the case of the London, Brighton, and Surrey and Surrey Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Railway Bills (Group 1.)

Mr. Dunt reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Great Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of May next.

Railway Bills

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tyne Salmon Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Ordered, That in all cases in which Railway Bills of this Session shall (in accordance with the provisions of the Act 21 & 32 Vic. c. 119), have been submitted to a Meeting of the Proprietors of any additional Powers conferred on such Company, and shall have been approved at such Meeting, it shall not be necessary to submit the Bill to a Meeting of such Company to be held in accordance with Standing Order No. 70, unless any of the Powers specified in such Order shall have been inserted or materially altered in the House of Lords.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Harrogate Water Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Harrogate Water Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Redbourn Bridge Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Redbourn Bridge Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the South Devon Railway Bill, originating in the House of Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

South Devon Railway Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 25th day of March last, be printed.

No. 143.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to a Land Write Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of Registration (Scotland) Act (1869).

Ordered, That the Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the Recessional 5th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Ecclesiastical Fees.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant Metropolitan to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of Monies received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London, in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market, for the year 1868; and also, Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than the General Repairs, for the same period.

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

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Lords of the Council, permitting the re-shipment of Foreign Cattle from Hull to Goole, dated 9th April 1869.


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

Mr. O'Connor presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary General for Ireland, —Copy of Directions, and the Rules for Duty-free, into Great Britain and the Zollverein, of Patterns and Samples, and the Names of Ship and Travellers. Signed at Berlin, April 1, 1869.

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

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons convicted of Offender, and Penalties awarded.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Liddell have leave of absence for a week, on urgent business.

A Motion was made, and the Question was agreed to; an Address was then made to Her Majesty, desiring that She will be graciously pleased...
pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the manner in which the Irish Society administered its property, which, according to their own admission in their law suit with the Skinners' Company, they held as Trustees for the benefit of their Trust; and to consider whether, under a totally different state of circumstances from those in which the Society had their origin, it would not be advisable to carry into effect the recommendation of the Royal Commission of 1854 on the Corporation of the Irish Society should be abolished; and to advise such other arrangements as would be most in harmony with existing circumstances, and most conducive to the public advantage:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, humbly showing that the united Lord Lieutenants of Cumberland and of Westmoreland have, for upwards of a century, been conferring upon some member of the family of Lister; that in the year 1844, William Earl of Lonsdale was appointed Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the said two counties; that the said Earl of Lonsdale continued to fill these offices until the month of December 1866, when Your Majesty was advised to revoke his appointment in favour of his nephew, Henry Louthier, Esquire; that at the time when the said revocation took place Your Majesty's Ministers had tendered their resignations, and only held their offices until the appointment of your successors; that this House observes with satisfaction that, as a general rule, Your Most Gracious Majesty has refrained from appointing persons to be respectively Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of two separate counties, and humbly prays Your Majesty to reconsider the exceptional course recommended by Your Majesty's late Adviser in the case of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and to revoke the appointment of Henry Louthier, Esquire, in order that, should it seem good to Your Majesty to reconsider the exceptional course recommended by Your Majesty's late Adviser in the case of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and to revoke the appointment of Henry Louthier, Esquire, in order that, should it seem good to Your Majesty, Your Majesty may appoint two fit and proper persons to be respectively Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Cumberland and of Westmoreland:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Metropolis Commonalty Act, 1860," and to extend its provisions to Drugs:—And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Adam do prepare and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning; Wednesday, 14th April, 1869:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Agricultural Returns, now made annually, should, after this year, be discontinued, and collected every fifth year in the place of annually:—And a Debate arising thereon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better Government and Administration of Hospitals and other Endowed Educational Institutions in Scotland, and for carrying into effect the main Desires of the Founders and Benefactors thereof: And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Adam do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the thirty-seventh Section of an Act passed in the eighth and ninth years of Vol. 124.
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\text{Beer and Ale, etc.} \\
\text{Mum, the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Syrup, the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Of other sorts, etc.} \\
\text{Beer, the price of which was before fixed} \\
\text{with the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Exceeding One thousand and Ninety Degrees, the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Exceeding One thousand and Forty Degrees, the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Exceeding One thousand and Thirty Degrees, the barrel of 36 gallons} \\
\text{Income.} \\
\text{For every Twenty shillings of the annual value or} \\
\text{amount of all such Property, Profits, and Gains (except those chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act), the Rate or Duty of Sixpence.} \\
\text{Assessed Taxes.} \\
\text{Horse and Carriage Licences.} \\
\text{Upon Licences to let Horses for Hire in Great Britain,} \\
\text{Upon Licences to let Horses for the purpose of} \\
\text{travelling Post by the mile, or from Stage to Stage in Ireland,} \\
\text{Upon Licences to keep, use, and employ Stage Carriages in Great Britain, and also the Mileage Duty payable in respect of such Stage Carriages.} \\
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Mr. Ayton reported from the Committee of Supply. 
Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 460,800, be Clothing Expenditure for, Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at the rate of One shilling and Sixpence per centum per annum, now payable in respect of Insurances against Loss or Damage by Fire, shall cease to be payable.

6. That, on the 25th day of June 1869, the Fire and Life Insurance. 

7. That, from the 5th day of July 1869, the Duty of Excise now payable upon Licences granted to Persons trading in or selling Coffee, Tea, Cocoa Nuts, Chocolate, or Pepper, shall cease to be payable.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the Resolutions which, upon the 9th day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and which were then agreed to, That they do make provision therein pursuant to the Resolutions now reported, and agreed to.

Mr. 

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Amendment which, Lauds Bill, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Enclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.
Mr. Goldney presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Office and Appointment of County Coroners, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Lefevre presented a Bill to confirm certain Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries' Orders made by the Board of Trade under 'The Coroners Bill. L a w  relating  to the Office and Appointment  of Metropolitan Supplemental Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to

Mr. Thomas Chambers presented a Bill to amend " The Metropolitan Commons Act, 1868": And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Dixon presented a Bill to amend " The Administration of Food or Drink Act (1860)," and to extend its Provisions to Drugs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the Constitution of University College, London, and for other purposes relating to the said College; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Construction of a Pier at Portobello, in the County of Edinburgh; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon Railway Company, with reference to their authorised Capital; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee upon Thursday next, on the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday, the 28th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the East India Irrigation and Canal Company Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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

Wednesday, 14th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

THE PORTOBELLO PIER BILL WAS READ THE FIRST TIME.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE REFERRED TO THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

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THE BUCKFASTLEIGH, TOTNES, AND SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY BILL WAS READ THE FIRST TIME.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE REFERRED TO THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Order for the House to resolve itself into the said Committee; and the same was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt Public Hospitals, Infirmaries, and Dispensaries from Liability to Rate: And that Mr. Wheelhouse and Sir Herbert Croft do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Selater-Booth reported from the Committee on the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill, that the Committee had made Amendments in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "whenever" to insert the word "or" shall keep open any shop, house, or place for the exercise or carrying on any trade or business. Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted; Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Taylor: 81.

Tellers for the Nays. Mr. Thomas Hughes: 169.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas. Mr. Broady: 57.

Tellers for the Nays. Mr. Thomas Hughes: 110.

And it being past a quarter before six of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wheelhouse presented a Bill to exempt Hospitals, &c., from Liability to Rating: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned Till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Office Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; and the Question being proposed, 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 Married Women's Property Bill;

Ordered, 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 Trading Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to East India Business:

The Question proposed, That the Lords to the East India Irrigation and Canal 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, this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The Order for the House to resolve itself into the said Committee; and the same was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order for resuming, upon Friday next, the Agricultural Bills; and that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

The Order for the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the Report do lie upon the Table; and the same was read, and discharged.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into the said Committee; and the same was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Cross reported the Great Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cross reported the Watton and Southwark Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Cricksea Bridge Bill was read the third time. Cricksea Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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The Grimsby Corporation 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 Stalybridge Election Petition 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 Metropolitan District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th and 13th days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. 

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868; dated the 25th day of March 1869; together with the Balance in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year; and the amount of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Ecclesiastical Fees, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

The Order, made upon the 26th day of July in Newspapers, the last Session of Parliament, That the Return relative to Correspondence with the Board of Island Revenue respecting Registration of Newspapers be printed, was read, and discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Great Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. F. D. Maurice moved for a Select Committee to inquire into the correspondence with the Board of Inland Revenue respecting Registration of Newspapers. 

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868; dated the 19th day of December 1868. 

Copy of Additional General Rules made by the Judges for the time being for the trial of Election Petitions in England, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868; dated the 19th day of December 1868. 

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

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.

Mr. Floyer reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That Mr. Plimsoll, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day. 

Ordered, That Mr. Plimsoll do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Dest reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Oldham Election Petition was read the third time.

Resolved, That a Copy of Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Oldham Election Petition be laid before this House.

Ordered, That a Copy of Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Stalybridge Election Petition be laid before this House.

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Mr. Mansell presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Annual Report on the Convict Establishment at Gibraltar, for 1868.

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

Mr. Aytoun presented, pursuant to the direction of Public Income and Expenditure of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended the 31st day of March 1869; together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year; and the amount of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

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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; 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas. — Mr. Glyn; 455.

Tellers for the Noes. — Mr. Adam; 229.

So 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. Dodson 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.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Newspapers, &c. Bill was, according to Newspapers, Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, by leaving out from the word "six months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

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Ordered, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Sunday Trading Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading Bill, Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Libel Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Libel Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Water Supply. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for facilitating and regulating the Supply of pure Water in Cities, Towns, and Districts throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And that Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Goldney, Colonel Napier Sturt, and the Marquis of Lorne do prepare, and bring it in.

Municipal Franchise. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to shorten the Term of Residence required as a Qualification for the Municipal Franchise: And that Mr. Hibbert, Mr. Hodgkinson, and Mr. Candlish do prepare, and bring it in.

Mines Regulation. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Regulation and Inspection of Mines: And that Mr. Secretary Bruce and Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen do prepare, and bring it in.

Mills Bill. Mr. Secretary Cardew presented a Bill for amending the Law relating to the Mills: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Water Supply Bill. Mr. Biddulph presented a Bill to make better provision for facilitating and regulating the Supply of pure Water in Cities, Towns and Districts throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mines Regulation Bill. Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Regulation and Inspection of Mines: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April. And the same were read, as follow:—

Municipal Franchise Bill. Mr. Hibbert presented a Bill to shorten the Term of Residence required as a Qualification for the Municipal Franchise: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to subdivide the Shares of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, and for other purposes with respect to the future Management of the said Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 29th day of this instant April.
Bill Lords.]

Northallerton Brean Down house Water Parish Poorhouse bill; the Crystal Palace Company Bill; That they had oriit.

Supply Bill. Chatham, Railway Bill. and Dover London. and National

examined the allegations contained in the Pre­ the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. Dodson reported from the Committee on Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, having heard and determined the said Petition, certify such determination, and report thereupon as follows—

1. John Nation, the Member whose Election is complained of by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. No corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at such Election.

3. Upon the evidence it does not appear that corrupt practice have, nor that there is any reason to believe that they have extensively prevailed at the Election.

J. S. Willes.

And the said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Break Down Harbour and Docks Bill.

Mr. Dodson reported the Break Down Harbour and Docks Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Crystal Palace Company Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Crystal Palace Company Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Bill, and made a verbal Amendment thereto, as amended, to be true, and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Greenock Water Bill.

Mr. Dodson reported the Greenock Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Dodson reported the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Petition of Shareholders, Mortgagees, or Claimants upon the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill for the immediate Settlement by Arbitration of the relative rights and interests of the persons constituting or claiming to constitute the Company, or being, in common with the Petitioners, Mortgagees of the Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh Parish Poorhouse Water Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration after the Orders of the day at the time of Private Business.

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Ordered, That the Metropolitan Railway Bill, Metropolitan as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Great Eastern Railway Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to considered the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision for Smoking Carriages;—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time. And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;—

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the —Mr. Henry B. Sheridan, Yes. —Mr. Bentinck; Tellers for the —Mr. Gilpin, Notes. —Mr. Thomas Chambers; 175. 167.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill. Another Clause (Providing for a certain Footway) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Than Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Edinburgh Parish Poorhouse Water Supply Bill, as amended in the Supply Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Imperial (Fire) Insurance Bill was read [imperial (Fire) the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection to commit the Rock Life Assurance Company Bill to a Committee composed of the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, and two other Members, as provided by the Standing Order of the House, No. 9, relative to Private Bills.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table on behalf of the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Oldham Water Bill, and the said Papers do lie upon the Table. Certificates of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Oldham Water Election Petition, ordered upon the 15th day of this instant April to be laid before this House.

Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Stalybridge Election Petition, ordered upon the 15th day of this instant April to be laid before this House.

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented, by Her Excellency Majesty's Command.—Copy of First Report of the Commissioners on Judicature. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Bright presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of No. 136. Report, by the Board of Trade, on the Applications made in the year 1866, under the “Railway Companies’ Powers Act, 1864;” and of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade with respect thereto.

Copy of Draft Certificates under the “Railway Companies’ Powers Act, 1864;” Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed. —Mr.
Mr. William Edward Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council approving a Bye-law of the Pilots' Commissioners of King's Lynn, dated 14th April 1869.

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

Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. Secretary Rowse presented,—Further Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Names, Objects, Places where Business was conducted, Date of Registration, Nominal Capital, Liability per Share, Paid-up Capital as far as known, Date of Winding-up Order, Amount of Liabilities at same Date, Number of Persons settled on the List of Contributorys, and Names of Liquidators or Liquidators of all Joint Stock Companies wound up or now winding up, either voluntarily or subject to the Supervision of the Court, under direction of the High Court of Chancery, of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, and of the Court of Session in either division thereof in Scotland since August 1862, distinguishing Ireland from Scotland.

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

Post Office Savings Banks.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of March last, for a Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks.

Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Land Tax (London).

Supernumeraries (Ireland / Scotland / England / Wales). Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 15th April 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Wallbank Barker, Second Clerk in the Department of the Solicitor to the Office of Woods.

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

Ferrovoy and Linsmore Railway Bill [Lords].

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Mr. Speaker in reply to a Question, on the Report Stage of the Ferrovoy and Linsmore Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred to the Standing Orders of the House, and not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ecclesiastical Buisness.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Average Amount of the Balances at the close of the respective Quarters ending the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September, the 31st day of December, and the 31st day of March standing at the credit of the Exchequer and the Banks of England and Ireland during the last seven years, and the effect upon the Balances taken at such Amounts which would have resulted if the Taxes were collected in the manner and at the Dates proposed in the Financial Statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 8th instant.

Parliamentary Returns.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Returns ordered by the House of Commons to be printed on the Motion of Members during the Session of 1867-8, according to the following form:—

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Total Number of Returns: £. Cost of the whole of the Parliamentary Printing: £.

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 an Official Letter from the Honourable Reverdy Johnson to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of a Penny Postage to and from the United States of America, and the Despatch from the American Government to him on the same subject, and dated on or about the 29th day of January last, annexed to the said Letter.

Ordered, That 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 showing the Total Sum which has been voted for the Statute Law Board and Statute Law Commission from its commencement to the present time, and how that Amount has been expended:


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 tabular form, showing the Amount paid from Imperial and from Colonial Funds for ecclesiastical purposes in each of the West India Colonies and in British Guiana: and also the manner in which these Sums are distributed in each Colony among various religious denominations, together with the religious statistics of each of those 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Correspondence between the First Commissioner of Works and Edward M. Barry, Esquire, respecting proposed Arrangements for the two Houses of Parliament, together with the Plans relating thereto.

Mr. Lagard accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 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. The
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Irish Church Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Church Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Dissolution of Legislative Union between Churches of England and Ireland).
Question put, that the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas:
Mr. Glynn: 344.
Mr. Adam: 321.
Tellers for the Nays:
Mr. Dyke: 344.

Clause, No. 3 (Appointment of Commissioners).
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:

Saturday, 17th April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

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.

Crown Lands, &c. (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, an Abstract of such Portions of the Land Laws of each of the Colonies of Great Britain as relate to the Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands; specifying the upset Price of Crown Lands in each, and the Conditions of Settlement imposed by the Colonial Legislatures on Purchasers:

And, Copies of Extracts of Regulations now in force in England for encouraging Emigration, and in the Colonies for providing Free Passages, or otherwise encouraging Immigration.

Ordered, That 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 Bill.

Resolved, 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 Brockenhurst, in the room of Henry Gray, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

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 Hastings, in the room of Henry Gray, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

Bankruptcy Bill.
The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Bankruptcy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Impeachment for Debt Bill.
The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Impeachment for Debt Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bridgewater Election.
The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the Message from the Lords of the 6th day of this instant April, wherein their Lordships request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken at the Trial of the Bridgewater Election Petition (1869).

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 House proceeded to take into consideration Norwich that part of the Message from the Lords of the Election, the 6th day of this instant April, wherein their Lordships request that this House will communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken at the Trial of the Norwich Election Petition (1869).

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19th April, 1869.

Prayer.
Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the Report, on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice Blackburn, one of the Election Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, Certificates and Reports relating to the Election for the Borough of Hastings.

And the same were read, as follow:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868. Court Hastings, for the trial of the Election Petition for the Borough of Hastings, in the County of Sussex, between Edward Barker Sutton and Robert Ransom, Petitioners; and Frederick North, Respondent.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Paper be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken at the Trial of the Election Petition for the Borough of Hastings, in the County of Sussex, between Edward Barker Sutton and Robert Ransom, Petitioners; and Frederick North, Respondent.

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And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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Election Petition. I determined that Thomas Brawney, Esquire, the Member whose Return is complained of, was duly returned and elected.

And in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Election Acts, 1868, Section 11, I report:

A. That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

B. That no person was proved to have been guilty of any corrupt practice.

C. That corrupt practices have not been proved to have, nor is there any reason to believe that corrupt practices have, extensively prevailed at the said Election.

C. Blackham, Election Judge.

To the Right Honorable the Speaker.

And the said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Cleckheaton Gas Bill.

A Petition of Directors and Shareholders in the Cleckheaton Gas Company, and of the Local Board of the District of Cleckheaton, praying that Provision may be made in the Cleckheaton Gas Bill for confirming an Agreement for the Transfer to the Local Board of the Undertaking of the Company, and giving effect to the objects and purposes thereof, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Pembroke Harbour and Docks Bill, as amended Noes, I Mr. Henry B. Sheridan, 107.

The House proceeded to take into consideration The Yeas to the Left.

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

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

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 follows:

An Act for repealing the Act of the Session of the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter One hundred and twenty-two.

An Act to enable Lord Napier of Magdala to Lord Napier receive the full benefit of the Salary of Member for the Borough of Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or as holding any other Office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an Annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Victoria, chapter Nineteen.

An Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion, Mutiny Bill, and 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 to repeal so much of “The Regulation of Railway Railways Acts, 1869,” as relates to the approval, by Meetings of incorporated Railway Companies, of Bills and Certificates for conferring further Powers on those Companies.

An Act for the confirmation and execution of Arrangements made between the Secretary State in Council of India and the East India Irrigation and Canal Company, and for other purposes connected therewith.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision for Smoking Carriages):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Henry B. Sheridan, 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Chambers, 19.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. O’Hegarty reported from the Committee on Midland and Group 4 of Railway Bills:—That in the case of the London and North Western Railway Companies 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.

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 there be laid before this House, Coals, Cinders, and Culm, and Patent Fuel, shipped at the several Ports of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

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

Of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders, and Culm, and Patent Fuel, shipped at the several Ports of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in the year 1867; also distinguishing the Quantities to which the same were sent, and comparing the same with the year 1866; and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters.

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and Patent Fuel, exported from the United Kingdom, in the year 1868, with the Rate and Amount of Duty thereon:—Of the Quantities of Coal and Patent Fuel brought Coastsways, by Inland Navigation, and by Railway into the Port of London, during the year 1868, comparing the same with the Quantities brought during the year 1867:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to direct the Home Office and the Chief Constable of Westmorland, in the County of Westmorland, and the Borough of Waltham Holy Cross, in the County of Kent, to co-operate with the Local Authorities for the Suppression of Vagrancy.

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

Assessed Taxes.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Articles charged to the Assessed Taxes in the year ending the 5th day of April 1867, and the Amount of Duty thereon, as contained in the Seventeenth Report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Appendix, page 12; distinguishing the Number of Articles charged, and the Amount of Duty chargeable, under each Head.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Abandonment of the Extension Railways now existing in law.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Joint Stock Stock Companies, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Irish Church Bill.

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 15, after the word "Act," to insert the words "and before the first day of January 1872." Question put, That the words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 16, after the word "Corporation," to insert the words "by virtue of any right or power of appointment now existing in law." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 16, after the word "Act," to insert the words "seventy-one," in order to insert the words "seventy-two." Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 11, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 26, to leave out the words "seventy-one," in order to insert the words "seventy-two." Question put, That the words "seveny-one" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn: Mr. Adam: 301.
Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Dykes: 194.

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn: Mr. Adam: 214.
Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Wingfield Ferrier: 103.

Clause, No. 13 (Dissemination of Ecclesiastical Corporations, and cessation of right to sit in House of Lords).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, to leave out the word "dissolved," in order to insert the words "continued until the duties required by this Act are performed."

Clause agreed to.
Question proposed, That the word "dissolved" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, to leave out the words "and on and after that day no Arch Bishop or Bishop of the said Church shall be summoned to or be qualified to sit in the House of Lords:"

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, § 14 (Compensation to Ecclesiastical Persons other than Curates).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 17, to leave out the words "salaries of permanent curates employed as hereinafter mentioned:"

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.


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;

Tuesday, 20th April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson, proposed to be added to the Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The House being informed by Mr. Molly and Mr. Buxton, two of the Divisions in the Division upon the Second Reading of the Clause which was proposed to be added to the Metropolitan Railway Bill on consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee, that they had, through inadvertence, reported the number of the Nos 188 instead of 188, which was the proper number, upon which they were both agreed:

Ordered, That the Number of the Nos in the said Division be corrected accordingly by the Clerk.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Savings Banks Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Annuities, &c. Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Common Law Courts (Ireland) Bill:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Court of Common Pleas of the County Palatine of Lancaster Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.


Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, § 2 to § 13, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

Clauses, § 14, disagreed to.

Clauses, § 15 to § 21, with Amendments to four of them, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson, 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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total of the Crimes, in Tabular Form, of the following Class, committed in England, so far as known to the Police, for the year ending the 29th day of September 1868:—Murder; Attempt to Murder; Shooting at, Wounding, &c. with intent to Maim; Malicious Offences against Property; Offences against the Game Laws;—And, Copy of Calendars of Crimes for Trial laid before the Judges on the last Circuit in England:

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
Tuesday, 20th April, 1869.

PRAYERS

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the University College, London, Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Portobello Pier Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting the words “and the sum of £5,000 or thereabouts has been raised by borrowing,” and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without further Amendment.

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

Mr. Dodson reported the Kent Coast Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Dodson reported the Scinde Railway Companies Bill, with an Amendment.

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Mr. Dodson reported the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill, with an Amendment.

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

Mr. Dodson reported the West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Dodson reported the Darwen Water Bill, Darwen, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. O'Reilly reported from the Committee on Railway Bills, Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, there being no (Group 4) business before the Committee, the Committee had adjourned to Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. O'Reilly reported from the Committee on LANCS. Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same by omitting the recital with reference to the conversion into stock of the shares in the Preston and Wyre Railway Company, the power to effect such conversion having been struck out of 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 thereto.

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

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 St. Mary, Newington, St. Mary Surrey (No. 2) Petition for Leave to deposit a Surveyor's Report and Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be (No. 2)

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dispensed
Railway Bill, third time.

Watton The House proceeded to take into consideration Report.

Supply Bill. —morrow

Ogmore Railway Bill was read the third time. Railway Bill.

District

and Fifteenth Petitions.

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Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Railway Bill was read the third time. 

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

Watton and Steatham

Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Watton and Steatham Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Llanyi and Ogmore Railway Bill [Lords]

The Llanyi and Ogmore Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Waltham Abbey and Chelsea Gas Bill

The Waltham Abbey and Chelsea Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions.

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.

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Railways Abandonment.

No. 2.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of March last, for a Return relative to County Expenditure.

Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Education (Ireland).

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

Postal Conventions (England and American States).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving particulars respecting the Mails to the United States, from the 1st day of January 1869 to the present time, as follows:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Mails advanced by the Treasury Service, under the provisions of the Courts of Justice Building and Site Acts (1865), from the passing of the Act to the present time, stating, under separate heads, the Amounts advanced for purchase or acquisition of Site; the Expenses of the Commission; Surveyors' Expenses; Legal Expenses; Architect's Charges; and Incidents; and the Amount repaid to the Treasury out of the Suitors' Surplus Interest Fund.

Mr. Hardcastle reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group M. of Private Bills; That the parties pro-

modeling the Kingston Town Bill had stated that the Evidence of William Hutchinson and Thomas More Madden 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 William Hutchinson and Thomas More Madden do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That William Hutchinson and Thomas More Madden do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Dog Licenses issued from the 31st day of December 1868 to the 31st day of March 1869, separating the Number issued at Post Offices from those issued at Tax Offices.

Mr. Oney presented, by Her Majesty's Com-

Slave Trade. main,—Copy of Correspondence with the British Commissioners at Sierra Leone, Havana, the Cape of Good Hope, and Lourenco; and Reports from British Vice-Admiralty Courts, and from British Naval Officers, relating to the Slave Trade, from January 1st to December 31st, 1866. Class A.

Copy of Correspondence with British Ministers and Agents in Foreign Countries, and with Foreign Ministers in England, relating to the Slave Trade, from January 1st to December 31st, 1866. Class B.

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

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Speaker Lords to the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh Parish Poochehouses Water Supply Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Licences issued in the United States, to the end of February 1869, stating the Number of Licences issued in each of the 13 States, on the 31st day of December 1868, and on the 31st day of March 1869.
New Law Courts.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to reconsider the Question of Carey Street as the Site of the New Law Courts, inasmuch as the Thames Embankment, between the Temple and Somerset Houses, now offers many advantages for the erection of such Buildings:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "done" to "the end of the Question, in order to add the words "proceed as soon as possible with the erection of the New Law Courts, and the Offices connected therewith, upon the Site proposed," for the purpose by the Act 28 & 29 Vic. c. 49; and that if additional Land be necessary for the proper erection of such Courts and Offices, such additional Land ought to be acquired in immediate proximity to that Site," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday the 18th day of May next.

Dublin City Election.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, 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 humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that Mr. Justice Keogh, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, and one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons that corrupt practices did extensively prevail amongst the Freeman Voters at the last Election for the City of Dublin, and that save as reported respecting the said Freeman corrupt practices have not been shown to have extensively prevailed, nor is there reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

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 Stephen Woulfe Flanagan, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, Hugh Law, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, and Charles H. Tandy, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices."

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go to the Lords, and communicate the said Address, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire whether the Provisions of the Inclusion Act, 8 & 9 Vic. c. 118, so far as they relate to the Inclusion Bills annually brought before Parliament; and further to inquire whether, in order properly to protect the interests of the public, the Act 8 & 9 Vic. c. 118, requires amendment.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the first word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Dublin, in the room of Sir Arthur Vol. 124.

"Edward Grevy, Baronet, whose Election has been determined to be void," 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 Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 21st April, 1869:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. O'Boyle, Yeats, (Colonel Grevy-Nugent; 1192.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collins, Noes, (Mr. Stanely Hill; 1209.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That so much of the Act of Parliament passed in the fifteen year of the reign of Your Majesty, intituled, "An Act to inquire into the existence of such corrupt practices;" as relates to the said Freemen Voters, have been duly carried out in the manner the said Act required, as to the inclosure of land; and communicate the said Address, and desire their concurrence.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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The Militia Bill was, according to Order, read a third time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Mr. Pim presented a Bill to enable Corporate Local Officers and other Public Bodies in Ireland to grant Superannuation Allowances to Officers in their service in certain cases: The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of the Earl's Poimiers, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling Corporate Local Officers to incorporate a Company for better supplying Bill [ Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Company to raise more Money, and for the prevention of Waste and nuisance of the Company's Water, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Shetley Bridge and Conseltye District Gas Company; for enabling them to supply Bill [Lords.]

Gas to parts of the Parishes of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, and Shotley, in the County of Northumberland, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Wednesday, 21st April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had Controverted the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last; That the Party Proceedings (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last; That the Party Proceedings (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury Cases (Ireland) Bill; 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 Amendment which was moved, when the said Bill was read the 9th instant, on the 21st April, 1869, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 31st day of May next.
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 Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers, Yeas,] [Viscount Bury;]

Tellers for the [Mr. Sclater-Booth, Nays,] [Mr. O'Reilly;]

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 Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Game Law Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill (No. 2) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Turnpike Roads Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Com-Supplies Committee of Supply;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £17,100,000 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. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. Dodson 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the Districts of Bed ford, Bourne-mouth, Bos­n­es, Bristol, Crew­den (two), Fleet­wood, Ham­ley, Har­­regate, Litch­e­g­th, Lither­land, Port­smouth, Roch­dale, Ryde, and Worthing, and for other purposes.
relative to certain Districts under that Act: And that Mr. Knowsby-Hoggenson and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring in.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Acts relating to the Salaries, Expenses, and Funds of the Courts of Justice in England; Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.

The Naval Stores Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Governor General of India Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of all Gold, Silver, and Copper Monies of the Realm coined at the Mint for each year from the 1st day of January 1859 to the 31st day of December 1868, showing the Real Cost or Value of the Metal and the Amount represented by the Coin (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 240, of Session 1867-8).

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Account.

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

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That, in consequence of there being no Bill ready for consideration, they had adjourned to Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Imperial Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the words "Coal mines and collieries," in page 3, lines 33 and 34, because the Committee considered it undesirable that the said Company should become owners, 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. Holker reported the Keow and other Bridges Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dect reported from the Committee on Group L of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Party, they had adjourned until Friday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Knottsboll-Hoggeson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the Districts of Bisford, Bournmouth, Bournemouth, Bris tol, Croydon (two), Fleetwood, Hanley, Harrogate, Liskeard, Litherland, Portsmouth, Rochester, Hylies, and Worthing, and for other purposes relative to certain Districts under that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Election. And further, that there is not, in my opinion, reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at said Election.

And I beg further, to state, that a copy of said Petition, and a copy of the Evidence given at the trial, as taken down by the Deputy Steward, Writer of the House of Commons, and as furnished by him to me, accompany this my Certificate.

Given under my hand, this twentieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

James O'Brien,

A Justice of the Queen's Bench in Ireland, and one of the Judges for the time being on the rota for the trial of Election Petitions in Ireland, pursuant to said Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

A Motion being made, That the Great Tower Great Town Hill Bill be now read the third time;

Colonel French, 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 London Necropolis and National Mausoleum London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill was read the Metropolitan Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence Kingstown taken before the Committee on the Kingstown Improvement Bill in Session 1861, be referred to the Committee on the Kingstown Town Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Water Supply Bill.

Reading of the Water Supply Bill; _  BBL

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

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

Mr. Hoodam reported from the Committee on Nottingham Group H. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Nottingham Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Presume of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Feyer reported from the Committee on Stockton-on-Tees Extension Bill, That in the case of the Stockton-on-Tees Extension and Improvement Bill, they had examined the alleged lines contained in the Presume of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the Extension of the supply of Gas, and to the construction of Waterworks, and supply of Water, in order to
make the preamble 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 thereto; that they had struck out certain provisions of the Bill for the protection of the Petitioners: (1.) Thomas Hunter; (2.) Robert Haynes; (3.) Christopher Fussell; (4.) William Beville, and Matthew Beville; and that with respect to each Petitioner, they are unanimously of opinion that they have been unreasonably subjected to expense in defending their rights proposed to be interfered with by the Bill, and are entitled to recover from the Promoters of each Bill, &c., the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, the whole of their costs in relation thereto, up to the 6th day of April inclusive.

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

Private Bills

Mr. Floyer reported from the Committee on Group L. of Private Bills; That, for 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.

East India

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to assent to the Bill, and to appoint a Commission to the Government at Madras, directing it to adjust the Debt of the Rajah of Tanjore, whose Territory had lapsed to the Government of India, dated some time in the year 1829.

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

Vagrancy

Ordered, That the Return relative to Vagrancy (Cumberland and Westmorland), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Penal Servitude, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

Trade and Navigation

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 31st March 1869, and Three Months ended 31st March 1869.

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

Greenwich Hospital.

Ordered, That the Return to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy during the year 1867, and the Statistical Abstract of the Health of the Navy from 1st July 1868 to 30th June 1869.

Lord John Hay accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Exchequer Balance.

Supernumeraries.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to several Orders, dated the 18th and 22nd days of this instant April, for Accounts relative to Assessed Taxes. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the West Middlesex Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Removal of Prisoners from one Colony to another for the purposes of Punishment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for amending the Law relating to the Coasting Trade and Merchant Shipping in British Possessions; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Commissioners for the Re-establishment of the Church of Ireland, and the Parishes of Aberdare and Aberaman, in the County of Glamorgans, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Commissioners for the Re-establishment of the Church in the County of Hereford, with Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to advance, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland to be appointed by any Act passed in the present Session; to put an end to the Establishment of the Church of Ireland, and to make provision in respect to the Temporalities thereof, and in respect to the Royal College of Maynooth, such Ministers of Parliament and Commissioners of Church Temporalities may require to raise for the
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the purposes of the said Act, and to consider of authorising the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to guarantee the repayment to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any monies so advanced;

Mr. Gladstone, 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.

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

CLAUSE, No 14 (Compensation to Ecclesiastical Persons other than Curates).

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "or other equivalent duty to which he shall have been duly appointed in respect of the Protestant Church in Ireland."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 24, after the word "aforesaid," to insert the words "and at the death of such incumbent or other avoidance of such benefice or precentor, his successor, if any such be duly appointed, shall be paid a similar annual payment from the same source and by the same authorities, and such annual payment shall continue to be so paid to any duly appointed successor so long as the duties of such benefice or precentor are properly and adequately performed." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided always, That where the net income of the holder of any benefice does not at present amount to two hundred and fifty pounds per annum, the Commissioners shall increase the annual payment to the holder of such benefice or precentor, his successor, or such other person as the Commissioners may, in their discretion, appoint, in such manner as shall be deemed just and equitable to the holder of the benefice in question, and his successor, if any such be duly appointed; provided always, That the amount of yearly salary which any duly appointed successor so long as the duties of such benefice or precentor are properly and adequately performed, shall receive, shall be equivalent to which he shall have been duly appointed in respect of the Protestant Church in Ireland."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, after the word "curate," to insert the words "having regard to the length or term of his service, to the nature and extent of the duties needful to be discharged in the benefice, and to the non-residence, or infirmity, or other incapacity of the incumbent, or his habitual employment of a curate to assist him as herebefore," be there inserted;—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, after the word "service," to insert the words "or also."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Cross; 128.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Adam; 221.]

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Question, That the words "having regard to the length or term of his service, to the nature and extent of the duties needful to be discharged in the benefice, and to the non-residence, or infirmity, or other incapacity of the incumbent, or his habitual employment of a curate to assist him as herebefore," be there inserted;—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 15 (Compensation to organists, schoolmasters, clerks, and sextons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out from the words "The Commissioners" to the words "given to him," in p. 6, l. 4, inclusive.

Question put, That the words "The Commissioners" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Glyn; 220.]

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lefroy; 107.)

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 16 (Compensation to diocesan schoolmasters, clerks, and sextons).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "the amount of yearly salary which any organist appointed under the provisions of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Victoria is entitled to receive."

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, at the end of the last Amendment, to insert the words "the amount of yearly salary which each organist of any cathedral, or of any church or chapel in the said church, is entitled to receive." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 17 (Compensation to organists, schoolmasters, clerks, and sextons).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 2, to leave out all the words from the words "a declaration" to the words "days, inclusive." Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, after the word "curate," to insert the words "having regard to the length or term of his service, to the nature and extent of the duties needful to be discharged in the benefice, and to the non-residence, or infirmity, or other incapacity of the incumbent, or his habitual employment of a curate to assist him as herebefore." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment proposed, after the word "service," to insert the words "or also."

Question put, That those words be there inserted;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Roundell Palmer; 128.]

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Adam; 221.)

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Question, That the words "having regard to the length or term of his service, to the nature and extent of the duties needful to be discharged in the benefice, and to the non-residence, or infirmity, or other incapacity of the incumbent, or his habitual employment of a curate to assist him as herebefore," be there inserted;—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 18 (Compensation to diocesan schoolmasters, clerks, and sextons).

Amendment proposed, by inserting in l. 4, after the word "person," the words "so long as he shall live and shall continue to discharge the duties of his office in the same cathedral, church, or chapel, an annuity equal to the amount of the income of which he is or may be deprived.

Question put, That those words be there inserted;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Charley; 119.]

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Adam; 334.)

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An Amendment made to the said proposed Amendment. Amendment, as amended, agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause. No. 18 (Compensation to lay patrons). Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 4, after the word "accorant" to insert the words "as herein-mentioned." Question proposed. That those words be there inserted;

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, (Colonel Glyn.) 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam: 129.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—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 Friday morning;

Friday, 23rd April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Newspapers, etc. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read as follows:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £17,190,000 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. Dodson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for the Transfer to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of all Securities, Stocks, and Cash belonging to the Courts of Chancery and Bankruptcy (other than Securities, Stocks, and Cash, being the property of the Suitors in those Courts), and for the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, or out of monies to be provided by Parliament, of all Salaries, Charges, and Expenses to which such Funds are now liable.

Resolved, That it is expedient to make further provision respecting the Fees and Officers of those Courts, and of the Court of Admiralty.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of the Parishes in which the Bank of England stands.—Of the Extent of its Site and Premises.—Of the Quantity of Gold in its Vaults on the 1st day of January 1869 uncoined.—Of the Quantity of Silver in its Vaults on the 1st day of January 1869 uncoined.—Of the Amount at which the Bank and its Premises are assessed to the Poor Rate.—And, of the Annual Sum paid by it for Poor Rate, Highway Rate, Sewers Rate, Improvement Rate, Church Rate, Castle Pugne Rate, County Rate, or any other Rate, for three years ending the 6th day of April 1869.

The Select Committee on the Married Women’s Property Bill was nominated of Mr. Chancellor Property Bill, England. Returns of the Names of the Parishes in which the Removal Bill Married The Select Committee on the Married Women’s Colonial. Bill Copyright Colonial Prisoners Removal Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Colonial Prisoners Removal Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill for amending the Law relating to Copyright so far as regards the Delivery of Periodical Publications at the British Museum: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whalley presented a Bill for the amendment of “The Railway Construction Facilities Act, 1864”: 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.

Friday, 23rd April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice Willes, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Election Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Boston.

And the same was read, as follows:—The Parliamentary Election Act, 1868, Section 56. Report on Election Petition. To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

In the matter of a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas by Thomas Mason Jones against John Wingfield Malcolm and Thomas Collins the younger, Members of Parliament for the Borough of Boston, praying that it might be determined that the said Members were not duly elected and returned, and that their Election was void, VOL. 184.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The Wotton and Swaffham 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 Bream Downs Harbour and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Breans Downs Harbour and Docks Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Aberdare and Aberaman Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Aberdare and Aberaman Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Bishop Stortford Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Bishop Stortford Water Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Bishop Stortford Water 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 respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of the Petition for the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Reformatories (Ireland), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Greenock Balloons, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Chelsea New Bridge, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Amount of Stamps for Policies of Life Assurance issued by the Stamp Office during the years 1863 to 1866 inclusive, distinguishing the several descriptions of Stamps so issued, whether adhesive or impressed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Agrarian Murders and Outrages in Ireland reported to the Inspector General of Constabulary during the six months ending the 1st day of December 1866; specifying the Number of Cases in which the Authors of the Crimes have been made amenable to Justice.—

Mr. Monk reported the South Metropolitan Gas South Metropolitan Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Amount of Stamps for Policies of Life Assurance issued by the Stamp Office during the six months ending the 1st day of December 1867; — For the six months ending the 1st day of December 1868; — And, similar Return for the period between the 1st day of December 1866, and the Date on which the above Return is furnished.

Mr. John Bright 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, Returns from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in Edinburgh (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 95, of Session 1867-8), showing, for the year from Martinez 1867 to Martinez 1868, the Number of Seats, Let, Unlet, and Free, and Totals of these;—Of the proceeds of the Seat Rents of such Church, and the Value of the Unlet Sittings; the Returns to be divided into the Churches in the New Town and the Churches in the Old Town, and all the columns to be added up, showing the Totals in each case;—And, State of Accounts for the year 1867—8 prepared in terms of the Act, dated the 24th day of July 1858.

Ordered, That 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. Ayrton presented a Bill to apply a Sum Consol­ dated out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the Paid year ending the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and Seventy: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

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

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

CLAUSE, No. 19 (Compensation to lay patrons).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 7, l. 4, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, or, if the bishops, clergy, and laity of the said Church may meet in General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, and in such General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 20 (Incorporation of church body).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 19, to leave out from the word "hands," to the end of the Clause.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 21, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 22 (Redemption of annuities and life interest of ecclesiastical persons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 24, to leave out from the word "Church," to the word "Any," in p. 9, l. 6, in order to insert the words "of any ecclesiastical property to the Commissioners, if the representative body shall satisfy them that such incomes and life-interests are unincumbered, or, if incumbered, that the incumbrancers consent to the commutation, and also that the persons entitled to such incomes and life-interests have consented to writing to such commutation and payment of the aggregate amount of the yearly income to be as amended in the Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Newspapers, to add the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, and in such General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commit tee of Ways and Means;—the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godley; Mr. Vennington: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam: 273.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, and in such General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, and in such General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) 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 Ways and Means;—the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godley: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Beverley: 273.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, after the word "corporate," to insert the words "and declared by them in their several dioceses, and in such General Assembly or Convocation, or otherwise.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

Saturday, 24th April, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod- son 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Newspapers, take into consideration the Newspapers, &c. Bill, &c. 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 Commit tee of Ways and Means;—the Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godley: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Beverley: 273.
The Naval Stores 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 Irish Church [Advances].

(Resumed.)

Resolved, That the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt be authorised to advance, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland to be appointed by any Act passed in the present Session of Parliament to put an end to the Establishment of the Church of Ireland, and to make provision in respect to the Temporalities thereof, and in respect to the Royal Colleges of Maynooth, such Monies as the said Commissioners of Church Temporalities may require to raise for the purposes of the said Act; and that it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to guarantee the repayment to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of any monies so advanced.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds, several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

1. That it is expedient, to make provision for the Transfer to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of all Securities, Stock, and Cash belonging to the Courts of Chancery and Bankruptcy (other than Securities, Stocks, and Cash bearing the property of the Suitors in those Courts), and for the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, or out of monies to be provided by Parliament, of all Salaries, Charges, and Expenses to which such Funds are now liable.

2. That it is expedient to make further provision respecting the Foss and Officers of those Courts and of the Court of Admiralty.

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. Dodson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the House, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Nillitia 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 all Petitions presented during the present Session against the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Supplemental Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill; and that each of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against the said Petitions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, East India a Copy of Report of Captain Tyler on the means of Communication with India and the East, especially by the Bengal Pass and Brindab.

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 1869; stating, in separate columns, the following particulars:—Official Number of Vessel; Vessel's Name; Port of Registry; Date of Registry; Date of Build; Registered Owners; Dimensions of Vessels in Length and Breadth and Depth of Hold; Tonnage (exclusive of Engine Room), and Gross Tonnage, distinguishing Vessels built of Iron and Vessels having Screw Propellers; also distinguishing Vessels measured under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854 from those measured under previous Acts; and 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 the consecutive Numbers in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 429, of Session 1867-8).

Mr. Stansfield presented a Bill to grant certain Customs and Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, and to repeal and alter other Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Mask reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group G. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Great Central Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of Mr. C. H. Parkes 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 C. H. Parkes do attend the said Committee on Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. C. H. Parkes do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Mask reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group G. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Great Central Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of J. O. Phillips and F. G. Evans 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 J. O. Phillips and F. G. Evans do attend the said Committee on Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That J. O. Phillips and F. G. Evans do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill for amending the Courts of Law relating to the Salaries, Expenses, and Funds of Courts of Law in England: And the same was Bill read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, be laid before this House, 1869.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for better supplying with Gas the Parishes of Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge, in the County of Surrey, and for supplying the Parish of Staines (Lords. ten, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Powers of the Cray Valley Sewerage and Drainage Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Cray Valley Sewerage and Drainage Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday the 15th day of May next, on the Sunday Trading Bill, was read, and discharges.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 15th day of June next, the Trades Union, &c. Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 26th April, 1869.

Prayers.

Colonel Wilson Dutter reported the Rock Life Assurance Company Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir John Ramsden reported from the Committee on Group K. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Cray Valley Sewerage and 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.

Major O'Reilly reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

The Crystal Palace Company Bill was 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 the Lords doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Darwen Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Greenwich Water 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 Greenwich Water 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 West Somerset Mineral Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to read the second time the Brecon Dore and Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Imperial (Fire) Insurance Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The University College, London, Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Caen Court Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Walton-the-Theatre and Wypebridge Gas Bill Walton-the-Theatre and Wypebridge Gas Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Park Lane Improvement Bill in Session 1868, be referred to the Committee on the Park Lane Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Caledonian Railway Bill in Session 1865, be referred to the Committee on the Caledonian Railway Bill.

Mr. O'Reilly reported from the Committee on Birkenhead Group 4 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Liverpool and Birkenhead Water Bill, pursuant to 3 2 VICTORIA. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
to the Resolution of the House of the 2nd day of
March, the deposit in the Private Bill Office of
an amended Book of Reference was proved to the
Committee to have been duly made; that they
had examined the allegations contained in the
Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by
omitting the recital as to the powers of using the
Railways of certain other Companies, the clauses
concerning such powers having been struck out of
the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be
true; and had gone through the Bill, and made
Amendments thereto.
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.
Several Public Petitions were also presented,
and read; and referred to Select Committees.

Sir John Simeon reported from the Committee
on Group Q. of Private Bills; That, in the case of
the Oldham Corporation Water, &c. Bill, they had
examined the allegations contained in the Preamble
of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out
the recital regarding the limits of the Water
supply, to make it consistent with 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 thereto; that in
compliance with a Resolution of the House of 2nd
March, the 3rd and 14th clauses of the Bill re-
lying to the temporary occupation of lands had
been struck out of the same.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Monday

Sir John Simeon reported from the Committee
on Group Q. of Private Bills; That, in the case of
the Oldham Corporation Water, &c. Bill, they had
examined the allegations contained in the Preamble
of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their
satisfaction.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Private Bills

Sir John Simeon reported from the Committee
on Group Q. of Private Bills; That, for the con-
venience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned
to Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

East India

Ranched, That an humble Address be presented
to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased
British to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased
Burma.) to give directions, that there be laid before this
East India

Ordered, That the said Address be presented
to Her Majesty, by each Member of this House
as an act of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy
Council.

Mr. Solter-Beoth reported the Metropolitan
Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Mr. Solter-Beoth reported the Pincas, Pick-
ham, and Greenwich Street Tramways Bill, with
Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Mr. Solter-Beoth reported the Metropolitan
Tramways Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Mes-
 sage from page had been brought from the Lords by one of the
their Clerks, as followeth:

"The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act
for altering and enlarging the Powers of the
Leamington and South Devon Railway Company, and the Joint Works authorised by
"The Neary and Granmore Railway Act, 1863," and
for other purposes; to which the Lords desire
the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act
for the Exchange of parts of the Entailed
Estate of Ferguson's, in the Counties of
Earl's Court and South
Launceston and South Devon Railway Bill
[London]
the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, as
amended, to be true; and had gone through the
Bill, and made Amendments thereto; that in
compliance with a Resolution of the House of 2nd
March, the 3rd and 14th clauses of the Bill re-
lying to the temporary occupation of lands had
been struck out of the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.
Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant April, for Accounts relative to Fire Insurance.

Dog Licences. Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Dog Licences.

Assessed Taxes and Licence Duties. Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Assessed Taxes and Licence Duties.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Paupers in the whole of England and Wales receiving Indoor and Outdoor Relief in each of the Ten years preceding the year commencing at Lady Day 1858:—Of the Total Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor in each of those years, and the Total Amount paid out of the Poor Rate for County, Police, and Highway Rates, distinguishing the Amount paid for Police and Highway Rates from other County Rates, and for other purposes not connected with Poor Relief:—Similar Returns for the Metropolis only:—And, Return of the Number of Paupers in Asylums andLicensed Houses in each of the same Ten years, not being Criminal Lunatics.

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

Clause, p. 6 (Building charge to be paid on commutation of annuity).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 15, to leave out the word "entitled" to the word "charge," in l. 15, inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, p. 25 (Enactments with respect to churches).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out from the word " therein," to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words "Where any church is in actual use at the time of the passing of this Act," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, p. 26 (Enactments with respect to churches).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "first day." to insert the words "vacancy after the first day."

Question proposed, That the words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, p. 26 (Enactments with respect to churches).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 14, to leave out from the word " thereto," to the end of the Clause.

Question proposed, That the words " Upon the payment to the Commissioners of such sum as is hereinafter mentioned, is to say," stand part of the Clause.

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 o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 25th April, 1869.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again:

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Irish Church Bill [Advances], a Resolution; which [Advances] was read, as follows:—That the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt be authorised to advance, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland to be appointed by any Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, as an end to the Establishment of the Church of Ireland, and to make provision in respect to the Temporalities thereof, and in respect to the Royal College of Maynooth; such Monies as the said Commissioners of Church Temporalities may require to raise for the purposes of the said Act; and that it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to guarantee the repayment of such Monies as may so advanced.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Newspaper, &c. Bill was, according to 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Stores Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bankruptcy Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Governor General of India Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Common Law Courts (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Colonial Prisoners Removal 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 of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Coroner Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Court of Common Pleas (County Palatine of Lancaster) Bill was, according to Order, 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.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Judge who tried the Petition against the late Election for the Borough of Youghal, together with the decision of the Court of Common Pleas sitting in Appeal, be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Inclosure Act do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. William Cooper, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Colonel Bartlethorpe, Mr. Vernon Harcourt, Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Chambers, Mr. Knight, Mr. Laurence Gover, Mr. Liddel, Mr. Pusey, Mr. William Leatham, Mr. Andrew Johnston, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Philip Wykeham Martin, Mr. Peek, and Mr. Fawcett; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Wiskey Under Common Law have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Sir Francis Goldswain reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the same to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Lord Hurley had been brought from the Lords by one of the Lords their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords request, that this House will be Law of pleased to give leave to William M'Cormack, Esq., Hypothec in his being examined as a Witness before the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Ordered, That William M'Cormack, Esquire, 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 William M'Cormack, Esquire, 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 Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

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.

Tuesday, 27th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

M R. Dodson reported from the Committee on Radcliffe and the Radcliffe and Pilkinson Gas Bill; That Pilkinson had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same by rectifying that it was expedient to amend and enlarge certain Provisions contained in "The Radcliffe and Pilkinson Gas Act, 1854," 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. Dodson reported the Windermere District Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the East Norfolk Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital of the expediency of empowering the Company to raise more Money for the purposes of their existing Act, in order to make the same consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and 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. Dodson reported from the Committee on the London and South Western Railway (Further Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by omitting the recital relating to the proposed extension of time for the purchase of Land and Houses, and for the completion of the Works authorised by "The South Western Railway and Railways (South Junction) Acts, 1866," the corresponding Clauses having been struck out of the Bill as laid before the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the London (City) Subways Bill; That 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 providing for any Subways to be hereafter authorised, the Bill as submitted to the Committee being confined to authorised Subways, 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. Harcourt reported from the Committee on Group M. of Private Bills, That in the case of the Kingston Town Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting recitals of the Acts yet in force in the Township, and of the expediency of affording further facilities for borrowing Money to make the same consistent with the Provisions of 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. Harcourt reported the Clontarf Township Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henly reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Sligo Borough Improvement Bills [1867 and 1868]

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Sligo Borough Improvement Bills in Sessions 1867 and 1867–8 be referred to the Committee on the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill.

Private Bills

Mr. Lesden Cawen reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Private Bills, That the Petition respecting the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill (No. 1) had stated that the evidence of Edward Peter 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 Edward Peter do attend the said Committee on Wednesday the 28th day of April, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Edward Peter do attend the said Committee.

Married Women's Property Bill

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Aberdare and Aberaman Gas Bill (Lords), No. 171.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Aberdare and Aberaman Gas Bill (Lords)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That the evidence of the Aberdare and Aberaman Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Great Yarmouth Water Bill

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Great Yarmouth Water Bill originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt Gas Bill (Lords)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Minors' Gas Bill (Lords)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Minors' Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Sligo Borough Improvement Bills

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

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

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

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at Youghal the Trial of the Youghal Election Petition, together with the decision of the Court of Common Pleas, sitting in Appeal, ordered upon the 29th day of this instant April to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Weights and Measures Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Assessed Taxes and Licenses Duties, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant April, be printed.
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to give directions, that there be laid before this
House, a Return of the Number of the Snider
Enfield Rifles Converted, the Number Issued, and
the Number in Store.

Ordered, That 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 Memorials from the Chambers of Commerce
of Newcastle and Liverpool to the Board of
Trade on the subject of Light Duties or Light-
house Management.

Registration of Voters.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldney be discharged from
further attendance on the Select Committee on
Registration of Voters.

Ordered, That Mr. Stavely Bill be added to the
Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Beerhouses, &c. Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a se-
time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the House having continued to sit till after
Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
Wednesday, 28th April, 1869;

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 (Sir Robert Clifton),
Yes, 156; 
Noes, 149;
Tellers for the (Sir Henry Selborne-Bletten),
Yes, 1; 
Noes, 149;
So it was passed in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the Bill be
now read a second time:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time;
and committed to a Committee of the whole House,
for Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

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 upon
Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 16th day of March last, That the Party
Propositions (Ireland) Bill be now read a second
time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

Grand Jury Cases (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Grand Jury Cases (Ireland) Bill;

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

Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Local Officers Superannuation
(Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

Turnpike Roads Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

Consolidated Fund (L. 17,000,000) Bill;

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund
(L. 17,000,000) Bill; and, after some time spent
therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had
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gone through the Bill, and directed him to report
the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping
( Colonial) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee, be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Colonial Prisoners' Re-
movai Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 County Coroners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Msg. from
Lampeth Water Lambeth Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the
Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for
making a Railway from the North Eastern
Railway, and for other purposes; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for
revise and extend the Time limited by " The Railw ay Bill
Mid-Wales Railway (Western Extensions) Act, 1866," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and
completion of Works, and to abandon the for-
mation of the Railways authorised by " The Mid-
Wales Railway Act, 1864, " and " The Mid-
Wales Railway (Eastern Extension) Act, 1865,"
respectively; and to enable the Mid-Wales Rail-
way Company to use a portion of the North and
Besses Railway, and for other purposes; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Metropolitan
Poor Act Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Valuation of
the Same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Metropolitan
Poor Act Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon the 3rd day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Representation of
the People Act (1867) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till a quarter of an hour before One of the
clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned
till this day.
Wednesday, 28th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the House Improvement Act, 1865.

Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committe.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, 
as amended in the Committee, be taken into con-

sideration to-morrow.

The Imperial Gas Bill, as amended in the Com-

mittee, be taken into considera-

tion to-morrow.

Ordered, That the railway and Oyne Railway Bill 
[Portsmouth] be read a second time; and communi-

The Mid-Wales Railway Bill was read the first 
time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exa-

miners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Richmond and North Railway Bill was read 
the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exa-

miners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence 
taken before the Committee on the Colomandel 
Railway Bill, in Session 1867-8, be referred to 
the Committee on the Colomandel Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fire In-

surance, which was presented upon the 26th day 
of last April, be referred to the Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Volunteer 
Insurance (Manchester, &c.), 1868, which was pre-

sentated upon the 19th day of this instant April, be 
printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the 
former Committee, with an Instruction to consider 
the expediency of inserting Clauses to make the 
Bill consistent with the provisions of 'The City of 
London Gas Act, 1869,' instead thereof.

The same were read, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had re-

ceived from Mr. Justice Wills, one of the Judges 
selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections 
Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a 
Certificate and Report relating to the Election 
For the Town and County of the Town of 
Southampton.

The Parliamentary Election Act, 1868. South-

ampton Election Petition.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker 
of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the 
Court of Common Pleas by Alfred Pegler against 
the Right Honourable Russell Gurney and Peter 
Merth Hoare, who were elected to serve in Par-
liament for the said Borough at the Election last 
held, praying that their respective Elections might be determined to be void, and that it might 
be declared that George Muffett was duly elected 
and ought to have been returned.

1. Sir James Maine Wills, Knight, one of the 
Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in Eng-
land, having heard and determined the said Petition, 
certify and report as follows:—

1. The Right Honourable Russell Gurney, 
one of the Members whose Return is complained of 
by the Petition, was duly elected and returned.

2. Peter Merth Hoare, the other Member whose 
Return is complained of by the Petition, was duly 
elected and returned.

3. No corrupt practice was proved to have been 
committed by or with the knowledge and consent 
of any Candidate.

4. Upon the evidence it does not appear that 
corrupt practices extensively prevailed, nor that 
there is any reason to believe that corrupt prac-
tices extensively prevailed at the Election.

And the said Certificate and Report were or-
dered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public 
Petitions.

Ordered, That the Bill return to the Examiners 
Reviews (Manchester, &c.), 1868, which was pre-

sentated upon the 19th day of this instant April, be 
printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Volunteer 
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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; 
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exam-

iners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second 
Reading of the Evidence Amendment Bill; 
And a Motion being made, and the Question 
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second 
time; 
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the 
Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, 
at the end of the Question, adding the words "in 
the affirmative."

And the same were read, as follow:—

For the Town and County of the Town of 
Southampton.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the 
former Committee, with an Instruction to consider 
the expediency of inserting Clauses to make the 
Bill consistent with the provisions of 'The City of 
London Gas Act, 1869,' instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill return to the Examiners 
of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second 
Reading of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
To-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 7th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Officers Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hospitals, &c., Rating Exemption 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 tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Naval Stores Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Consolidated Fund (£ 17,100,000) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to apply the Sum of Seventeen million One hundred thousand pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the year eighteen hundred and seventy.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Colonial Prisoners Removal 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 Mr. Routledge have leave of absence for a week; and Colonel Leslie till Whitsuntide, on account of domestic affliction. And then the House adjourned till tomorrow.

28th—29th April.

Thursday, 29th April, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Baron Martin, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, Certificates and Reports relating to the Elections:

For the Southern Division of the County of Southampton; and
For the Southern Division of the County of Durham.

And the same were read, as follow:

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

In the matter of the Election Petition of Charles Castlereagh and Arthur Frederick Nighthoe, Petitioners; complaining of the Election and Return of the Right Honourable William Francis Cooper, Respondent, who, at the late General Election, was returned one of the Members to serve in Parliament for the Southern Division of Hampshire.

To the Right Honorable The Speaker.

I, Sir Samuel Morritt, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby certify that I have duly and in the manner prescribed by Law given leave that the said Election Petition be withdrawn; and I further certify and report to you, that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

Samuel Morritt.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

In the matter of the Election Petition of John Cary Hendy and William Watson Brown, Petitioners; complaining of the Election and Return of Joseph W. Pearce and Frederick William Haste, Respondents, who, at the late General Election, were returned to serve in Parliament for the Southern Division of the County of Durham.

To the Right Honorable The Speaker.

I, Sir Samuel Morritt, Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby certify that I have duly and in the manner prescribed by Law given leave that the said Election Petition be withdrawn.

I further report to you, that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition; and I further certify, that, upon the application to me for leave to withdraw the said Petition, I was satisfied that no corrupt practice had been committed by the said Respondents, or either of them, or with their knowledge or consent.

Samuel Morritt.

And the said Certificates and Reports were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Dodson reported the Albert Bridge Bill, Albert Bridge; with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Brighton Aqueduct and Improvements Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Proseable of the Bill, and amended the same so as to describe more accurately the object 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.
Dublin and Drogheda Railway Bill. 
Mr. Dodson reported the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Bill, with Amendments. 
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Harrogate Water Bill [Lords.] 
Mr. Dodson reported the Harrogate Water Bill, with an Amendment. 
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ipswich and Metropolis Railway Bill. 
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

In the Abbey of Westminster, the 29th April.

Private Bills (Group Q.) of Private Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The Bream Downs Harbour and Docks 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 Darton Water 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 Garstang and Knot End 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 Greenock Water 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 Halton Valley Improvement 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 Kent Coast Railway Bill was read the third time Kent Coast 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 Kent and other Lines and Bridges Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Stephen Cave, 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 Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire and Midland Railway 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.

The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 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 Rock Life Assurance 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 South Somerset Mineral 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to consider the expediency of inserting Clauses to make the Bill consistent with the provisions of the City of London Gas Act, 1868.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Piccadilly and Park Lane New Road Bill, in Session 1862, be referred to the Committee on the Park Lane Improvement Bill.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Several Public Petitions were also presented, and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the Amounts of Charges on Post Office Savings Banks, for the building and providing of the Chief and Branch Offices, for Salaries and Allowances of Officers, for the per-centage or other Allowances made to the
the Local Receivers or others acting under the
Postmaster General in the Savings Banks Depart-
ment, and for all other Payments and Disbursements
incurred in the Establishment and Management of
that Department, with the Total Amount of the
same; including also in such Return the Amount
of any Losses or Liabilities incurred by the
Government in any cases of Forgeries, Embrasse-
ment, or otherwise, together with any Costs and
Charges incurred in the Detection and Prosecution
of Offenders, and the Total Amount of the Number
and result of such cases; showing whether all
such Costs and Charges, or any and what part
thereof, have been discharged and paid out of the
Fund for the Payment of the Charges of Manage-
ment, and of Expenses incurred on account of the
Post Office Savings Bank, or how otherwise.

Wolverhampton
Borough Improvement
Bill.

Sir John Romaden reported the Wolverhampton
Borough Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Canada
(Dockyard
Artizans.)

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 Official Communication
from the Government of the Dominion of Canada
respecting the prospects, on arrival at Quebec, of
the Artizans and Labourers who were last year
discharged from the Royal Dockyards and Ordinance
Factories, and who are now proceeding to
Quebec in the "Crocodile" and "Sergius."

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

Royal Society.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
A Copy of a letter lately addressed by the Royal
Society to the Board of Trade, in regard to the
relations of the Meteorological Committee of that Society with the

Railway
Accidents.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's
Command,—Copy of Report of the Inspecting
Officer of the Railway Department to the Board of
Trade, upon certain Accidents which have oc-
curred on Railways during the months of January
and February 1869. Part First.

Mr. John Bright also presented,—Return to an
Order, dated the 27th day of this instant April,
for a Return relative to Light Dues.

Mr. John Bright also presented, pursuant to the
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of
Warrant of the Board of Trade authorising the
Abandonment of the Crief and Comrie Railway,
in pursuance of "The Abandonment of Railways

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the Return relative to Light Dues
be printed.

Light Dues.
No. 174.

Statute Law
Commission.

Mr. Ayton presented,—Return to an Order,
dated the 16th day of this instant April, for Re-
turns relative to the Statute Law Commission.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this
instant April, for Returns relative to Postal Con-

Parliamentary
Returns.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table
by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order,
dated the 16th day of this instant April, for a
Return relative to Parliamentary Returns.

Improvement
for Debt.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an
Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of
March last, for Returns relative to Improvement for Debt.

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“in the said representative body of the said
Church all glebe land which, at the time of the
pasting of this Act, belongs to and has been
usually occupied with such ecclesiastical resi-
dence; and any vesting order made by the Com-
misioners in pursuance of this Clause shall have
annexed thereto a map accurately defining the
land thereby vested.”

Question proposed, That the words “ may on
the application of the said body by order vest a
further portion of land in the said body,” stand
part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

Amendments made.
CLAUSE N° 29 (Enactments with respect to
private Endowments).
Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 17, after the
word “ Act” to insert the words “ is held or de-

ersed upon the resources, to leave out the words
“ hundred and eight or.”

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 19,
the word “sixteen,” in order to insert the
word “fifteen.”

Question, That the words “ since the year
stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 19,
to leave out the word “sixteen,” in order to insert
the word “fifteen.”

Question, That the word “sixteen” stand
part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 306.
Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam
Mr. Niel, Mr. Dyke

Tellers for the Noes, 290.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 28,
to leave out the word “but,” in order to insert
the words “and in determining whether any pro-
erty so claimed is a private endowment it shall
be lawful for the Commissioners to receive and
act upon such historical and other evidences as
may seem to them to be satisfactory, although
the same may not be evidence of a legal charac-
ter, and also to allow the reasonable costs,
charges, and expenses of such application, and of
tracing the history of such endowments.”

Question proposed, That the word “but” stand
part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of
the Clause, to add the words “when any real pro-

erty so becoming vested in the Commissioners
consists of glebe lands, or other hereditaments
which have been appropriated, or granted, by or
in pursuance of any Statute, or Royal Grant, or
Letters Patent, since the second year of Queen
Elizabeth, for the endowment of any rectory, vicar-
age, or other parochial benefice, the Commissioners
shall, on the application of the said representa-
tive body, made within six months after the first
day of January One thousand eight hundred and
seven-one, by order vest such property in such
representative body, subject to any life interest
subsisting therein.”

Question put, That those words be there added:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Frederick Hervey, 180.
Lord Glyn], Mr. Staveley Yeo;

Tellers for the [Mr. Glyn, 283.
Mr. Adam, Mr. Niel],

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson
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 Second
Copyright Reading of the Copyright (Periodicals) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Mines Regulation 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 Local Government Supplemental
Bill;

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

The Naval Stores 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
Lordsships.

The Merchant Shipping (Colonial) 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
Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Customs Reading of the Customs and Inland Reven-
ues Duties Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Comm-
mittee on the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amend-
ment Bill:

Ordered, That the Preamble be postponed. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Noes, Mr. Dodson;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Noes, Mr. Dodson;

Ordered, That the House doth desire the concurrence of their

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Original Question put, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 1 (Reserving rights of certain persons).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "shall affect any person who has been registered as a legally qualified medical practitioner before the passing of this Act; and the said Clauses shall not apply to any person who may hereafter be registered as a legally qualified practitioner, and who shall have passed an examination in pharmacy; nor shall the said Clauses apply to any person who is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or holds a diploma as veterinary surgeon from the Royal Highland Society to retail, dispense, or compound medicines for animals under his care.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; the Chairman accordingly reported Progress, and asked leave to sit again. Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made. Clause, as amended, agreed to. A Clause added. Clause, as amended, agreed to. By and large, the Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Aggen 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.

Water Supply Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of May next.

Ecclesiastical Titles Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Evidence Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

Ecclesiastical Titles Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of June next.

Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Offices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Offices Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hospitals, Asylums, and Charitable Institutions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant April, That the Hospitals, Receiving Exemption Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Turnpike Roads Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

We, Your Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that the Honourable Baron Fitzgibbon, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, and one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, has reported to the House of Commons that, from the evidence at the trial before him of the Petitions relating to the last Election for Cashel, he had reason to believe that the corrupt practice of bribery did extensively prevail at the said Election.

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, intitled, "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 George Waters, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, Constantine Molloy, Esquire, Barrister-at-law, and William Griffith, Esquire, Barrister-at-law, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go to the Lords, and communicate the said Address, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Sheriff (York, for the appointment of two Sheriffs in the County of York); and that Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Life Return of Names, Amount of Capital, specifying Companies, Nominal, subscribed for, and paid up, with Date of Last Return thereof, of all Life Assurance Companies registered since 1844; and, in cases of Amalgamation, the Companies with which, and the Date when, it has taken place; and whether wound up or supposed to have ceased Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Metropolitan Return of the Number of Persons of each Sex Workhouses during each Night in the Months of January 1868 and 1869. Mr. Goschen accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter addressed by the Guardians of Union the Ebenezer Union to the Poor Law Board, and dated the 24th day of January 1869, respecting the boarding-out of Orphan Children in the Workhouse with Cottagers residing in the Union; together with the Reply of the Poor Law Board to such Letter. Mr. Goschen accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Sir John Simon reported from the Committee on the Manchester Corporation Waterworks and Improvement Bill, that he had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting some words with reference...
to the purchase of lands for the purpose connected with the widening of Donaghate, and by striking out the recital with regard to the compensation water on the River Etherow, 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 thereto. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Headlam reported the Huddersfield Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Headlam reported from the Committee on Group II. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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Bill for the Purchase of Lands for the Widening of Donaghate.

Huddersfield Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Court of Referees on the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the House of 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.

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Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Dunbarton Water, &c., Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the All Saints District, Bishopsgatau, Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Court of Referees on the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill, in Session 1867, be referred to the Committee on the Sligo Borough Improvement 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Court of Referees on the Dunfraslie and Cumberland (Solway) Junction Railway Bill, in Session 1864, be referred to the Committee on the Dunfraslie and Cumberland (Solway) Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Petition of the Devon and Cornwall Railway Company, praying that Provision be made in the Devon and Cornwall Railway Bill for amending the existing Heads of Arrangement, with reference to the Duke and Torrington Extensions, between the Petitioners and the London and South Western Railway Company, and for substituting other Heads of Arrangement in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 4 of railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Five (Group 4) of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

A Petition of the Right Reverend John Lord Bishop of Lowestoft, for leave to bring in a Bill for making better Provision for the Cure of Souls within the original limits of the Parish of Saint Mary, Neepington, in the Diocese of London, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hoare and Mr. Donald Dalrymple.

Mr. Salter-Head reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Caledonian, Glasgow and South Western, and Great North Western Railway Companies, they had examined the several Propositions contained in the Case for Extension the Railway Companies Bill.
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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; and be printed.

Barnstaple Gas (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Lawson Gower reported from the Committee on Group K of Private Bills; That in the case of the Barnstaple Gas (No. 1) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital with reference to compulsory Powers, and amending reference to scheduled Agreement, 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Vide Votes and Minutes Report.

East India (Commissions) No. 177. Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Commissions), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Pilotage. No. 178. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Pilotage, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant April, be printed.

Railways Abandonment No. 2. Ordered, That the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Gun Cotton, &c., which was presented upon the 8th day of March last, be printed.

Edinburgh and District Water Bill.

Sir Hedworth Williamson reported from the Committee on Group R of Private Bills; That in the case of the Edinburgh and District Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the power to make new Works, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that the Resolution of the House of the second day of March was not complied with, inasmuch as all power for new Works was struck out of the Bill; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Shutley Bridge and Consett District Gas Bill (Lords.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Shutley Bridge and Consett District Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Macro Ferguson's Estate Bill (Lords.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Macro Ferguson's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Walton-on-Thames and Whybridge Gas Bill (Lords.) Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Walton-on-Thames and Whybridge Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That Mr. James White have leave of absence for a week on account of a domestic affliction.

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Justice Salaries and Funds Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of this instant May.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

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

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

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

Mr. 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for amending the Act of the Session of the 20th April last; and had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Reports on the Coal, North of England and Welsh Steam Coal recently tested at Her Majesty's Dockyard, Devonport, which was presented upon the 22nd day of February 1869, be re-printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, at half-past Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.
Bankruptcy Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Bankruptcy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Imprisonment for Debt Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Imprisonment for Debt Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said 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.

PRAYERS.

THE Clerk of the Crown, attending according to Order, amended the Return for the Borough of Horsham.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from John Gordon, Esquire, the prescribed Officer appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, under the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, a Letter, communicating the withdrawal of the Petition of Robert Henry Hurst, Esquire; And the said Letter was read, as followeth:—

In the matter of the Horsham Election Petition, Robert Henry Hurst, Petitioner, and John Aldridge, Respondent.


I have the honour to report to you, in pursuance of the 40th Section of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, that the Petition in the above case is this day withdrawn by the said Petitioner.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,
John Gordon,
The prescribed Officer appointed under the Act.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.

The House was moved, That the Letter of John Gordon, Esquire, the Master appointed by the said Court, in the matter of Election Petitions, enclosing a Notice from John Aldridge, Esquire, Respondent, stating that it was not his intention to oppose the Petition of Robert Henry Hurst, Esquire, which, upon the 21st day of April last, were delivered in, and read, might be again read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House forthwith, and amend the double Return for the Borough of Horsham, by taking off the Name Indenure by which the Respondent, John Aldridge, Esquire, was returned, with Respondent having declared to oppose the Petition against his Return.

The Clerk of the Crown attending, according to Order, amended the said double Return accordingly.

A Motion being made, That the Reeth Bridge Bill be now read the third time;

Colonel French, 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration Birkenhead the Birkenhead and Liverpool Railways Bill, as amended and Liverpool Railways Bill. The Order for the House to resolve itself into a 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 London and the London and South Western Railway (Further Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration London (City) the London (City) Subways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Railway the Medway Docks Bill, as amended in the Com. Docks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Radcliffe and the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas 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 Winder the Windermere District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

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

The London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Walkham Abbey and Cheshunt Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for making better Provision for the Cure of Souls within the original limits of the Parish of St. Mary, Newington, in the Diocese of London, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Luton Railway and Dock Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exam- iners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Saint James' Chapel and Burial Ground, Saint James' Chapel and Burial Ground, in the Parish of Saint Mary, Newington, in the Diocese of London, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Luton Railway and Dock Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order, That the Saint Mary, Newington, Bill be committed, was read, and dis- charged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Captain Groome reported from the Committee of the Committee on Group N. of Private Bills: That in the case Harbour Bill, of the Dundee Harbour 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 that the Resolution of the House of the 22nd day of March,
March, in respect to the said Bill, had been com-
piled with; and had gone through the Bill, and
made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Cleveland Water Bill.

Sir Hedworth Williamson reported from the
Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That in
the case of the Cleveland Water Bill, 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; that they had
altered certain Provisions of the Bill for the pro-
tection of the Petitioner David Thomas Pitch,
appointed one of the Members of the said Com-
mittee, he was unanimously of opinion that he has been unreason-
ably subject to expense in defending his rights,
proposed to be interfered with by the Bill, and is
entitled to recover from the Promoters of such
Bill, viz., the Cleveland Water Company (Limited),
the sum of Fifty pounds.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Whole County Bill, No. 120.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select
Committee on Public Petitions; That they had
examined several Petitions presented upon the 29th,
29th, and 30th days of April 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.

Private Bills (Group I.).

Mr. Lewson Gower reported from the Committee
on Group I. of Private Bills; That Mr. Neville-
Greenove, one of the Members of the said Com-
mittee, was not present during the sitting of the
Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Neville-Greenove do attend
the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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

Public Petitions: (Eighteenth Report).

Sir Henry's Bill, No. 102.

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented a Bill for
the appointment of two Sheriffs in the County of
York: 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 Account relative to Govern-
ment Insurances and Annuities, which was pre-

duced upon the 23rd day of March last, be printed;
and referred to Select Committees.

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

Government Insurances and Annuities.

No. 139.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the
Sillo County Election, which was presented upon the
27th day of April last, be printed.

Preliminary Conventions (England and America).

No. 133.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Postal
Conventions (England and America), which was
presented upon the 29th day of April last, be
printed.

Reelection Commission.

No. 182.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Eco-

siastical Commission, which was presented upon the
27th day of April last, be printed.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's
Command,—Copy of Twelfth Detailed Annual
Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths,
and Marriages in Scotland.

Fisheries (Ireland.)

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day
of March last, for Returns relative to Fisheries
(Ireland).

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant
to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Accounts showing the Suma received and expended
for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police, Police
Superannuation Fund, and Police Courts, between
the 1st April 1868 and the 31st March 1869.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, pursuant to the lightness,
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies &c,
of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity
House of Deptford Strand, and the Irish Lights
Commissioners, of their inspection of Local Lightho-
uses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of
Parliamentary Paper, No. 46, Session 1867–8).

Statement of the Receipts and Payments made
through the Board of Trade to the Royal Harbour
Rotspoo, for the period ending at 31st December 1868,
together with an Account of the Receipt and Issue
of Stores; and also, Receipts and Payments on
account of the Benefit Fund.

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

Mr. Lowes presented,—Return to an Order, life assurance
relative to Life Assurance Companies,
dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return Compa-

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

Mr. Ayton presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Twelfth Report of the Trustees of the Per-
sonal Portrait Gallery to the Lords of Her
Majesty's Treasury, 1869.

Mr. Ayton also presented,—Return to an Order, made
dated the 20th day of April last, for a Return re-

ative to Mails (United States).

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table;

Election by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, for a
Copy of the Shorthand Writers' Notes relative to the
Judgments delivered by the Judges selected in
pursuance of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868,
for the trial of Election Petitions, Part II.

Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths,
and Marriages in Scotland.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
the Suma received and expended for
the purpose of the Metropolitan Police, Police
Superannuation Fund, and Police Courts, between
the 1st April 1868 and the 31st March 1869.

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

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the purpose of the Metropolitan Police, Police
Superannuation Fund, and Police Courts, between
the 1st April 1868 and the 31st March 1869.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a 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:

Grimsby Corporation Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from the Ely, Haddenham, and Sutton Railway at Haddenham, to the Great Eastern Railway at Longstanton, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

West Surrey Water Bill [Lords.] The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for better supplying with Water the Towns of Wallen, Waybridge, Chertsey, Byfleet, Cobham, and Shepperton, and the several Parishes and Places adjacent thereto, in the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from Manchester to Didcot, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from Manchester to Didcot, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that the House will be paid under the fourteenth section of this Act, entitled to deduct for poor rates from the tithe rent-charge payable by him.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth; put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 16, after the word "sum" to insert the words "calculated at the rate of four pounds nine shillings per centum on the purchase money, less such sum in the pound as such owner shall be ascertained by the Commissioners to have been, on an average of five years preceding the passing of this Act, entitled to deduct for poor rates from the tithe rent-charge payable by him."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "four," in order to insert the word "five."

Question, That the word "four" stand part of the said proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Words inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "in the case of any owner not making such application as aforesaid, but declaring, in the form hereinafter annexed, his desire that such rent-charge be still applied to the maintenance of religion, the Commissioners during the existence of the Commission, from and after its termination, the High Court of Chancery in Ireland, shall, from and after the determination of the annuities provided to be paid under the fourteenth section of this Act, pay each year, according to the direction of the owner for the time being, as set forth in the form of declaration hereinafter contained, such rent-charge to the minister of religion therein named for the maintenance of public worship."

"Declaration: I, A. B., a member of the Church, and owner of the property hereinafter specified, that is to say, do hereby declare that it is my desire that the Commissioners appointed under the Act 36 Vict. c. should pay, and do hereby request them to pay the rent-charge vested in me for the time being, as set forth in the form of declaration hereinafter contained, as aforesaid, for the maintenance of public worship."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Olynthias; Mr. Adams; Mr. Mervyn, Mr. Dixon; 181.

Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Glyn, 33.

CLAUDE, N. 33 (Power of Commissioners to sell their property). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 22, after the words "seventy-one," to insert the word "eighteen."

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 13, to leave out the words "same rate of purchase, 'mutatis mutandis', as he may have purchased the rents so payable by him as aforesaid."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 34, after the word "sufficient," to insert the words "Provided always, that, where land shall be held immediately from or under the Commissioners, by virtue of any lease which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of Ireland were required to renew under the Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the Queen, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, and
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"and fifty, or which has hitherto been usually re-
"served from time to time by the archbishop, bishop,
"or other ecclesiastical corporation under whom the
"same was previously held, then, until the tenant
"of such land shall have purchased the fee-simple
"and inheritance of the said land under the herein-
"before mentioned Act of the third and fourth
"years of William the Fourth, chapter thirty-
"seven, and Acts amending the same as herein-
"before is provided, or until such sale of the fee-
"simple of the said land as is hereinbefore autho-
"rized to be made by the said Commissioners shall
"have been made, it shall be lawful for the said
"Commissioners, and they are hereby required,
"from the time to remove the lease under
"which such immediate tenant holds the said
"land, at the same periods, subject to the same
"annual rent, and upon the same terms and con-
"ditions, as are provided by the Act of the twenty-
"third and twenty-fourth years of the Queen,
"chapter one hundred and fifty, to the intent that
"every such tenant may, when any such sale as
"aforesaid shall be agreed on, be entitled to the
"said land for an unexpired term of not less than
"twenty years: And also provided, That, if the
"Commissioners (on the refusal of the tenant to
"purchase) sell to the public or to any person or
"persons other than the said tenant or lessee,
"such purchaser shall be bound to renew the
"said lease in the same manner, and on the same
"terms, as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for
"Ireland are bound to renew the leases of lands
"vested in them, and shall hold the said lands,
"when purchased from the Commissioners under
"this Act, subject to all the rights of renewal and
"all the provisions of the Act of the third
"and fourth years of William the Fourth, chapter thirty-
"seven, and the Acts amending the same, so far as
"the said provisions are applicable to renewals.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 34, agreed to.

Clause, N° 35, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 36, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 37 (Compensation in respect of salaries of professors and college buildings at Belfast).

Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and negatived.

Clause, N° 38 (Commutation of annuities of Nonconformist ministers and professors at Belfast).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

Tuesday, 4th May, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Common Law Courts (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Local Government Bill on the Local Government Supplemental Bill; Read, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Evidence Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Offices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Turnpike Roads Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Turnpike Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill;

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House will sit upon Wednesday the 18th day of June next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the 9th day of June next, the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of July next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration Albert Bridge the Albert Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Ordered, That the Clontarf Township Bill, as Clontarf Township Bill, amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Dunde Water the Dundee Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Harrogate the Harrogate Water Bill, as amended in the Water Bill Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration South Devon the South Devon Railway Bill, as amended in the Railway Bill Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tyne Salmons Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Manchester City Railways Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Oxford Gas Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Surrey Water Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Whitland and Taf Vale Railway Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Locke and Mr. Cowley be added to the Committee on Group G of Private Bills, but without the power of voting.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Select Committee on the London (City) Corporation Gas, &c. Bills in Session 1866, and on the Metropolitan Gas, &c. Bills in Session 1867, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the said Committee, and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Gas Bill in Session 1867-8, be referred to the Committee on Group G of Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from Deven and Cornwall Railway Bill. That in the case of the Petition for additional provision in the Deven and Cornwall 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 Ilfracombe District, Bideford, Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Dunfermline and Greenock Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Mid-Wales Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Nunez and Kingstown Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with. Ordered, That the Bill 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, a Copy of any Correspondence which has taken place from Officers of the Queen's Army, complaining of their Supercession by Junior Officers, taken place from Officers of the Queen's Army, promoted under a recent Warrant.

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 any Correspondence which has taken place from Officers of the Queen's Army, complaining of their Supercession by Junior Officers, taken place from Officers of the Queen's Army, promoted under a recent Warrant.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Committee divided.

The Committee divided.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 16, to leave out from the words “in respect of” to “Colleges,” in line 19, inclusive. Question proposed, That the words “in respect of” stand part of the Clause; to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 for resuming, upon Tuesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last, That the Fury Processes (Ireland) Bill be now a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

Mr. O'Reilly reported from the Committee on London and Group 4 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the railway Bill, the London and North Western Railway Bill, they had examined the alleged Petitions contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking...
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of the Port of London, and for the Relief of the Port of London, without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Construction, Condition, and Cost of the Fortifications erected, or in course of erection, under 30th and 31st Vict., and previous Statutes, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, was agreed to.

Mr. Trevelyan presented a Bill to make better provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the Revenues thereof; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Municipal Franchise 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 taking into consideration the Stannaries Bill, as amended Bill, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, for Tuesday the 1st day of June next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Evidence Amendment Bill; Resolved, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Election Commissioners (Expenses.)

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on Election Commissioners (Expenses.)

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize Advance of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the Payment of the Expenses of Commissioners of Inquiry into Certain Questions at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Denman presented a Bill to extend the power of Recorders to appoint Deputies in certain cases; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till the close of the day, on Tuesday next, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1869.

Prayers.

North Eastern Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the North Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Goughen, 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 proceed therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill be passed.

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

Housman and Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Housman and Metropolitan Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking into consideration the Clifton and Townshend Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Munro Ferguson's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Shelley Bridge and Conssett District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Britain and North Somerset Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order, That the Portishead Harbour Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation of the Harbour of Portishead, in Mounts Bay, in the County of Cornwall, and for other purposes; And that Mr. St. Aubyn and Mr. Arthur Vivian do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee on the Gas (Metropolis) Bill, in Session 1866, (50) Bill, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee, and the Return relative to Gas (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 11th day of March 1867; and the Return relative to Metropolitan Gas, which was presented upon the 21st day of April, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills.

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 the Return relative to Sugar, &c. Sugar, &c., which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Sugar, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant May, be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table, to the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of April last, for Returns relative to the Bank of England.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of Temporary Committee on Expanding Laws in Session 1866, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Register of Temporary Laws for the First Session, Twentieth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (32 & 33 Victoria, 1866).

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed Orders of the day; and an Order to bring in O'Sullivan’s Disability Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to disable Daniel O’Sullivan, Esquire, from holding, enjoying, or taking the office of Mayor, or Justice of the Peace, or any office or place of Magistracy in the City of Cork, or elsewhere, in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Chichester Fortescue do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented the said Bill; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Bill, and of the Order for the Second Reading thereof, be forthwith served upon Daniel O’Sullivan, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Cork.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do take care that evidence be produced in support of the said Bill, upon the Second Reading thereof.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time,

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “ That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “ pending the consideration (by a Committee of the House of Lords) of the whole question of the Law of Hypothec as existing both in Scotland and other Countries, it is expedient to delay the further consideration of this Bill” instead thereof.

And
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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of April last, That the Hospitals, &c. Rating Exception Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of June 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.

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 Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd and 4th days of this instant May, and had directed the Petitions presented upon the 3rd and 4th days of this instant May, and had directed

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Survivor Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Evidence Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee on Election Commissioners (Expenses), a Resolution which was read, as follows:—That it is expedient to authorise Advances, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the payment of the Expenses of Commissioners of Inquiry into Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament. 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. Dodson, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring in.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Melly have leave of absence till Whitsuntide, on account of ill health.

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 Lisburn, in the room of Sir Arthur William Bulen, Knight, deceased.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Payment of the Expenses of Commissioners of Inquiry into Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament:

Bill 109.

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 Standing Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) have Power to report their Observations thereupon from time to time to the House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant May, the Adulteration of Food or Drink Act (1869) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of June next.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 6th May, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dodson reported the Fermoy and Lismore Turnpike and Limecone Railway Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. Dodson reported the Imperial (Fire) Insurance Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Oswaldtwistle Local Board Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting that it had been agreed between the Local Board of the District of Oswaldtwistle and the Accrington Gas and Waterworks Company, that the said Company should sell, and that the Local Board should purchase the mains, pipes, meters, fittings, and apparatus both for water and gas of the said Company, within the limits described by the Bill, for £5,000; and had further amended the same, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill, which, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 9th day of March last, had been amended by striking out the compulsory powers sought to be conferred by Clauses 49 and 50 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. Dodson reported the Stony Stratford Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the University College, London, Bill; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd and 4th 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.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd and 4th 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.
Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Certificates relating to the Elections for the Borough of New Sarum; and for the City of Manchester, and the same were read, as follow —

To the Right Honorable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Granville Richard Ryder, against Edward William Terrick Hamilton, Member of Parliament for the Borough of New Sarum, it might be determined that the said Edward William Terrick Hamilton was not duly elected or returned, and that the said Granville Richard Ryder was duly elected, and ought to have been returned; whereupon a Special Case was stated pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

We, the undersigned Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, before whom the said Petition and Special Case have been heard and determined, certify the determination of the Court as follows —

The said Edward William Terrick Hamilton was duly elected and returned.

W. Bovill.
J. S. Willes.
Montague Smith.
W. B. Brett.

Manchester Election Petition.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

In the matter of a Petition presented to the Court of Common Pleas by Frederic Roger and Court Wrigg, against Hugh Birley, one of the Members of Parliament for the City of Manchester, complaining of his Election and Return upon the ground of alleged disqualification; whereupon a Special Case was stated pursuant to the Statute.

We, the undersigned Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, before whom the said Petition and Special Case were heard and determined, certify the decision and determination of the Court as follows —

The said Hugh Birley was duly elected and returned.

W. Bovill.
J. S. Willes.
Montague Smith.
W. B. Brett.

And the said Certificates were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Ordinary Corporation Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ordinary Corporation 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.

Land Improvement Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land 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.

A Motion being made, That the Birkenhead and Liverpool Railways Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Cogan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

The London and South Western Railway (Further Powers) 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 London (City) Subways 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 Lymington Harbour and Docks Bill was Lymington Harbour and Docks Bill 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 Medway Docks 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 Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Bill was read Pilkington Gas Bill 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 Wimborne District Water Bill was read Wimborne District Water Bill the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 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 Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 2, by leaving out the word "night," and inserting the word "four," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "night" stand part of the Bill, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Colonel Taylor, Mr. Jon Trout Hamilton:
154.

Tellers for the Sir John Ermole, Mr. Cogan:
121.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill
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A Bill for the better regulation of the Harbour of Falmouth, in Mount's Bay, in the County of Cornwall, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for 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.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Factory Acts Extension Act (1867) (Modifications).

Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of April last, for Returns relative to Inclosure of Lands.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Return to a Petition of the Borough of Londonderry under the provisions of the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1858.

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

In committee.

Mr. Allbutt presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for a Return relative to the Income Tax.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Army (Supercension of Officers).

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

Mr. Mownan presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return relative to Canada (Dockyard Accounts).

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

Mr. Headlam reported from the Committee on the Group H. of Private Bills, That in the case of the Keighley Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by striking out the reference to the Ominance Map, showing the position of intended Works, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, report:

Ordered, That the Report 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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing all the Boroughs and Places in the United Kingdom that have adopted the Acts of 18 & 19 Vic. c. 70, and others, for establishing Public Libraries and Museums, and Schools of Science and Art (the Return to be similar to Parliamentary Paper, No. 512, of Session 1853).

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

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

(In the Committee.)


Amendment again proposed, in p. 16, l. 16, to leave out from the words "in respect of," to the word "College," in l. 19, included in this Amendment.

Ordered, That the words "in respect of" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Glyn:

Yes, 318.

Tellers for the Mr. Adams:

Noes, 102.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 18, after the word "behalf," to leave out the words "by payment of the capital sum hereinafter mentioned to the trustees of the said College," in order to insert the words, "the Commissioners shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, ascertain and declare by order the amount of yearly income of the persons who shall, at the date of the passing of this Act, be the president, vice-president, officers, and professors of the College of Maynooth in respect of salaries and other like payments, and also the average yearly value of all advantages and profits enjoyed by and from and after the discontinuance of the payment of the annual sums hereofore paid to the trustees of the College of Maynooth, in pursuance of the fourth section of the said Act of the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her Majesty, the Commissioners shall pay to each of such persons as aforesaid yearly, so long as he lives and continues to perform the duties of his office, a sum equal to the amount of such yearly income, and to the average yearly value of such advantages and profits so received and enjoyed by him as aforesaid; and furthermore, the Commissioners shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, ascertain and declare by order the names and number of the persons who shall, at the date of the passing of this Act, be students in the College of Maynooth, and the yearly sum payable to the trustee of the College of Maynooth in respect of each such student, in pursuance of the fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the said Act of the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her Majesty; and from and after the discontinuance of the payment of the annual sums hereofore paid to the said trustee, in pursuance of the last-mentioned sections of the said Act, the Commissioners shall pay to the said trustee yearly so long as each such student shall continue in accordance with the regulations which shall be in force at the date of the passing of this Act, to be a student in the said college.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill; ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Mines Regulation Bill was, according to Mines 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 Customs and Inland Revenue Duties Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Municipal Franchise Bill; amended, and agreed to; and to Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 15th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consideration the Stannaries Bill, as Bill amended in the Committee. A Clause (Officer not entitled to compensation in case of Alteration of Duties or Abolition of Office) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill. The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time. Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests 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 Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill; ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Government Supplemental Bill; resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests Bill; resolved, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Mines Regulation Bill was, according to Mines 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 Customs and Inland Revenue Duties Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Municipal Franchise Bill; amended, and agreed to; and to Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 15th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consideration the Stannaries Bill, as Bill amended in the Committee. A Clause (Officer not entitled to compensation in case of Alteration of Duties or Abolition of Office) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill. The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time. Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests 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 Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill; ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Mines Regulation Bill was, according to Mines 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 Customs and Inland Revenue Duties Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Municipal Franchise Bill; amended, and agreed to; and to Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 15th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consideration the Stannaries Bill, as Bill amended in the Committee. A Clause (Officer not entitled to compensation in case of Alteration of Duties or Abolition of Office) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill. The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Hypothec Abolition (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time. Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests Bill; resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Turnpike Bill, Savings Banks Bill was read, and discharged.

Post Office.

Boards Bill, a second time this day.

Chapel.

Ordered, That the Chapel Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Diplomatic

Salaries, 

The House was moved, That the Act 2 & 3 Will, to consider so much of the said Act as relates to Diplomatic Salaries, Allowances, and Pensions; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do appoint Counsel to produce and manage the evidence, at the Bar of this House, upon Tuesday next, at Two o'clock, and give evidence on the Bill to disprove all Documents relating to the same.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, and produce all Documents relating to the same.

The Park Gate Chapel Marriages, 

Bill II.

Ordered, That the Turnpike Roads Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May, the Post Office Savings Banks Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY, 7th MAY, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Workington Harbour Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Albert Bridge 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 Dover Water Bill was read the third time. Dover Water Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to incorporate Commissioners, and to vest in them the Undertaking of the Dover Water Company, and for other purposes.

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

The Horrogate Water Bill was read the third time. Horrogate Water 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 South Devon Railway Bill was 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Barnstaple the Barnstaple Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Glasgow, and South Western, and Caledonian and Kilmarnock Extension Railway Companies 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, Cheetham, and Dover 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 Manchester Corporation Waterworks and Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Stockton-on-Tees Extension Stockton-on- and Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Water-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports from Saint James' Chapel and Burial Ground, Hampton Road, Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports from Chichester and Bath Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Consett Water Bills, That in the case of the Consett Water Bill, B.B originating
originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously suspended, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Public Petitions.

Viz., Tenth and Twentieth Report.

Education (Ireland.)

No. 194.

New Courts of Justice.

No. 196.

Canada (Dock-yard Artizans.)

No. 195.

Factory Acts Extension Act (1867) (Modifications.)

No. 197.

Income Tax.

No. 190.

Soldier Enfield Rifles.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to the Factory Acts Extension Act (1867) (Modifications), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Factory Acts Extension Act (1867) (Modifications), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the In- come Tax, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant May, be printed.

New Zealand (Laws.)

Read, 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 Correspondence on proposed Guaranteed Loans for New Zealand.

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

Commercial Reports.

Mr. Ousey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Reports received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Councils in 1869. No. IV. 1869.

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

Education (Science and Art.)

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Report of the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, with Appendix.

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

Castle Plague.

Mr. William Edward Forster also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order of the Lords of the Council, dated 6th May 1869, defining a part of the Port of North Shields for the landing of Foreign Cattle; and revoking the Order of 11th October 1867 relative thereto.

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

Irish Church Bill.

Bill 112.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 58 (Regulation as to vacancies). Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 18, to leave out the words "but no," in order to insert the words "and every." Question.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 59 (Ultimate trust of surplus). Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 11, after the word "shall," to insert the words "in the first place be applied by the Commissioners to the purchase of glebe-houses or manses for the bishops and clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ireland, so far as glebe-houses have not already been provided for under the provisions hereinbefore contained, and for the purchase of glebes and the building of glebe-houses or manses for the bishops and clergy of the Roman Catholic Church, and for the ministers of those Presbyterian Churches which have heretofore been in receipt of the Regium Donum; and so soon as the aforesaid object has been attained, the surplus thereof shall be applied to the credit of the Commissioners for the Redemption of the National Debt.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 11, to leave out from the word "applied" to the word "restrained," both inclusive, in l. 26, in order to insert the words "paid to the Consolidated Fund, to the credit of the Commissioners for the Redemption of the National Debt.) Question proposed, That the word "applied" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 11, to leave out from the word "applied" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "in aid of the development of education in Ireland, or in aid of the transformation of the tenure of land in Ireland, or Parliament by an Act or Acts to be passed for that purpose shall determine: the Commissioners may from time to time during their trust report to Parliament whether there is any income available for the purposes mentioned in this section." Question proposed, That the words "Under the management and control" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 14, to leave out from the word "infirmary" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "hospitals, lunatic asylums, asylums for poor persons of weak intellect, in exaction of grand jury cess." Question proposed, That the word "hospitals" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 15, after the words "grand jury cess," to insert the words "poor rate." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 26, after the word "restrained," to insert the words "in aid of the development of education in Ireland, or in aid of the transformation of the tenure of land in Ireland, or Parliament by an Act or Acts to be passed for that purpose shall determine: the Commissioners may from time to time during their trust report to Parliament whether there is any income available for the purposes mentioned in this section." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 60, agreed to.

Clause, N° 61 (Saving rights as to proprietary churches and chapels of ease). Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "or to any church situated in a parish or district of a parish which has been legally constituted into such parish or district, since the passing of the Act enabling the same, and which has been endowed out of private funds." Question
Mr. Cross reported from the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; That they had made an alteration in Group No. 6, 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Consumption of Sugar for the year ending the 30th day of September 1868, in Breweries; distinguishing London and the Provinces, and Scotland and Ireland (In continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 69, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Number of Persons in each of the several Collections of the United Kingdom for the year ending the 30th day of September 1868, in the several Class (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 69, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That the House be further supplied with Water the Parish of Dorking, for which a further Yote " on account" is required; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been received from the Lords.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Compensation to licentiates) brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for better supplying with Water the Parish of Dorking, for which a further Yote " on account" is required; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker, by leave, withdrew.

Ordered, That the Amendments be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.
Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills: That in the case of the Bristol Harbour Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out so much of the recital as alleges the expediency of purchasing additional lands for the purposes of the Wharf Deep, and also by omitting the recitals as to the expediency of the incorporation of the Great Western and Bristol and Exeter Railway Companies into one Company for certain purposes, and as to payment of guaranteed dividends by those Companies, the Promoters having stated that it was not their intention to apply for such powers, 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. Dent reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills: That in the case of the Midland Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital in reference to the confirmation of an agreement between the Midland, Great Eastern, and Tottenham and Hampstead Junction Railway Companies, and by amending the recital in reference to the use by the Company of the station of the Great Western Railway Company at Bristol, and the narrow-gauge lines of Railway communicating therewith, in order to make the same 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.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question put, till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions (Twentieth Report.)

Mr. Owen Stanley reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th, 6th, and 7th 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.

Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills: That, in the case of the Great Western Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recitals relating to the confirmation of an agreement between the Great Western and Newchuch and Market Drayton Railway Companies, and the power to the Great Western and certain other Companies to make agreements with reference to the use of the Dorking Station at Herford and portions of Railway leading thereto, and by altering the recital in reference to agreements with the Stourbridge Railway Company, in order to make the same consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as submitted to and 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 informed the House, that he had Controverted received from Mr. Justice Wille, one of the Election Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate relating to the Election for the Southern Division of the County of Warwick.

And the same was read, as followeth:—

Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Section 36, Warwick
South Warwickshire Election Petition.

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

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The Dublin and Drogheda 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 Huddersfield Water Bill was read the third Huddersfield time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The clay 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 Imperial (Fire) Insurance Bill was read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brighton Aquarium and Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crystal Palace and South London 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 Dundon Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Norfolk Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western 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 Preston Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Spalding Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the University College, London, 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 Stockton-on-Tees Extension and Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.
Ordered, That the All Saints District, Bishopsgate, Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next,
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The Dorking Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Norun and Kingstown Railway Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dorking Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Headlam reported the Bradford Water Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.
Ordered, That they be placed on the Table.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on Hungerford Bridge and Wellington Street Viaduct have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time.

Lord Elcho reported from the said Committee;
That they had made Progress in the matters to which the said Return do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of the House of Commons, on the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Safford Election Petition be laid before this House.

Mr. John Bright presented,—Return to an Order of the House of Commons, on a Return relative to the Rule of the Road at Sea.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Grant Duff presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Estimate of Revenue, Expenditure, and Balance for the year 1867-68; and Estimate of Revenue, Expenditure, and Balance for the year 1867-68, with a Comparison of the two years.
1. An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenue of India, for the year 1867-68; and of India, from 1st April 1867 to 31st March 1869;—2. An Estimated Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenue of India, from 1st April 1867 to 31st March 1869;—3. An Account of the Debts and Credits of the Government of India on 31st March 1869;—4. A List of the Establishment of the Secretary of State in Council of India, and the Salaries and Allowances payable in respect thereof, on 31st March 1869;—5. An Account of new or increased Salaries, Establisments, or Pen...
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply:

(Committee.)

A further Sum, not exceeding £1,583,300, on account, for the following Civil Services—

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That the House, according to Order, proceeded to MUSHER BILL, take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Militia Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

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Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause, (Excepting prescriptions of legally qualified medical men), was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, The Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Recorders' Deputies Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Recorders' Deputies Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Municipal Franchise Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Municipal Franchise Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Evidence Amendment Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Evidence Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Stannaries Bill. The Stannaries Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Rushed, That the Bill do pass.

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

University Tests Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum Special Trust Funds for the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1869:

Of the Estimated Charges and Expenses for the year ending the 31st day of March 1870:

Of the Sum necessary to discharge the same:

And, of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum in each year from 1863 to 1868, 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 1868.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on the Endowed Schools Bill, that they have power to divide the said Bill into two Bills, and to report such two Bills, or either of them separately, to the House.

Ordered, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to Cliftonville, Gillingham, Rybrook, Rustale, and Saint Just.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Ayrton 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 for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to Cliftonville, Gillingham, Rybrook, Rustale, and Saint Just:

And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:

And that Mr. Leefe and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring in it:

Ordered, That the following Witnesses, namely, Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Resident Magistrate, Oxford, Mr. Samuel Lee Anderson, Michael Lyons, Captain T. H. Mitchell, Henry Anson, and Edmund J. Jones, do attend this House, this day, at Two of the clock, and give evidence on the Bill to Daniel O'Sullivan, Request, from holding, enjoying, or taking the office of Mayor, or Justice of the Peace, or any office or place of magistracy in the City of Cork or elsewhere in Ireland, and also that they do bring with them all Documents relating to the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Wath Ham Gas West Ham Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from Prince's Risborough, in the County of Buckingham, to Watlington, in the County of Oxford, and for other purposes; and the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for further improving the Navigation of the River Severn, and for amending and extending the Severn Navigation Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Layard presented a Bill to enable the Court of Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire a new Site for the erection and concentration of the Courts of Justice, and various Offices belonging to the same, and to amend the Acts relating to the concentration of the Courts of Justice: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Leefe presented a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to Cliftonville, Gillingham, Rybrook, Rustale, and Saint Just: 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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.

Tuesday, 11th May, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Barnstaple Gas Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Caledonian, Glasgow, and South Western, and Croydon and Kilmarrock Extension Railway 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.

The Manchester Corporation Waterworks and Improvement Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The London, Chatham, and Dover 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, Glasgow, and South Western, and Croydon and Kilmarrock Extension Railway Companies Bill was read the third time.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Omnibus Local Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Severn Navigation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Wellington and Prince Risborough Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committees on the Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill, and the Glasgow Gas Light Company Bill, in Session 1857, be referred to the Committees on the Glasgow Gas Bill and the Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Portheinus Harbour (No. 2) 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 one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Bristol and North Somerset Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:-

Civil Service. That a further Sum, not exceeding £1,583,300, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charge for the following Civil Services, to the 31st day of March 1870, viz.:-

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. William Edward Forster reported from the Select Committee on the Endowed Schools Bill, 1869, and who were empowered to divide the said Bill into two Bills, and to report each such Bill, or either of them separately, to the House, that they had divided the said Bill into two Bills, and had
had gone through one of the said Bills, "To amend the Law relating to Endowed Schools and other Educational Establishments in England, and otherwise to provide for the Advancement of Education," and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Real Property.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the Law as to the Duty on the Succession to Real Estate, and as to the exemption of Real Estate from Probate and inheritance duty, is anomalous and unequal, and demands the early and serious attention of the Government, with a view to its Amendment—and the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to establish Administrative Boards for the transaction of County Business in England;

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

Wednesday, 12th May, 1869:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative: And that Mr. Kinnoul-Hughes, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Arthur Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Four Relief (Ireland) Act (1869) Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of Victoria, chapter eighty-three, for establishing Administrative Boards for the transaction of County Business in Scotland;

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

Wednesday, 12th May, 1869:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative: And that Mr. Kinnoul-Hughes, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Arthur Peel do prepare, and bring it in.

Witnesses (House of Commons.)

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the best means of providing for the examination of Witnesses upon Oath by the House of Commons, and its Committees.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting any further measures for the examination of Witnesses upon Oath by this House, and by its Committees.

Game Laws (Scotland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on Game Laws (Scotland) do consist of Eighteen Members; 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 appointment of the said Committee be discharged," 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 Tuesday the 8th day of June next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the winding up of the Business of the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, and to repeal enactments relating to Bankruptcy, and matters connected therewith; And that Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Beerhouses, &c. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker Voted 194.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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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 upon Thursday next.

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 upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Commissioners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Diplomatic Diplomatic Salaries, &c., a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Monies to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries, Allowances, and Pensions in the Diplomatic Service.

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. Dodson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Stansfeld do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ways and Means;

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 Local Government Supplemental Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to33

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Bills;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Municipal Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Evidence Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Admistrative Jurisdiction (County Courts) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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 Memorial addressed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Surrey to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the subject of the increase of Vagrancy:

Ordered, That 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 signed by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken at the trial of the Supply Election Petition, ordered upon the 10th day of this instant May to be laid before this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, 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."

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 County Courts Rating Exemption Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the All Saints District, Bishops-gate Road Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Bills 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 Copy of the Memorial addressed by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Surrey to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the subject of the increase of Vagrancy:

Ordered, That 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 Admistrative Jurisdiction (County Courts) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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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 words "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Ayrton; Mr. Buist; Mr. Stankey Hill; Mr. Wilfrid Layton; Mr. Jervis.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stanley Hill; Mr. Ayrton; Mr. Buist; Mr. Stankey Hill; Mr. Wilfrid Layton; Mr. Jervis.

The Yeas to the Right; 67.

The Noes to the Left; 163.

So it passed in the Negative.

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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

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

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Commissioners (Exposures) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. No.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Riding of the County of York.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act, 1868," and to give Jurisdiction in certain Maritime Causes: And that Mr. Norwood, Mr. Headlam, and Mr. Candlish do prepare, and bring it in.

Renford, Hay, and Norwood, the Lords.

Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on Railway Bills; That in the case of the Hereford, Hay, and Brecon Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the words from the same as much as afforded the expediency of making the short branch of Railway at Hereford, and the expediency of making certain working agreements, in order to make the same consistent 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.

Railway Bills (Group 3.)

Mr. Dent reported from the Committee on Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Tuesday the 1st of June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; and be printed.

County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act Amendment Bill; That Mr. Norwood presented a Bill to amend "The County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act, 1868," and to give Jurisdiction in certain Maritime Causes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report 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 Great Tower Hill Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublino and Mauds Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Harrogate Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Devon Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Company to raise further Money by borrowing, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords Clauses Consolidation Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Lords Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill, as amended by the Lords, be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Parochial Schoolmasters (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 13th May, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Committee on Railway Bills 8 A. of Railway Bills have leave to sit this day till Six of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. North reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned to Tuesday the 1st day of June next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. O'Reilly reported from the General Committee on Railway and Casual Bills; That they had made an alteration in the Groups already formed, and directed him to report the same to the House.

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

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th and 11th days of this instant May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Belgrave Market Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out all that related to the construction of a new Street, 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. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Dublino Port and Docks Bill; That a Report from the Board of Trade upon the Bill, and the objections thereof, had been referred to the Committee, and considered by them; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported Mr. Moore Ferguson's Estate Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Drum and Curragh Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Bill.
13th May, 1869.

The North British Railway Bill, and amended the same by reciting the expediency of amending the heads of the Agreement confirmed by "The Oldhampton Railway (Extensions to Bude and Torrington) Act, 1865," and confirming the heads of the Agreement scheduled to the Bill, in order to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had made provision in the Bill pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 4th day of May; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.

Mr. Dodson reported the Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

London and South Western Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the London and South Western Railway (Extension of Time) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out statements referring to Powers which were withdrawn from the Bill, and by correcting an error in a statement of the amount which the Company have power to raise by Shares or Stock, 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.

North British Railway Bill.

Mr. Sclater-Booth reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the North British Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out statements referring to Powers which were withdrawn from the Bill, and by correcting an error in a statement of the amount which the Company have power to raise by Shares or Stock, 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.

Caledonian Railway Bill.

Mr. Sclater-Booth reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills; that in the case of the Caledonian Railway Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in relation to certain portions of Railway originally proposed to be abandoned, which it was now intended to execute, and in relation to an agreement between the Trustees of the Port and Harbour of Greenock, the Caledonian Railway Company, and the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Company, which it was originally proposed to alter, but which it was now proposed to retain, and to confirm a new agreement between the same parties in lieu thereof, and in relation to the proposed confirmation of the accounts of the Caledonian Railway Company, and in relation to the proposed power to enter into agreements with the heirs of entail in possession of the estate of Holts, for which it was now proposed to substitute confirmation of an agreement between those parties and others, in order to make the said allegations 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Ham 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.

A Motion being made, That the Brighton Aquarium and Improvements Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Russell Gurdon, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for re-incorporating and giving additional Powers to the Brighton Aquarium Company, and for other purposes.

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

The Cocklehaven Gas Bill was read the third time. Cocklehaven

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Crystal Palace and South London 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 East Norfolk Railway Bill was read the third time. E

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Ferney and Limerick 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

A Motion being made, That the Harlepool Port and Harbour Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Russell Gurdon, 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 Kingstown Town Bill be Kingstown read the third time upon Thursday the 27th day of May, of this instant May.

The London and North Western 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.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the
Gas and Water Bill, the University College, Lon-
don, Bill, the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the
Cleveland Water Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the
Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill, as amended in
the Committee.

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yecman Clibet of the Black Rod.: Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Ma-
jecty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal As-
sent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honorable
House in the House of Peers, to hear the Com-
mission 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 apply the Sum of Seventeen million One hundred thousand Pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy.

Then the House resumed the consideration of
the Metropolitan Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill

(Use of Tramway by carriage other than those of the...)

An Act for amending the Law relating to the Merchant-Ship
Coasting Trade and Merchant Shipping in British Possessions.

An Act for Protection of Naval Stores.

An Act for amending the Law relating to the
Militia.

An Act to enable the Company of Proprietors West Middle
of the West Middlesex Waterworks to raise a fur-
ther Sum of Money, and for other purposes.

An Act for better supplying with Water Brymbo
and Places adjacent, in the County of Denbigh.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the
London Corporation Bill.

An Act to enable the Crystal Palace Company, Crystal Palace,
to grant Leases of certain Portions of their Land.

An Act to alter and enlarge some of the Powers
of the Rock Life Assurance Company, and for other
purposes.

An Act for altering the Vestry of the Parish of
Saint Giles Without, Cripplegate, and for other
purposes.

An Act to amend " The Rochester Bridge Act, 1866."

An Act to confer Powers upon the Corporation of
Grimsby as to the West Marshes, and the con-
struction of a Bridge over the Old Dock, and for other
Works at Grimsby, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds to improve the
Streets and Becks, and to make other Improve-
ments in the said Borough, and for other purposes.

An Act for making better Provision for the Great Tower
Repair and Improvement of Great Tower Hill, and for
other purposes.

An Act to confirm a Working Agreement between the
Dublin and North Railway Company, and the Midland Great Western Railway of
Ireland Company, and for other purposes.

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

An Act to apply the Sum of Seventeen million One hundred thousand Pounds, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and Seventy.

An Act to amend "The Salmon Fishery (Ire-
land) Act, 1863.," and the Acts continuing the
Temporary Provisions of the same.

An Act for authorising the Removal of Prisoners
from one Colony to another for the purposes of
Punishment.
the Company).—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 read a second time:—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Metropolitan Tramways Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Pittsburg, Pittkenn, and Greenwich Street Tramways Bill (Lords).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pittsburg, Pittkenn, and Greenwich Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Message from the Lords.

No. 210.—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 Sea Birds Preservation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ralli and Citiestoek Bill (Lords).—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from Callington to Calstock, in the County of Cornwall, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings in the said arbitration, which is to proceed thereupon, be laid before this House.

Ralli's Naturalisation Bill (Lords).—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the naturalisation of Pandeli Ralli, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords have had under Consideration the Bill of Mr. Russell Gurney, reported from the Select Committee on the Imperial Gas Light Company, for Half-pay Commissions, in reduction of the Charge N 0< 39, and Twenty-first Estimate of the Charge N 0< 40, for the year 1869, and for the Half-pay of Retired Officers of the Army, for the year 1869.

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

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Ordnance Select Committee.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell also presented,—Return of Ordnance Select Committee to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Ordnance Select Committee.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Return relative to the Ordnance Select Committee do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Value of Bullion, Gold, and China (No. 6.) Copy of Correspondence respecting Outrage on China (No. 6.) by the Company;—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 read a second time:—And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Private Bills.

Ralli's Naturalisation Bill (Lords).—Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Imperial Gas Bill (Lords).—Mr. Mosey reported the Imperial Gas (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

South Metropolitan Gas Bill (Lords).—Mr. Mosey reported the South Metropolitan Gas (re-committed) Bill, with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Married Women's Property Bill. No. 230. Taxation No. 230. —Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Osney presented, by Her Majesty's Command, to the House, a Bill for Full Pay of Retired Officers of the Army, Half-pay and Purchase of Full and Half-pay Commissions, in reduction of the Charge for Half-pay of Army Officers, for the year 1869.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 20th day of May next, and then and there to produce the aforesaid Petitions, Journals, Committee Bill, and documents showing the alterations and amendments which were made on the Duarte Gas Bill of Session 1867, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee thereon, and on the Third Reading and on the consideration of the Lords' Amendments thereto; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer to attend at the Westminster Palace Hotel, Victoria Street, in Westminster, in said arbitration, which is to proceed thereon Tuesday the 20th of May 1869 and following days, and then and there to produce the aforementioned Petitions, Journals, Committee Bill, and documents.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, to the House, a Bill for Full Pay of Retired Officers of the Army, Half-pay and Purchase of Full and Half-pay Commissions, in reduction of the Charge for Half-pay of Army Officers, for the year 1869.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Return relative to the Ordnance Select Committee do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Value of Bullion, Gold, and Silver; and of the Value of Bullion, Gold, and Silver in India, for the year 1869.
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 of Mr. H. Rivett-Carnac, Commissioner, for the Central Provinces and the Berar, on the operations of his Department for the year 1867.

Ordered, That 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 a Report of Mr. William King Fossett, Chief Clerk of the Department of the Admiralty, made to the Board of Trade as having left the United Kingdom,东印度, merchant shipping, 1867, showing the Port of Registry of the Ship and the name of the Owner in each case;—And, Statement showing the steps taken by the Board of Trade on these Cases of Infringement of the Act being reported to them (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 417, of Session 1867).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Steam Ship Copies of the Report made to the Board of Trade by their Officer appointed to inquire into the Explosion on board the Steam Ship "Buccleugh," and of the Evidence appended to that Report;—And, of any Correspondence between the Owners and the Board of Trade, and the Surveyor and the Board of Trade thereupon.

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on Waterford, Group 6A of Railway Bills; That in the case of No. 211, New Ross and Waterford Junction 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. Cross reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 6 A of Railway Bills; That, for the cases of Railway Bills, the Committee had adjourned to Wednesday the 2nd day of June next, at twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Rules, Instructions, or Recommendations issued by the Railway Department of the Board of Trade to Railway Companies, on the subject of “Reading Points.”

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

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all British Ships reported to the Board of Trade as having left the United Kingdom, without being provided with Lime or Lemon Juice as required by the Merchant Shipping Act Vol. 224, of 1867; showing the Port of Registry of the Ship and the name of the Owner in each case;—And, Statement showing the steps taken by the Board of Trade on these Cases of Infringement of the Act being reported to them (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 417, of Session 1867).

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

Mr. Ayton presented,—Return to an Order, Copper, &c. dated the 4th day of March last, for a Return relative to Copper, &c.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant May, for Account relative to the British Museum.

Mr. Ayton also presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Treasury Minute, dated 8th May 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Whiffin, Assistant Accountant General, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 8th May 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Henry Wolley, 1st Class Clerk, Secretary’s Department, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 11th May 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. William King Fossett, Chief Clerk of the Department of the Medical Director General of the Navy.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the British Museum be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to British East India (British Burmah) be printed.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return on an Order, Copper, &c. dated the 22nd day of April last, for a Return relative to East India (British Burmah).

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

Mr. Childers presented,—Return to an Order, relative to Cods. dated the 23rd day of March last, for a Return relative to Cods.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Address to the British Museum.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the British Museum be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of April last, for a Return relative to East India (British Burmah).

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

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of April last, for Returns relative to Buncleugh.
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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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Benefits of Kindred, Kilclare, Saint Mary, Saint Thomas, and Saint George, Dublin); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Commissioners may purchase either their own or the property of others) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation to Trustees of Armagh Observatory); 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 an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 10, by leaving out the words "nor for the teaching of religion." And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill — It was resolved in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 7, by leaving out the word "whatsoever." 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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 23, by leaving out the words "but not further or otherwise," and inserting the words "and to such further extent as Her Majesty shall think fit to authorize," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted — It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 16, after the word "thereof," in "to insert the words "the Commissioners may by order declare what sum of money will be required towards maintaining any cathedral in respect to which an application is made as aforesaid by the representative body of the said Church to the Commissioners, and which is of such a size as in the opinion of the Commissioners will enable to make it beyond the means of the congregation which will probably be the same to maintain it in proper repair, and shall pay such sums to the representative body of the said Church, to be set apart by them, and applied for the purpose of maintaining the said cathedral": Provided, that the number of cathedrals towards the maintenance of which money may be contributed by the Commissioners as aforesaid shall not exceed twelve.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted — It passed in the Negative. Then
Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

The Bill be read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 28th instant, and upon the 14th day of the next month, to be reported to the House, to consider of a Clause for imposing a Stamp Duty on any Order of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland operating as a Conveyance or Mortgage of Property.

The Committee divided.

Beer and Ale.

Re-committed Resolution relative to Customs Duties on Beer and Ale read, and amended, as follows:

1. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on Beer and Ale, which, upon the 1st day of April last, was reported from the said Committee, and which was then agreed to, be charged on the said Committee.

The House resolved itself into the Committee.

(To be continued.)

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Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, but was withdrawn by the mover, as amending the word "say" to the word "where" in 1. 8.

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, and the Bill, in p. 13, l. 6, by leaving out the word "sum" at the end of the Clause, the words "Provided always, That if any of the present officials are disabled from discharging their duty by age, sickness, or permanent infirmity, or any cause other than his own wilful default, he shall receive equal to the amount of his present salary."

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, by adding, after the word "number" at the end of the Clause, the words "and upon the application of any purchaser pur- chasing under the right of pre-emption as herein provided, any quantity of land not exceeding fifty acres of which he is the holder, may declare his purchase-money, or any part thereof, to be payable by fifty-two annual instalments, each at the rate of four pounds nine shillings per centum of the purchase-money, to be secured to the satisfaction of the Commissioners."

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in 1. 16, by leaving out the words " wholly or partially."—Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution—put, and the words " Exceeding One thousand One hundred and Ninety Degrees, the barrel of 36 gallons — 11 — agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed, in 1. 15, to leave out the words " male servant, or who shall keep any Carriage, or Horse or Mule, or who shall wear or use any Armorial Bearings, or who shall exercise or carry on the Trade of a Horsedealer."

Male Servants.

For every Male Servant employed either wholly or partially in any of the following situations, viz., Masters of Hounds, House Steward, Master of the Horse, Groom of the Chambers, Valut de Chambre, Butler, Under Butler, Clerk of the Kitchen, Groom, House Porter, Footman, Page, Waiter, Coachman, Groom, Postilion, Stable Boy or Helper in the Stables, Gardener, Under Gardener, Park Keeper, Game Keeper or Game Watcher, Huntsman and Whipper-in, or in any capacity involving the duties of any of the above descriptions of Servants by whatever style the person acting in such capacity may be called—

Carriages.

For every Carriage drawn by a Horse or Mule, or by Horses or Mules (except a wagon, cart, or other vehicle used solely for the conveyance of goods or burdens in the course of trade or husbandry, and wherein the owner has a possessory, or capable of being possessory, of the land or place of business of the owner shall be visibly and legally painted), If such Carriage shall have four or more wheels, and shall be of less weight than Three Hundredweight or upwards — 15 —

Horses and Mules.

For every Horse or Mule (including a Horse or Mule which shall never have been used for any purpose of draught or riding) — 10 —

Armorial Bearings.

For Armorial Bearings (including any Armorial Crest, Great, or Ensign, by whatever name the same shall be called)—

If such Armorial Bearings shall be painted, marked, or affixed on or to any Carriage, or Horse or Mule or to any other things by whomsoever or wheresoever used or worn — 11 —

Horsedealers.

Every Horsedealer in Great Britain—

Amendment proposed, in 1. 9, after the words " Male Servant," to insert the words " above eighteen years of age."—

Question put, That those words be there inserted—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes. [Mr. Noel. 71.

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Glyn. 150.

Another Amendment proposed, in 1. 9, to leave out the words " wholly or partially."—

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in 1. 17, to leave out the words " Under Gardener."—

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution—put, and agreed to.

Amendment made, in 1. 16, by leaving out the words "Game Watcher," and inserting the words " Under Keeper."—

Another Amendment proposed, in 1. 19, to leave out "15s.," in order to insert "10s. 6d."
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Question, That "15 s." stand part of the proposed Resolution—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 27, to leave out the words "have four or more wheels, and shall be of the weight of three hundredweight; or upwards," in order to insert the words "be drawn by two or more horses."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution:

—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made, in l. 26, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "four."

Another Amendment made, in l. 30, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "four."

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 31, after the word "hundredweight," to insert the words "unless such carriage shall have two wheels only, or than 10 s. 6d."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 36, after the word "riding," to insert the words "or a mare kept solely for breeding purposes."

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 46, to leave out from the word "If," to the word "used," in l. 49, both inclusive.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 42, after the word "used," to insert the words "by any person keeping a male servant, or a horse, or a carriage."

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

2. Original Question, as amended, That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be granted, charged, levied, and paid on and after the 1st day of January 1870, in and throughout Great Britain the following Duties of Excise upon Licences to be taken out annually by the Persons who shall employ any Male Servant, or who shall keep any Carriage, or Horse, or Mule, or who shall wear or use any Armorial Bearings, or who shall exercise or carry on the Trade of a Horsedealer.

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For every Carriage drawn by a Horse or Male or by Horses or Males (except a wagon, cart, or other vehicle used only for the conveyance of goods or burden in the course of trade or business, and wherein the产权es come and servants, and place of shell or place of business of the owner, shal be visibly and legibly painted),

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| Every Horsedealer in Great Britain | £. s. d. |
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—put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

**Friday, 14th May, 1869.**

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had amended the re-committed Resolutions, and had also come to another Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

Mr. Dodson 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 the 29th day of this instant May, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into an Enclosed Committee and amended the Title, as follows:—

A Bill to make Provision for the better Government and Administration of Hospitals and other Endowed Institutions in Scotland.

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 1st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com. Norfolk Island Bishopric Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Bill, committed to a Committee of the whole House, for an humble Address be presented:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c., Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Evidence Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Land Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lords, with Amendments, and with consequential Amendments to the Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Municipal Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Evidence Amendment Bill as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the County Courts Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Repayment of Loans to Poor Law Unions: And that Mr. Candlish, Mr. Ellerton, and Mr. Dillons do prepare, and bring it in.

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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Salmon Fisheries Amendment Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Contagious Diseases Act 1866. to inquire into the working of the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866, and to consider whether, and how far, and under what conditions, it may be expedient to extend its operation.

Resolved, That the House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Registration of Trade Marks:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the voluntary Registration of Trade Marks.

Resolved, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the voluntary Registration of Trade Marks.

Resolved, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Ayrton 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 provide
provide for the voluntary Registration of Trade Marks:—And he moved the House accordingly.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Leefe and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the House of Commons to examine Witnesses on Oath: And that Sir John Esmonde and Mr. Bonham-Carter do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Burial Grounds the provisions of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-eight, intituled, "An Act to render more simple and effectual the provisions of any Act of the present Session to put an end to the Establishment of the Officers or Affairs of the Union, and all other Corporations and Societies for purposes of Religious Worship or Education in England and Ireland, hold Property for such purposes": And that Mr. Headlam and Mr. Hume do prepare and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, Returns stating the Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Government for the payment of Counsel, and for the attendance of Witnesses and other persons on the occasion of the different stages of the Bill for discharging Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan from holding the office of Mayor of Cork, or any other office or dignity in Ireland; —And, stating from what particular source such expenses are to be defrayed: —And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence that passed between the Commissioners of Poor Laws, Ireland, and their Inspector, Mr. Bouverie, with reference to the Board of Guardians of the Kilbenny Union, or the Officers or Affairs of the Union, and all other Correspondence on the subject thereof.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of imposing a Stamp Duty upon any Order, operating as a Conveyance; or Mortgage of Property, made by the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, on the Bankruptcy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May, on the Valuation of Property (Metropolitan) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Election Petitions, Certificates and Reports relating to the Election for the Northern Division of the County of Norfolk; and for the Borough of Stafford. And the same were read, as follow:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Northern Division of the County of Norfolk, between Edward Colman, Petitioner; and the Honourable Frederick Walpole and Sir Edmund Henry Knowles Lacon, Barons, Respondents.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker. May 26, 1868.

I hereby certify that at the trial of the above Election Petition I determined that the Honourable Frederick Walpole and Sir Edmund Henry Knowles Lacon, Barons, the Members whose Return and Election is complained of, were duly returned and elected.

And, in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Section 11, I report,—

A. That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

B. That John Fallowes, an agent for Mr. Chawner, was proved to be guilty of undue influence by inciting a riotous mob to intimidate persons in order to induce them to refrain from voting.

C. That there is not reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which this Petition relates.

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Frederick Walpole, Election Judge.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Borough of Stafford, in the County of Stafford, between Richard Croft Chawner, Petitioner; and Walter Meller, Respondent.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker. May 12, 1868.

I hereby certify that at the trial of the above Election Petition I determined that Walter Meller, Esquire, the Member whose Return and Election is complained of, was not duly returned or elected, and that Richard Croft Chawner, Esquire, who claims the seat, was not duly elected, and that the Election was void.

And, in compliance with the directions of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, Section 11, I report—

A. That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

B. That George Arrowmith, an agent for Colonel Meller, was proved to be guilty of bribery.

That John Fallowes, an agent for Mr. Chawner, was proved to be guilty of undue influence by inciting a riotous mob to intimidate persons in order to induce them to refrain from voting.

C. That there is not reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which this Petition relates.

And, in compliance with the directions in the 15th sub-section of the 11th section of the said Act, I beg specially to report to you some matters arising in the trial, an account of which in my judgment ought to be submitted to the House of Commons as material to be known when the renewal or extension of the Corrupt Practices Act comes under consideration.

On the trial, though in my opinion there was not reason to believe that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed at the Election to which the Petition refers, it appeared that at the previous Election in 1865 corrupt practices had very extensively prevailed, being conducted on the one side by Mr. Brough, a solicitor, who was now one of the agents for Mr. Chawner (not a Candidate in 1865); and on the other by Mr. Fernie, who both at that Election and at the present was agent for Colonel Meller.

That it appeared amongst other things that at the Election in 1865 Colonel Meller’s Election Agent returned his expenses at a little more than £1,300, which account was signed by Mr. Morgan. It was now admitted that these expenses exceeded £2,000, the difference of at least £279, being accounted for by Mr. Brough, a solicitor, who was now one of the agents for Mr. Chawner (not a Candidate in 1865), and as it was alleged not known by the person signing the Return.

These were clearly infringements of the Corrupt Practices Act amounting to misdemeanors; but the enactments in the 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102, s. 14, and 26 & 27 Vict. c. 29, s. 5, that no prosecution shall be instituted after the lapse of a year given them indemnity. It will be for the Legislature to consider whether it might not be expedient in future at least to make an exception where the prosecution is instituted after the lapse of a year by the Attorney General or by Order of the House.

Further, on the return of the Election expenses for the present Election, which was signed by the same agent, Mr. Morgan, who had signed the false Return in 1865, no vouchers were returned, they being retained by Mr. Fernie, who refused to allow them to be seen till compelled to do so by an order made by me in the course of this Petition.

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Colin Blackburn, Election Judge.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Borough of Stafford, in the County of Stafford, between Richard Croft Chawner, Petitioner; and Walter Meller, Respondent.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker. May 15, 1868.

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Colin Blackburn, Election Judge.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Oswestry Local Board 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 Kingstown Town 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Harbour 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 Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse Fund Appropriation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stony Stratford 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 Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol and North Somerset Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portishead (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Callington and Calstock Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, with the consent of the Board of Trade, to deliver to the Survey and Subsuck Junction Railway Company the Bond entered into by the said Company, or on their behalf, for the completion of the said Railway, for the purpose of being cancelled;

Lord Robert Montagu, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Oxford Gas Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representative Peers (Scotland and Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Water Supply Bill, was read, and Bill, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Number of the Actions, Bills, Plaints, or Informations commenced, prosecuted or filed in the Name of Her Majesty's Attorney General, Solicitor General, in England and Wales, or Her Majesty's Advocate in Scotland, under the provisions of the Acts 39 Geo. 3, c. 79; 57 Geo. 3, c. 19; and 9 & 10 Vict. c. 35, since the passing of the last-mentioned Act, giving the character, or a short description of each such Bill, Plaint, or 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.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Mines to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for the year 1869.

Copy of Thirty-first Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, pursuant to the Act 6 & 7 Vict. c. 91, for 1869.

Copy of Report on the Print Works Act, and on the Bleaching and Dyeing Works Acts; with Appendix.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to Criminals an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of (Metropolis) March last, for Returns relative to Criminals (Metropolis).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Contagious Diseases (Animals).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Contagious Diseases (Horse, Cattle, Sheep, &c.).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Sewage (Barking).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Sewage (Sheffield).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Sewage (Bristol).

Copy of Eleventh Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary of Scotland, for the year ended 16th March 1869, made to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State under the Provisions of the Statutes 20 & 21 Vict. c. 72.

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**Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act**

Copy of a Proclamation placing Parts of the City and County of Londonderry under the Provisions of the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1856.

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

**Railways (Using Points).**

Mr. Leader presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Railways (Using Points).

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

**Naval Savings Banks.**

Mr. Chidley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks, and the payments thereof and of Interest thereon; of all Investments under the Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866; and, the application of the Interest or Dividends accruing in respect thereof, and of the proceeds of any Sale of any Stocks, Annuities or Securities, during the financial year 1867-68.

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

**Postal Communications.**

Mr. Ayrton presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Postal Communication (Australia).

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Malt and Barley.

**Sugar.**

Supernumeraries.

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1869, granting Special Supernumerary Allowances to Mr. H. F. Ainsworth, of the Secretaries Department, and to Messrs. Atkinson, Bouchers, and Douglas, of the Accountant General's Department, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1869, granting a Special Supernumerary Allowance to Mr. Peter Reckers, First Class Clerk, Accountant General's Department, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1869, granting a Special Supernumerary Allowance to Mr. Charles Spence, First Class Clerk, Accountant General's Department, Admiralty.

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Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1869, granting a Special Supernumerary Allowance to Mr. Henry Craddock, Master Shipwright, Portsmouth Yard, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1869, granting a Special Supernumerary Allowance to Mr. Henry Reavis, Established Labourer, Portsmouth Yard, Admiralty.

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

**Imprisonment for Debt.**

Ordered, That the Return relative to Imprisonment for Debt, which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

**Crime.**

Ordered, That so much of the Return relative to Crime, (including Murders, Attempted Murders, Crimes of Personal Violence, and Threatening or Lectors less, which have been officially published in Dublin since the last Assizes in Ireland,) which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant May, be printed.

**Reformatory and Industrial Schools.**

Ordered, That the Return relative to Reformatory and Industrial Schools, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

**Kindergarten.**

Ordered, That the Return relative to Kindergarten, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant May, be printed.

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**Carriage.**

For every Male Servant employed either wholly or partially in any of the following capacities, etc. Malters & Maltsters, House Servants, Master of the Horses, Gardener, Coachman, Valet de Chambre, Butler, Under Butler, Clerk of the Kitchen, Confectioner, Cook, House Porter, Farrier, Waller, Coachman, Grocer, Postilion, Stable Boy or Help in the Stables, Gardener, General Servant, Park Keeper, Game Keeper or Under Keeper, Servant and Whipper-in, or in any capacity involving the duties of any of the above descriptions of Servants by whatever style the person acting in such capacity may be called — 15 Carriages.

For every Carse drawn by a Horse or Male, or by Horses or Males (except a wagon, cart, or other vehicle used solely for the conveyance of any goods or burdens in the course of trade or husbandry, and wherein the Christian name and surname, and place of abode or place of business of the owner shall be visibly and legibly painted) — 2 2 -

If such Carse shall have four or more wheels, and shall be of the weight of Four Hundredweight or upwards — 2 9 -

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**Horses and Mules.**

For every Horse or Male, or by Horses or Mules (including a Horse or Pony of any sex, or description or age, but not including a Fleet, Colt, or Foal, Male, or Female, which shall never have been used for any purpose of draught or riding) — 10 6

For Armorial Bearings (including any Armorial Bearings, Crest, or Ensign, by whatever name the same shall be called). Horses or Mules shall be painted, marked, or affixed to or on any Carse — 2 2 -

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Church [Stamp Duties].

(The in Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to impose the same Stamp Duty upon any Order operating as a Conveyance or Mortgage of Property, which may be made by the Commissioners of Church Temporaries in Ireland, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, as is now payable in the case of a Conveyance or Mortgage.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Civil Office (Pensions) 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 "in the opinion of this House, the further consideration of this Bill ought to be deferred until an inquiry has been made into the duties attached to some Political Offices which are now regarded as comparatively sinecure, and which offices for the first time will be entitled to Pensions under this Bill," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(The in Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Application of Act). Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

CLAUSE, No. 2, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Limit of amount of pensions). An Amendment was made.

As to certain shepherds' dogs with reference to 30 Vic. c. 5.

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, to leave out from the word "dog" to the end of the Clause.

CLAUSE, No. 36 (Provision as to certain shepherds' dogs, with reference to 30 Vic. c. 5). Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, to leave out the word "four," in order to insert the word "five." Question proposed, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation 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 of Supply; resolved, that this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Beerhouses, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Evidence Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming County Courts the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, that the County Courts Bill be now read a second time; ordered, that the said Order be discharged. ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Union Loans Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of June next.

Ordered, that there be laid before this House, Dublin Port, a Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Customs, dated the 22nd day of May 1865, and subsequent Papers, relating to the Sale of the Custom Houses, Docks, and Premises within the Port of Dublin, under an Indenture bearing date the 2nd day of August 1866, and made between the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Commissioners and Secretary of Customs, and the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of Dublin (now called the Dublin Port and Docks Board). ordered, that there be laid before this House, Supernumerary a Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated the 11th day of May 1869, granting a Special Compassionate Allowance to Richard Child, First Class Labourer in the Military Store Department. Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into an Endowed a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Endowed Schools Bill. Schools Bill, was read, and discharged. reached, that this House will, upon Monday the 14th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 28th May, 1869.

PRAYERS.

THE Accrington Gas and Water Bill was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to alter and extend the Powers of the Accrington Gas and Waterworks Company in relation to their Waterworks, and for other purposes.

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

The Cleveland 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.

The Clumber Township 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 Devon and Cornwall Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and South Western 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 Imperial Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Loss from frauds of Company's Servants to be deducted from Dividends), 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 Muir Ferguson's Estate Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North British 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 South Metropolitan Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Loss from frauds of Company's Servants to be deducted from Dividends), was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ralli's Naturalization Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to provide for the winding up of the business of the late Court for the Relief of Indefatigable Debtors in England, and to repeal enactments relating to Bankruptcy, and matters connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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.

The Order made upon the 26th day of April Royal Society, last, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to the Royal Society, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Royal Society a Copy of a Letter addressed to the Board of Trade by the Meteorological Committee appointed by the Royal Society, at the request of the Government, on the subject of the relations of that Committee with the Government.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (Scotland), which was presented upon the 27th of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 27th of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Postal and Telegraphic Communication (Australia), which was presented upon the 27th of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Malt and Barley, which was presented upon the 27th of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugar, Sugar, which was presented upon the 27th of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Order of the House of Commons, dated the 8th day of April this instant May, for a Return relating to the Court of Burgesses (Westminster).

Ordered, That the said Return be laid upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Strand Union, by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Strand Union.

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 "in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the interests of trade and commerce, and the progress of the arts and sciences in this country, would be promoted by the abolition of Patents for Inventions," 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Irish Church [Stamp Duties], a Resolution, that the Committee came to a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to impose the same Stamp Duty upon any Order operating as a Conveyance or Mortgage of Property, which may be made by the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to put an end to the Establishment of the Church in Ireland, as is now payable in the case of a Conveyance or Mortgage.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Church Bill, re-committed to consider of a Clause for imposing a Stamp Duty upon any Order of the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland operating as a Conveyance or Mortgage of Property; and, after some time spent therin, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and that Mr. Dodson report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The Evidence 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Clauses Act, 1863; and the Evidence Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Evidence Amendment Bill be, according to Order, read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Evidence Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," relating to Falmouth, Fowey, and Padstow.

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Ordered, That the Evidence Amendment Bill be, according to Order, read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Evidence Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Mr. Godby presented a Bill to amend the Companies Clauses Act, 1863; and the same was read the first time; and the Bill to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of Exchequer Bonds payable in the year ending 31st March 1870, unprovided for.

Mr. Ayton accordingly presented the said Account.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Plans for the New Law Courts on the Embankment Site, with a Letter from the Architect.

Mr. Layard accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Steam Boilers Inspection Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of June next.

And then, the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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The Bristol Harbour 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 Edinburgh and District 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.

The Metropolitan Tramways 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 Street Tramways Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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The Metropolitan Tramways 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 Plymouth, Penzance, and Greenwich Street Tramways 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.

The Scotch Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse Fund Appropriation 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 Stoney Stratford 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Keighley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendment were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Keighley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendment were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and South Western Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Provision as to execution of certain accommodation works), 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 Keighley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendment were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kilkeel Borough Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Back yards to new buildings), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Dublin Port consideration the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, an Order was made:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Park Lane Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the All Saints District, Bishopsgate 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 are—

The Noes are—

And the Question being put, 

Mr. Grant Duff presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to East India (Calcutta). 

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Thirteenth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England (Abstracts of 1867). 

Tables of the Numbers of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in Ireland in the year 1868. 

Copy of Special Report of the Enclosure Commissioners, 1869. 

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

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Trade and Navigation Accounts for the Month ended 30th April 1869, and Four Months ended 30th April 1869. 

Trade Accounts for Foreign Countries, for the Two Months ended 26th and 29th February 1867, and 1869; and for Eight Months ended 31st August 1867 and 1868. 

Mr. John Bright also presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Steam Ship "Buccleugh." 

Returns relative to the Steam Ship "Buccleugh." 

Mr. John Bright also presented, pursuant to the Merchant direction of several Acts of Parliament—An Account of the Receipt and Expenditure (under the Seamen's Fund, Section 8 of the Seamen's Savings Bank Act, 1856, 19 & 20 Vic.) Orders c. 41, during the year ended 20th November 1868, and of the Interest thereon; Also, Statement showing the Number and Amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued at Ports in the United Kingdom and at Continental Ports, and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom, from 1865 to 1868, both years inclusive. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the two first be printed. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Irish Church Bill. 

Reading of the Irish Church 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 "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; 

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And the Question being put; 

The House divided. 

The Yeas are—

The Noes are—

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

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

(In the Committee.)

£ 3,300,000, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 6, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

A Clause added. Preambles agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Copyright (Periodicals) 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 Copyright (Periodicals) Bill; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

(Periodicals) Reading of the Copyright (Periodicals) Bill; Information into a Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine Awards (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

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

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

The Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Customs and Inland Revenue Duties Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ways and Means; the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of These Lands Bill; resolution to be reported.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Company (Amendment) Bill, that they have Power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and the Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, that they have Power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of two Burgesses to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Stafford, in the room of Henry Davis Packlin, Esquire, and Colonel Walter Motter, whose Elections have been determined to be void.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Creditors and Shareholders of Joint Stock Companies in Liquidation: And that Mr. Henry B. Sheridan and Mr. Serjeant Simon do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Report of the Lists of all Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns of Members to serve in Parliament, presented to the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, or to the Court of Common Pleas at Dublin, or to the Inner House of the Court of Session in Scotland, with the Names of the Petitioners and Respondents; specifying whether the Elections have been declared valid or void, or whether the Petitions have been withdrawn, or filed but no security given, and also whether in any case further Proceedings have been ordered to be stayed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Life Assurance Companies Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the Salaries and Pension of any Additional Judge; and out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament of the Salaries, Pensions, and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy, and, in case of deficiency, of certain Charges usually borne by the Bankrupt's Estate; of Compensation to the Holders of any Offices that may be abolished; and, whenever the forfeiture of any unclaimed Dividend may be remitted by the Lord Chancellor, of the repayment of the sum so forfeited, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to imprisonment for Debt.

Mr. Stansfeld, 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Prosecution by the Trustee of any Bankrupt, when such Prosecution has been ordered and the charge allowed by the Court, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to imprisonment for Debt.

Mr. Stansfeld, 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.

Mr. Henry B. Sheridan presented a Bill to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Creditors and Shareholders of Joint Stock Companies in Liquidation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second Vol. 124.

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Mr. North reported from the Committee on Glasgow Gas Group F. of Private Bills; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Freamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out all reference to the Sinking Fund, 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. North reported from the Committee on Glasgow Gas Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Glasgow Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Freamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out all reference to the Sinking Fund, 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. North reported from the Committee on Glasgow Gas Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Corporation the Glasgow Corporation Gas (Purchase, &c.) Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Freamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same 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.

Mr. North reported from the Committee on Glasgow Gas Group F. of Private Bills; That in the case of the Glasgow City Corporation the Glasgow City and Suburban Gas Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Freamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out all powers for the purchase of additional lands, 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. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Lancaster and South Dene Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Freamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and 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. Dodson reported the Great Yarmouth Water Bill, without Amendment.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Dodson reported the King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill, with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported the Connell Water Bill, with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Glasgow (City) Union Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by stating more fully the arrangements agreed upon between the City of Glasgow Union Railway Company, and the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, in regard to the guarantee of the preferential dividend attached to certain shares in 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. Dodson reported the Shetley Bridge and Consett District Gas Bill, with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Devon and Cornwall 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 Glasgow and South Western 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 Hereford, Hay, and Brem Railway Bill.  
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Imperial Gas Bill.  
Ordered, That the Imperial Gas Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Munro Ferguson's Estate Bill was read the third time.  
Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be printed.  
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 Rose Improvement Act, 1856, Amendment Bill.  
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dodson reported, That the South Metropolitan Gas Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Park Lane Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee;  
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, by leaving out from the words “Bill be” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “re-committed to the former Committee, in order that a Clause may be inserted declaring “that lessees and occupiers of houses in Hamilton Place are within the provisions of the Sixty- eighth section of “The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,” with respect to lands injuriously “affected,” instead thereof.  
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Mr. Great Duff presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th May 1869, approving certain proposed Alterations of Salaries, and new Appointments in the Office of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

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, a Return of the Convictions of the Keepers of Refreshment Houses in the Parishes of Saint James, Saint Martin, and Saint Anne, Westminster, by Mr. Kear, the Police Magistrate of Great Marble-street Police Court; and of the Fines imposed and paid in each Case for the Twelve Months ending the 30th day of April 1869.

Ordered, That 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 this House will, at the rising of Adjournment, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Number of Offenders who were committed to the Prisons of England and Wales during 1867, for Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct, or Vagrancy, who had been previously convicted of any of those Offences upwards of Five times.

Ordered, That 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, Saint Stephen's Returns showing in detail the Sums expended every year on the Restoration of the Crypt of Saint Stephen's, from the commencement of such Restoration or Repairs;—And, showing also the Cost of the Cloth which has been placed upon the Commission Table.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon Sir J. T. Campbell's Bill, in the House of Commons, dated the 28th day of April last, That the Hospitals, &c., Rating Exemption Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, To-morrow, Real Estate Intestacy Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, dated the 25th day of March 1834, with reference to the relative position of the Royal Officers and those of the late Honourable East India Company.

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

Ordered, That 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 written by General Lord Hill to the President of the Board of Control, dated the 26th day of March 1834, with reference to the relative position of the Royal Officers and those of the late Honourable East India Company.

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

Ordered, That all Committees have leave to sit tomorrow, notwithstanding the adjournment to be observed on the 14th day of July next.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Children receiving Out-door Relief who are known to be receiving Education in any Parochial or other School.

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

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

Ordered, That the House to resolve itself into Fire and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill, was read, and discharged.

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Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to 2nd June, 1869:
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A Motion was made, and the Question being read, that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the treatment of political prisoners, particularly of those who may be untried; and of those who, under exceptional circumstances, may be detained in custody, without any special charge having been preferred against them;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 32.
Mr. Vane.

Mr. Synan.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes, 60.
Mr. Glyn.

Mr. Adam.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Local Government Committee on the Local Government Supplemental Bill, that they have power to consider the said Bill so far as it relates to Woking.

Ordered, That the Petition of Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of Land, Houses, and other Property in the Parish of Lambeth, which was presented upon the 31st day of May last, praying to be heard against the Bill, be referred to the Committee, with leave to the Petitioners to be heard thereon.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Rates of Import Duty levied by Import Duties, the existing Tariff of European Countries and of the United States, so far as relates to the principal Articles of the Produce and Manufacture of the United Kingdom.

A Motion was made, and the Question being read, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Petitions presented to the House during the present Session of Parliament, on the subject of the Irish Church, distinguishing those for and against its Disestablishment and Disendowment, and the aggregate Number of Signatures under both Heads;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 32.
Mr. Vane.

Colonel Knox.

Mr. Glyn.

Mr. Adam.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Party Proceedings, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last, That the Party Proceedings (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Land 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 Grand Jury Reading of the Grand Jury Cases (Ireland) Bill; Com (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) 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 Reading of the Oxford University Statutes Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
That a Sum, not exceeding £3,300,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds which will become due and payable during the Year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

Ordered, That the Clerk do print the said Resolution.

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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney and Shetland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee; and, whenever the House shall have completed its business, shall forthwith adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 5th June, at a quarter of an hour before Two of the钟 on Wednesday morning.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Bankruptcy [Salaries, Expenses, &c.]
(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment of Moneys to be provided by Parliament of the Salaries, Pensions, and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy, and, in case of deficiency, of certain charges usually borne by the Bankrupt's Estate; of Compensation to the Holders of any Offices that may be abolished; and, whenever the forfeiture of any unclaimed Dividend may be provided by the Lord Chancellor, of the repayment of the sum so forfeited, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.
Resolution to be reported.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till Thursday morning.
The South Metropolitan Gas 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 Oxford Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vote Twenty-third Report.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Abstracts of the General Statements of the Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Highways of the several Parishes, Townships, &c., in England and Wales, for the year 1867.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of May last, for a Return relative to County Courts.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Vagrancy, the 12th day of May last, for a Return relative to Vagrancy.

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

Mr. John Bright presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of May last, for a (Hansard) Return relative to the Royal Society (Meteorological Committee).

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

Mr. Aggas presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Sum required in the Year 1867, for the necessary Advances for the Purchases of a Site, and for other Expenses for the New Courts of Justice and Offices belonging thereto, under "The Courts of Justice Concentration (Site) Act, 1865," the Amount of such Advances to be repaid to the Consolidated Fund out of the Surplus Interest of the Court of Chancery.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committees of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Copper, Copper, &c., which was presented upon the 13th day of No. 236, May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the West India India Colonies, &c., which was presented upon the 13th day of May last, be printed. No. 240.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the New New Courts of Justice (Site), which was presented upon Justice Office, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the India India Office, which was presented upon the 1st day of No. 243, this instant June, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheriff's Court Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Bill:—Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Technical Instruction in Germany and Switzerland; in continuation of Report and Evidence presented in 1868. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Bankruptcy [Salaries, Expenses, &c.], a Resolution which was read, as followeth:—That it is expedient to authorize the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the Salaries and Pension of any Additional Judge; and out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament of the Salaries, Pensions, and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy, and, in case of deficiency, of certain charges usually borne by the Bankrupt’s Estate; of Compensation to the Holders of any Offices that may be abolished; and, whenever the forfeiture of any unclaimed Dividend may be remitted by the Lord Chancellor, of the repayment of the Sum so forfeited, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to Compensation for the Expenses of the Prosecution by the Trustee.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

In the Committee.

ClAUSES, No 1 to No 3, agreed to.

Clause, No 4 (Interpretation of certain terms in the Act, “Court,” “Registrar,” “ Prescribed,” “ Property,” “ Debt,” “Person.”) Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words “Fraudulent bankrupt” shall mean any one who shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Court to have done any of the following things to the serious prejudice of his creditors, or any of them:— Concealed or withheld books, documents, or papers; Failed to account for money proved to have been received by him; Lost money by gambling or excessive private expenditure; Brought goods when in desperate circumstances, or in such manner as to prejudice his creditors; or remains abroad; or keeps his house, or has absented himself from his usual abode or place of business.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out subsection (3), in order to insert the words “that the debtor has absconded or departed the realm, or remains abroad, or keeps his house, or has absented himself from his usual abode or place of business.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out subsection (5), in order to insert the words “ that the debtor has filed a declaration of intention to defraud or delay his creditors has absconded or departed the realm, or remains abroad, or keeps his house, or has absented himself from his usual abode or place of business.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out subsection (8), in order to insert the words “that the debtor has filed a declaration of intention to defraud or delay his creditors has absconded or departed the realm, or maintains abroad, or keeps his house, or has absented himself from his usual abode or place of business.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out subsection (9), in order to insert the words “Thirty days.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the beginning of the Clause to the word “may” in l. 10, in order to insert the words “a single creditor, if the debt due to such creditor amounts to a sum of not less than twenty pounds, or two creditors if the aggregate amount of debts due to such creditors be not less than thirty pounds, or three creditors if the aggregate amount of debts due to such creditors be not less than forty pounds.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out subsection (9), in order to insert the words “that the debtor has filed a declaration of intention to defraud or delay his creditors has absconded or departed the realm, or remains abroad, or keeps his house, or has absented himself from his usual abode or place of business.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word “due,” to insert the words “ and not barred by any statute of limitations.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, to leave out the words “Three weeks,” in order to insert the words “ Thirty days.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the word “creditor,” to insert the words “that the debtor has filed a declaration of insolvency.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out the words “must not be a secured debt,” in order to insert the words “if a secured debt, must be for the unsecured balance only.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the word “Debtor,” to insert the words “but if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the debtor is keeping out of the way, or remaining abroad to avoid service, and that every reasonable attempt has been made to serve him.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No 7 (Proceedings on petition.) Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the word “Debtor,” to insert the words “but if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the debtor is keeping out of the way, or remaining abroad to avoid service, and that every reasonable attempt has been made to serve him.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
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Question proposed, That "paragraph 1" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 20, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 27, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 29, 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 Friday morning;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Impeachment for Debt Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Impeachment for Debt Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Insolvent Debtors and Bankrupt Repeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Election Commissioners (Expense) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Valuation of Property Metropolitan Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Valuation of Property (Metropolitan) Bill;

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

Valuation of Property Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property Bill;

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

Mines Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mines Regulation Bill;

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

Country Administration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Administration Bill;

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

Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Endowed Hospitals, &c. Bill (Scotland).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Hospitals, &c. (Scotland) Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill, so far as it relates to Falmouth, be committed to a Select Committee, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection, as in the case of a Private Bill.

Ordered, That all Petitions which have been presented during the present Session, against the Bill, be referred to the Committee; and such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard upon their Petitions, if they think fit; and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against the said Petitions.

Ordered, That in the event of the Bill being committed to the same Select Committee to which the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Bill is referred, it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have power to consolidate the said Bills into one Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1 (Short Title). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Lush,

Yes, 19.

Tellers for the Mr. Samuel Coslin.

No, Sir Hedworth Williamson: 29.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 (Commencement of Act).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Second Reading of the Representation of the People Act (1867) Amendment Bill; Amendments made.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Oxford University Statute Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee 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.

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 of the Number of Heritages qualified to attend and vote at any Meeting held pursuant to the Act 43 Geo. 3, c. 34, defined in the 2nd Section of the said Act, in all Parishes in Scotland in which a Parochial School is established.

Ordered, That 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 Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860": And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of Judicial Statistics in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Court of Session Act, 1868," in so far as the exemption of Lighthouse Keepers and their Assistants from serving on Juris is thereby abolished; And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm an Order made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to Langston: And that Mr. Lefèvre and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to afford facilities for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks in Ireland: And that Mr. McCleary, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Pim, and Mr. Maguire do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Children between Three and Fifteen years of Age, and who were chargeable to the Poor Rates of the several Parishes and Unions of England and Wales, but who were not Inmates of Workhouses, or of any School for Infant Children, on the 1st day of July 1869; distinguishing the Number of such Children who were then attending Day Schools: 1. At the Cost of their Parents or Relatives; 2. At the Cost of the Poor Rates; 3. At the Cost of other Parties; and to which the Lord Advocate, Mr. McCleary, and Mr. Secretary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

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:

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 extend the Edgware, Highgate, and London Railway to Harrow; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Inhabitants and Land Owners and Ratespayers of Croydon, which was presented upon certain Supplemen tal Bills, the 7th day of May last, in favour of the Local Government Supplemental Bill, and all other Petitions which have been presented during the present Session in favour of the said Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of Judicial Statistics in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Bruce, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860:" 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Court of Session Act, 1868," in so far as the exemption of Lighthouse Keepers and their Assistants from serving on Juris is thereby abolished; 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm all Sea Fisheries Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to Langston: And that Mr. Lefèvre and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to afford facilities for the Establishment and Maintenance of Public Parks in Ireland: And that Mr. McCleary, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Pim, and Mr. Maguire do prepare, and bring it in.

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

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Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented a Bill to authorize the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Friday, 4th June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Philip Egerton reported from the Select Committee on the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries Supplementary Bill; That they had examined the matters therein contained of the confirmation of the Provisional Order in the Schedule thereto in respect of Holy Loch; that the Provisional Order relating thereto ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill in respect thereof, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 6 A. of Railway Bills have leave to sit To-morrow, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House.

Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Committee of Select Standing Orders, a Resolution; That, in the case of their Petition against the Borough Harbour Commissioners Bill, as Harbour Commissioners, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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 Bishops' Stortford Water Bill, Petition of Bishops Stortford Local Board of Health for dispensing with Standing Order No. 126 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Great Yarmouth Water Bill was read the third time.

Bredlow, 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.

A Motion being made, That the Park Lane Improvement Bill be now read the third time; Colonel Wilson Patten, 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.

Bredlow, 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 Stockton-on-Tees Extension and Improvement Bill be now read the third time; Colonel Wilson Patten, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time.

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Mr. Ayton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office.

Mr. Ayton also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of May last, for Returns relative to Hops.

Mr. Ayton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 22nd May 1869, on the subject of the Examination of the Accounts of the Metropolitan Police.

Ordered, That the said Papers be laid upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to direct Her Government to lay before the House a Return of such Papers, as are by Order of the day presented to the House, as directed in the Act of Parliament, intitled, An Act for the Registration of Orders of Hops and Hops Seeds, 1869.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock;—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

Monday, 7th June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Local Government and Municipal Bills have leave to sit this day till Five of the clock, during the sitting of the House.

The House being informed, That the Sheriff's Valuation 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, praying the House to pass the Valuation of Property (Metropolitan) Bill, with such Amendments and Modifications as may more effectually carry out the object which Her Majesty's Government had in view when they introduced the Bill into the House, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Rail's Naturalization Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Connex Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Elham Valley Railway Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow City Corporation Gas (Purchase, &c.) 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 Glasgow Gas Corporation Gas (Purchase, &c.) 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 King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Launceton and South Devon 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 Scinde Railway Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shelton Bridge and District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Approval of borrowing by Town Council) 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of Measures Stored: Liability of lessees transferred to Board; lessons to give schedules of goods and charges; providing for refunds; Board to require payment of imposed charges; providing as to goods sold; arbitration) 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 Collington and Cattebrook Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The West Surrey Water 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.

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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable to the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof.

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 the case of the Collington and Cattebrook Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in the case of the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in the case of the Watlington and Prince Risborough Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill 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, 1864.

Orders in the case of the Courts of Justice (New Site) Bill.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Court of Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of the Registrars of, or connected with, the Court of Chancery, with the Names of the existing Registrars, and the Dates of their several Appointments, and by whom appointed and paid:—Of the Amount of the Annual Salaries or other Emoluments exigible or derived by the respective Registrars for each of the Three Years ending the 1st day of November 1866, 1867, 1868:—Of the Amounts of the Annual Salaries or other Emoluments for the same Period, paid to or received by the several Clerks or Assistants, or Deputy Clerks, in the Offices of the respective Registrars, with the Names of such Clerks or Assistants, or Deputy Clerks, and stating by whom such Clerks or Assistants, or Deputy Clerks, are appointed and paid:—Of the Number of Decrees or Orders remitted by the Court for preparation and settlement by each Registrar for the same Period:—Of the Times which elapsed between the Dates of the original Orders or Decrees and the final Settlement thereof, and transmission of the same to the Parties, or their Solicitors or Agents, during the Months of February and July in each of the above Years:—Of the Hours of Attendance of the Registrars and their Clerks and Assistants, or Deputy Clerks, during which Orders or Decrees can be passed:—And, of the Number of Days in the course of each Year on which the Offices of the Registrars are closed in respect of Holidays or otherwise.
Bonds.

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ment Bill. A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-

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Assessed Rates The Assessed Rates Bill was, according to

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Diseases

Bill. Order, read a second time; and committed to a

Coals, Cinders, &c. dated the 19th day of April last, for Returns rela­

(Officers.)

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No. 248.

Otway Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order,

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Cardwell presented, by Her Ma-

mand,—Copy of Declaration renouncing the use,

Command,—Copy of Third General Report

Military

Education.

East India (Officers.)

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Ma-

Secretary Cardwell also presented.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Officers).

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

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Mr. Aytoun presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of April last, for Returns relative to Coals, Cinders, and Cusin, &c.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Contagious Diseases (Animals), which was presented upon the 27th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to County Treasurers, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hops, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Assessed Rates Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Act (1867) Amendment Bill; A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And, similar List of all the Fish Passes which have been approved by the Home Office, under Sections 23 and 24 of the said Act of 1867, since the passing of the said Act of 1865, and specifying the River, and Situation in such River, of each such Fish Pass.

Ordered, That 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Hops, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Dr. 

Resolved,

That the principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at par, at any period not exceeding Five years from the date of such Bonds.

Resolved, That the interest of such Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof.

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod­

was, according to Order, read the third time. 

wished to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednes­

day next, again resolve itself into the said Com­

mittee.

The Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill Election Com­

was, according to Order, read the third time. 

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

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself diplomatic into a Committee on the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUDES, No. 2 to No. 6, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

CLAUDE, No. 7 (Qualification for Pension). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out the word “fifteen,” in order to insert the word “twenty.”

Ordered, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam:

Tellers for the Mr. Lusk,

Noes, [Colonel Cobett:]

No.

Clauses, No. 8 to No. 13, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, to leave out the words “the department of Foreign Affairs in London.”

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUDES, No. 15 to No. 17, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod­

was, according to Order, read the third time. 

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Com­

mittee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Governor General of India Bill;

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

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Lords.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital 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 Copyright (Periodicals) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitual Criminals 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 Common Law Courts (Ireland) 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 County Administration Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Act (1868) Supplemental Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Endowed Hospitals, &c. Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oyster and Mussel Fisheries 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 Poor Law (Lands (No. 2)) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Palatine Awards (Durham) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Unions) 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 Endowed Hospitals, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine Awards (Durham)) Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Municipal Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause (Proponents of Shares in Companies not to be deemed contractors, &c., and not to be disqualified from election to municipal offices by reason of such holding) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Qualification of Aldermen and Councillors) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Councillor or Alderman may reside within twenty miles of Borough) was brought up, and read a first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill; and an Amendment was made to the Title of the Bill as follows:—

A Bill to shorten the term of residence required as a Qualification for the Municipal Franchise; and to make provision for other purposes;—Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Marriages, &c. Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Act (1868) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of April last, That the Hospitals, &c, Rating Exemption Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Beerhouses, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Refreshment Houses and all other reserved Spaces within the Boundary of Victoria Park, and Particulars of all Rates received other than for Dwelling Houses:—Of the Number of Park Keepers and other Persons receiving Salaries, and the Amount so paid annually:—And, of the Number of Lodges and Houses erected on Crown Lands occupied by Officials, and the Quantity of Enclosed Land attached to each.

Ordered, That have been given to bring in a Bill to confirm Provisions Orders under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1869," and the Acts amending the same"; And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Glyn do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorizing the payment, out of such Money as may be provided by Parliament for the purposes, of the Salaries and Expenses which may become duly payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to Endowed Schools and other Educational Endowments;

Mr. William Edward Forster, 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Further Report from the Committee of Trinity House upon the Magneto-Electric Light, and upon the Proportion of Light through coloured Media to be employed in the arrangement of Mixed Lights (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 211, of Session 1869).

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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 Number, Ages, Ratings, and Causes of Death of Seamen reported to the Board of Trade as having died in the British Merchant Service during the year 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 295, of Session 1869).

Mr. John Bright accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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Sir Philip Egerton reported from the Select Local Government Committee on the Local Government Supply, &c. Bill; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned to Wednesday the 9th day of June, at One of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Statistical Command,—Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last fifteen years, from 1854 to 1868. Sixteenth Number.

Copy of Report made to the Board of Trade on City of London Gas Act, 1866, under the "City of London Gas Act, 1866," together with the Instructions for Testing issued to the Gas Examiners, and referred to in the Report.

Ordered, That Mr. Bright also presented,—Return to an Shipping. Order, dated the 9th day of April last, for Returns relative to Shipping.

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

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 8th June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORD Eustace Cecil reported from the Committee appointed on the Porthleven Harbour (No. 2) Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and that a Report of the Board of Trade in respect to the said Bill had been considered by the Committee; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported the Bishop Auckland Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Bill.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Belgrave and South Kensington New Road Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same so as to confine the provisions thereof to extending the time granted by the Belgrave and South Kensington New Road Act, 1866, for the compulsory purchase of Lands, and completing the Road, in order to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported the Bishop Stortford Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Bridgend (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House, had amended.
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amended the 6th and 19th Clauses of the Bill by striking out the name of Mr. Thomas Tynan Lewis, and had substituted the name of Thomas George Smith, for George Thomas Smith; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported the Dundalk and Greencore Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Susnet Junction Railway Companies' Amalgamation Bill; That the Committee in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 31st day of May last, had made provision in the Bill for cancelling a certain bond to the Crown, entered into by the Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Company, or on their behalf; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the recital as to the shares in the capital of the Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway having been transferred to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 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.

A Motion being made, That the Newport Harbour Commissioners Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Bruce, 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 thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Mersey and Manchester Marine Fund, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coals, Coals, Cinders, and Culm, &c., which was presented upon the 15th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (registered Debt), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (British Burma), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Officers), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Mersey and Manchester Marine Fund, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Grant Duff presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Registered Debt).

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Militia Regiments of the United Kingdom which volunteered for Foreign Service during the Crimean War and during the Indian Mutiny, with the Dates of their Offers of Service.

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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Report of the Trials of the Steam (Steam Coal.) Coal supplied by the South Lancashire and Cheshunt Coal Association to the Storekeeper of Her Majesty's Dockyard at Portsmouth by Admiralty Officials in July 1868.

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

Clause, N° 29, agreed to.

Clause, N° 30 (Preferential debts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 1, to leave out the word "six," in order to insert the word "twelve."

Question, That the word "six" stand part of the Clause —put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 31, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 28 and N° 32, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 34 and N° 35, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 26 (Allowance to bankrupt for maintenance or service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 25, to leave out from the word "consent" to the word "meeting," in l. 26, both inclusive, in order to insert the words "sanction of the Committee of Inspection."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause —Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses agreed to.

Clause, N° 37, agreed to.

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Clause, No. 33 (Provision as to secured creditor.) Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 3, after the word "security," to insert the words "such value as estimated as rules of Court direct, and subject thereto as the Court directs or approved." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "the Court shall, upon proof that the claim of any creditor on a bill of exchange or promissory note has been wholly or in part satisfied by persons liable thereon," other than the bankrupt, expunge such claim so far as the same has been satisfied as aforesaid." Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "for the purposes of this section, creditors on bills of exchange or promissory notes shall be reckoned in value only for the balance after deducting all sums paid on such bills or notes by persons liable thereon other than the bankrupt." Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 47 (Effect of order of discharge.) Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 2, to leave out the words "provable under the bankruptcy," in order to insert the words "and obligations contracted by him or for which he was liable at the date of his bankruptcy." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

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Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 48 (Order of discharge.) Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 40, before the word "No," to insert the words "except as hereinafter in this paragraph mentioned." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 9, to leave out the words "As the expiration of a period," Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds 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, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Repeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Assessed Rates Bill; and,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.

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on the Group 5 of Railway Bills; That in the case of the Swansea Vale and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Companies Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the
Endowed Schools Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. William Edward Forster reported from the said Committee, and who were empowered to divide the said Bill into two Bills, and to report such two Bills, or either of them, separately to the House; That as regards the second of the two Bills they have according to the following Special Report:

"That in the case of the Endowed Schools (No. 2) Bill, the Committee have thought it better at this period of the Session not to enter upon the consideration of the Bill, or of Amendments which would materially affect an Amendment, but to report it without Amendment, with a view to its re-committal to a Committee of the whole House, prepared, if the House shall think fit."

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

Mr. William Edward Forster also reported from the said Committee; That they have agreed to report the Endowed Schools (No. 2) Bill to provide for the registry of Teachers and the examination of Scholars in Endowed Schools in England, and otherwise to provide for the Advancement of Education, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tomorrow.

Ordered, That Sir William Bagge have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the
Parish Poor- and Midland Companies Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed, to the
Water Supply Bill. without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the
Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

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Manchester, Shefield and Lincolnshire Railway Companies Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Melton Mowbray, Castle Market, &c. Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Kent Coast Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the
Knutsford, Rowton, and Selby Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the
London (City) Subways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the
Greenock Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the
Redcliffe and Parkinson Island (Queensferry) Gas Bill, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend in certain respects the Act for the better Government of India; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for confirming certain Building Leases granted by the Right Honourable Frederick Lord Calthorpe, to be printed.

Baron Calthorpe of Caithorpe, in the County of Caithorpe, deceased, of various parts of an Estate situate in the Parish of Edithston, in the County of Westmorland, and for altering the present powers of leasing over the same and other Estates comprised in a Re-settlement of the same, dated the Eighteenth day of July One thousand eight hundred and Sixty-four, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Joseph for making further provision respecting the disposition of the Estate of the late Joseph Croxley, of Halifax, deceased, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Government of India Act Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Lord Calthorpe's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Mr. Aytoun presented a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the Act had been amended the same: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time the next Meeting.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Causes of the great excess of War Cost in prosecuting the War with Austrasia over the Estimate submitted to Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the nature and amount of all Endowments in Scotland, and of the funds which are devoted to the maintenance or education of young persons; also to inquire into the administration and management of any Hospitals or Schools supported by such Endowments, and into the system and course of study respectively pursued therein, and to report whether any and what changes in the administration and use of such Endowments are expedient, by which their usefulness and efficiency may be increased:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

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

Wednesday, 9th June, 1869;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That there be laid before this House, Statement of "Rentes" deposited with the British Government by the French Government, in pursuance of the Treaties of 1814 and 1815, and under the Convention of the 20th day of November 1815 (No. 7) and the 23rd day of April 1816, in satisfaction of the Claims of British Subjects, and the Rates at which such "Rentes" were deposited:—Of the Sums paid out of such Money to the Persons whose Claims were admitted —Copy of a Minute of the Board of Treasury, dated the 17th day of February 1826, ordering payment of £23,707. 10s. out of such Moneys to Monsieur Laffon de Ladebat, &c. And, Statement in detail of
Act (1867.)

Wife's Sister

» Deceased

Marriage with

Factory Acts

Contagious Diseases Act

Public Offices

Contagious Diseases Act (1866.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire, by compulsory Purchase or otherwise, certain Lands, Houses, and Premises in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, and for other purposes:—And that Mr. Layard and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Contagious Diseases Act (1866) do consist of Twenty-one Members. The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Childers, Sir John Pakington, Captain Finian, the Marquess of Hamilton, Mr. Donald Dalrymple, Mr. Percy Wyndham, Mr. Kinane, Mr. Collins, Sir John Sincler, James Leetor, Mr. Rothborne, Lord Eustace Celsi, Lord Charles Bruce, Sir James Elphistone, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tipping, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Mills, Captain O'Flanagan, Sir John Tyrell and Mr. M'Arthur; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have Power to make Provision for a Woman to marry her deceased Husband's Brother;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the House be now adjourned; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Shuter-Booth, Yeas: 63.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers, Noes: 113.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have Power to make Provision for a Woman to marry her deceased Husband's Brother;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the House do now adjourn; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cross, Yeas: 63.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers, Noes: 113.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have Power to make Provision for a Woman to marry her deceased Husband's Brother:—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 Amendment Bill;—Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time next week upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of O'Sullivan's Disability Bill;—Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Game Laws the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (Scotland,) upon the 11th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Select Committee on Game Laws (Scotland) do consist of Eighteen Members;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Life Assurance Companies Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the said Bill be admitted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Public Parks (Ireland) Bill was, according Public Parks to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply Exchequer granted to Her Majesty, the Commissioners of the Bank of England, Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum of Money, not exceeding £2,000,000, by the issue of Exchequer Bonds.

2. That the Principal of all Exchequer Bonds which may be so issued shall be paid off at Par, at any period not exceeding Five years from the date of such Bonds.

3. That the Interest of such Exchequer Bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing Produce thereof.

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. Dodson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Aytoun do prepare, and bring it in.
Wednesday, 9th June, 1869.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liagry and Ompure Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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, "and in the opinion of this House, inexpedient to proceed further with the consideration of this Bill, instead thereof."

And the Question being proposed, the words proposed to be left out were negatived, and the House was adjourned till two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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8th—9th June.

The Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the University Tests 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 Endowed Schools (Salaries and Expenses).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of such Monies as may be provided by Parliament for the purpose, of the Salaries and Expenses which may become due payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to Endowed Schools and other Educational Endowments.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Trade Marks Registration Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill for raising a Sum by Exchequer Bonds for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Layard presented a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire, by compulsory Purchase or otherwise, certain Lands, Houses, and Premises in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, and exposing for sale).

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

Ordered, That, in the case of the North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Companies Bill, Standing Orders 87, 201, 202, and 230, be suspended; and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Saint Mary, Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey (No. 2) Bill, Standing Orders 87, 201, 202, and 230, be suspended; and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Acts read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Shipping, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India East India (Registered Debt), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Liqueurs on Sunday (Ireland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words, "as in the opinion of this House, inexpedient to proceed further with the consideration of this Bill, instead thereof."

And the Question being proposed, the words proposed to be left out were negatived, and the House was adjourned till this day.

The Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Bill was, according to the 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 Sunday Trading Bill.

(Clauses, No. 7 (Penalties for selling, offering, and exposing for sale).
And it being a quarter before Six of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod-son reported, That the Committee had made Progres-s 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-mittee on the County Coroners Bill;

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

The Company's Claim Case Act (1863) Amend-ment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

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

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

The Municipal Franchise Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do convey the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 26th day of April last, That the Hospitals, for Rating Exception Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. The said Resolution, being read a second time,

 unordered the Bill in respect thereof, without Amendment, to the House; that they had examined the matter therein contained, of the confirmation of the Order in the Schedule thereto, in respect to Clogheen, that the Provisional Order relating thereto ought to be con-firmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill in respect thereof, without Amendment, to the House; that they had examined the matter therein contained, of the confirmation of the Order in the Schedule thereto, in respect to Warington, that the Provisional Order relating thereto ought to be con-firmed; and that they had directed him to re-port the Bill in respect thereof, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Andrew Johnston presented a Bill to extend Sea Fisheries of Crabs and Lobsters, and to enable the Board of Trade to make Local Orders for the regulation of such Fisheries; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords agree to the Addresses of the Com-missioners to be presented to Her Majesty respecting Elections, the last Elections and Returns for the City of Norwich and the Boroughs of Beverley, Sipa, and Copped respectively, and have filled up the blanks with "Lords Spiritual and Temporal and." The Lords have considered the Report of the Dublin City Judge appointed to try a Petition complaining of Elections, an undue Election and Return for the City of Dublin, and do not think it expedient to address Her Majesty praying Her Majesty to cause im-munity to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Act 51 & 52 Vict. c. 125.

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Mr. Dodson reported the Portobello Pier Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported the All Saints District Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Consett 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.

A Motion being made, That the Dublin Port and Docks Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Howard, 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 consolidate and amend the several Acts relating to the Port and Harbour of Dublin, and the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and for other purposes.' Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 524 be suspended in the case of the said Bill, and that the Bill be read the third time Tomorrows.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 234 be suspended in the case of the said Bill, and that the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 234 be suspended in the case of the said Bill, and that the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Ordered, That, in the case of the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill; Standing Orders 87, 203, 202, and 230, be suspended; and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration, amended prints having been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration, amended prints being restored.

Ordered, That, in the case of the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and Surrey and Sussex Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, Standing Orders 87, 203, 202, and 230, be suspended; and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration, amended prints having been previously deposited:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration, amended prints being restored.

Mr. Spencer laid upon the Table,—Report from the Select Committee on the Porthleven Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Porthleven, Wrexham, Mold, and Macloughlin's Quay Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions (Twenty-third Report.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tomorrow.

A Petition of Charles Flint and others, Electors of the City of Coventry, complaining that at the trial of the late Election Petition against the return of Henry William Eaton and Alexander Stanley Hill, Esquires, for the said City, evidence which they allege would have had a material effect upon the decision of the Judge, was kept back; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into the allegations of their Petition, was 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 Copy of Dr. Macleod's Letter, dated the 9th day of March, 1869, from Lieutenant General Forster, to the Home Guard, and of a Letter, dated the 17th day of March, 1869, from Lieutenant General Forster to the War Office, notifying the Field Marshal Council of the Seventh Recommendation in favour of Dr. Macleod's being restored.

Ordered, That 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, the Return of the Countries on the Continent of Europe in which, during one year previous to the date of the Report, cases of Sheep Pox have been reported to the Veterinary Department of the Privy Council Office.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Return of the Total Cost of the Customs Establishments, &c., distinguished Sailing from Steam Vessels: Cargoes entered Inwards and cleared Outwards.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Liverpool Copies of the Correspondence between the Board of Trade and the Local Marine Board of Liverpool which has led to the resignation of the latter; and, of the said Company's three special Acts of Parliament, passed in the years 1855, 1862, and 1866.

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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 giving the actual Expenditure under Barracks and Fortifications (including Special Vote) by the War Department for the Year ending the 31st day of March 1859 for the Home Station only; showing, separately, the Amount expended in each Royal Engineer District:— Of the Names of Individuals, Military and Civil, employed in any way in the Charge, Direction, or Superintendence of those Works, with the District in which they have been employed, including the Office of the Director of Works at the War Office during the same Year:— And, of the Amount of all Pay and Allowances to each Individual, distinguishing "Charge Pay" from other Allowances, Cost by Districts of all Travelling and other Expenses directly or indirectly chargeable to Works.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to 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, Returns of the Number of Emigrants, Natives of Great Britain or Ireland, who have left the United Kingdom for the British Colonies, or the United States of America, during the Ten years ending December 1857, and also during the Ten years ending December 1867, in the following Form:

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Of the Average Annual Emigration for the Ten years ending 1857:— Of the Average Annual Emigration for the Ten years ending 1867:—

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

Mr. Amstell presented, by Her Majesty's Cons-Emigration. mand,—Copy of Twenty-ninth General Report of the Emigration Commissioners, 1869.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Works and Command,—An Abstract of the Returns made to Committees, the Board of Trade, of Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions which occurred on and near the Coasts of the United Kingdom, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1868, with a Statement of the Amount of all Pay and Allowances granted out of the Mercantile Marine Fund as Rewards for the Salvage of Life, for Contributions towards the Maintenance of Life-boats, and for Expenses in connection with the Mortar and Rocket Apparatus for saving Life during the same period; and a Register of the Special Insurance Societies instituted, by order of the Board of Trade, into the Causes of such Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions, during the year 1868. With Charts.

An Abstract of the Returns made to the Board of Trade during the year 1868, of the Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions which occurred on the Shores of the Channel Islands, and on the Shores of Her Majesty's Possessions Abroad:— Also of the Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions to British Ships at Sea, and of Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions to British Ships, reported by Her Majesty's Consuls; together with a Statement of the Inquiries Abroad, instituted by Consular and Colonial Officers and others, into the Causes of Wrecks, Casualties, and Collisions to British Ships, of which the Reports were received at the Board of Trade, during the year 1868. With a Chart.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Lunny Command,—Copy of Eleventh Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy, for Scotland.

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

Mr. Grant Duff presented, by Her Majesty's Bank of Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the failure of the Bank of Bombay.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken in India by the Commissioners acting in execution of Act XVII. of 1868, of the Legislative Council of India.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken in England, and Proceedings there, before the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the failure of the Bank of Bombay.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, Life Assurance dated the 23rd day of April last, for a Return relative to Life Assurance (Stampes).

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Relief, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.


Ordered, That the Return relative to the Factory Acts Extension Act (1867), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Election Petitions.

No. 120. The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of May last, for a Return relative to Election Petitions, in which Return to the said Order it is stated that Petitions complain­ing of undue Elections and Returns for the following places have been filed, but no security given, viz., Ashton-under-Lyne, Rye, Woodstock, Worcester City, Lewes, Northampton, Leominster, and Leicester County; and that further Proceedings in the case of the Petition from Twickenham against the Return, were ordered to be stayed by Rule of the Court of Common Pleas.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

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 "establish an efficient and reliable Army Rese­rve in a matter of urgent need," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

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

Friday, 11th June, 1869:

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

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. £ 527,700, for the Militia and Inspection of Reserve Forces.
2. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 89,300, be granted to Her Ma­jesty, to defray the Charge of the Yeomanry Ca­valry, not exceeding £ 100,000, for the Army Reserve Force (including Enrolled Pensioners), £ 84,000, for the Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools, and £ 14,000, for the purchase of a Site and for other Expenses for the New Courts of Justice and Offices belonging thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. Dodson 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 Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Hospitals, Sec. (Scotland) Fund Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Civil Office consideration the Civil Office (Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera­tion upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. (Pensions), as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property 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 Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill; of Property (Metropolis) Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Exchequer Bonds (£ 2,300,000) Bill was, Exchequer 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 Salmon Fishery Law Amend­ment Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Judicial Statistics (Scotland) Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison Administration Act (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Title to Land Reading of the Tithe Land Consolidation Act (Scotland) Bill

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

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<td>The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That Mr. Finnis, Mr. McLauren, Mr. Poor Law Griev, and Mr. Crawford be added to the Select Committee on the Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill special and to amend the Laws regulating the Qualification, Summoning, Attendance, and Renumeration of Special and Common Juries in England and Wales; And that Vincent Eyres, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Denman do prepare, and bring it in.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That a Copy of Report of the Short-hand Writer of the House of Commons of the Minutes of the Evidence taken at the trial of the Country Election Petition be laid before this House.</td>
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<td>Mr. Hunt presented a Bill to provide for the discharge of the Duties hereafter performed by High Constables, and for the Abolition of such Office: And that Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sclater-Booth, and Mr. Stavely Bill do prepare, and bring it in.</td>
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<td>The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant June, the Steam Boilers Inspection Bill, was read, and discharged.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant June, and that the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.</td>
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**PRAYERS.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Radcliffe and Wilkinson Gas 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.

Thomas Radcliffe and William Wilkinson, Esqrs.
11th June. 1869.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, Return to the Militia an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of February last, for a Return relative to Militia Regiments.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Volunteer Review (Southsea).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the case of Dr. Macalpine.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Act passed by the Legislature of the Bahamas for the Disendowment of the Church of England in that Colony.

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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Deaths in the Registration Sub-District for the Ten years 1858-68, quarter by quarter:—And, of the Deaths by Scarlet Fever and Typhus in such Sub-District within the Metropolitan Area, and in the Barking Sub-District, during each of the two Years 1867 and 1868.

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.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Furness Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Richmond and Reet Railway Bill, that in the case of the Furness Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the Harrow, Edgware, and London Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply. Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 952,700, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Charge of Inspection of the Militia and Inspection of Reserve Forces, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 89,300, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Charge of the Yeomanry Cavalry, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

3. That
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Volunteer Corps.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 414,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Volunteer Corps, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

Army Reserve Forces (including Enrolled Pensioners), which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 81,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable Her Majesty to defray the Charge of the New Courts of Justice and Offices belonging thereto.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 64,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools, for the half-year ending on the 30th day of September 1869.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,093, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Volunteer Corps, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

Bankruptcy Bills.

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

(Clauses agreed to.)

Syntax corrected.

Clause, N° 83 (Status of undischarged Bankrupt).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 20, l. 9, to leave out the words "at the expiration of a period," Question again proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 84 (Audit by Comptroller in Bankruptcy).

Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 25, to leave out the words "the accounts of the trustee shall be audited by the committee of inspection shall, within ten days thereafter, forward the certified statement to." Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:— Amend.

ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Clauses, N°s 59 and N° 60, agreed to.

Clauses, N°s 61 and N° 62, postponed.

Clause, N° 63 (Appointment of Registrars and other Officers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 38, after the word "Registrars," to insert the words "shall be appointed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, with the consent, or on the recommendation of the chief judge."

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 64, agreed to.

Clause, N° 65, disagreed to.

Clauses, N°s 66 to N° 69, agreed to.

Clause, N° 70, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 71, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 72, postponed.

Clauses, N°s 73 to N° 78, agreed to.

Clause, N° 79, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 80 (Supplemental regulations as to proceedings in bankruptcy).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 25, to leave out from the word "where" to the word "creditor," in l. 29, both inclusive.

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Mr. Speaker acquiesced the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Dumbarton Water, &c. Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Somersett Mineral Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Hounslow and Metropolitan Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clockhouse Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act Amendment Bill, and to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm an Agreement entered into between the Great Northern and Western (of Ireland) Railway Company and the Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Abandonment of a certain portion of the Railways authorized by "The Ellesmere and Glyn Valley Railway Act, 1866," and an Extension of Time for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and the Completion of other Portions of the said Railways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Edward Act to authorize the Abandonment of a certain portion of the Railways authorized by "The Ellesmere and Glyn Valley Railway Act, 1866," and an Extension of Time for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and the Completion of other Portions of the said Railways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Monday, 14th June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan District Rail-way Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Lignam and Ognam Railway Bill was read the third time.

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

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bishop Stortford Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bridgend (Glamorganshire) Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Danbach and Greenmore Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Haddenham, Willingham, and Longstanton Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Watlington and Princes Risborough Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Ellesmere and Glyn Valley Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Northern and Western (of Ireland) Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Lord Clitheroe's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of Joseph Crossley's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Turnpike Acts Continuance have Power to report their Observations thereon to the House. No. 286. 

Lord George Cavendish reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

North America.  No. 2 (1869.)
Mr. Otway presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch from Lord John Russell to Lord Lyons, dated November 22nd, 1860, respecting the San Juan Water Boundary.

Mr. Grove of Murray.  
Mr. Otway also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return relative to the case of Mr. Grove of Murray.  

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

Edinburgh Churches.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of April last, for Returns relative to Edinburgh Churches.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of May last, for Returns relative to Education.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Refreshment Houses, Westminster (Constitutions).

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of the Deep Sea and Coast Fishery Commissioners, Scotland, for 1868, to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, pursuant to the Act 5th and 6th Victoria, chapter 106.

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

Savings Banks.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of March last, for a Return relative to Savings Banks.

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Duncan John Clyne, Second Class Clerk, Coast Guard Office, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. William John Hoy, Admiralty Chemist, Portsmouth Yard.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Henry Frichard Williams, Accountant, Board of Trade.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. James Holly, Senior Clerk, Portsmouth Yard, Admiralty Department.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Macdonald, First Class Clerk, Accountant General's Department, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Belgrave, Chief Clerk in the Solicitor's Department of the Board of Public Works, Ireland.

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

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,

—Copies of Seven Orders in Council, relating to Greenwich Hospital, the transfer of certain Harbours from the Admiralty to the Board of Trade, and the Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866, dated respectively—

3rd Feb. 1866.  11th Nov. 1868.
16th Feb. (3)  4th Feb. 1869.
10th Nov.  Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Constitution and Practice of Courts Martial in the Army, and the present System of Punishment for Military Offences.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Life Insurance Assurances (Stamps), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Liverpool Local Marine Board, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Military Regulations, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Sir Francis Goldsmith reported from the General Railway and Canal Bills; That Canal Bills (Separate Report) they had formed certain Bills into a Group, and had directed him to report the same to the House.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to grant a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Fullwood, First Class Clerk, Office, Admiralty, in consideration of his services to the Public, during a period of long and uniform and meritorious service.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Expenditure upon the Works, for the year 1868, for the enlargement and improvement of the Dockyards, and the cost of the machinists and labourers employed in the Public Dockyards, Ireland.

Resolved, That Mr. Egkyn; and Mr. Plinsecil leave of absence for a week, on account of domestic affliction.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Expenses consequent upon the bringing in of O'Sullivan's Disability Bill; stating, from what source the said Expenditure has been or are to be defrayed.

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word "shall," to insert the words "with the consent of the governing body." Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE No 10 (Schemes as to governing bodies).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided always, that the Commissioners shall not exercise such power in the case of any governing body of an educational endowment of any guild or corporate body of the City of London, unless the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales shall, after an investigation made by them, report to the Commissioners in writing that such educational endowment has been mismanaged."
Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 12 (Schemes to extend benefit to girls).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 21, after the word "girls," to insert the words "equally with boys."
Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE No 13 (Serving of interest of foundations, master, governing body, &c.).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 1, after the word "patronage," to leave out the words "which has a marketable value, and is capable of being sold by him."
Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 14, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 15 (Religious education in day schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 3, to leave out from the word "lessons" to the end of the Clause.
Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES No 16 to No 18, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 19 (Schools excepted from provisions as to religion).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, to leave out the word "Fifty," in order to insert the word "Twenty-five."
Question. That the word "Fifty," stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 13, after the word "instructed," to insert the words "or any educational endowment by or under which the scholars have for an unbroken period of two hundred years been taught or instructed."
Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, to leave out from the word "other" to the word "school" in l. 19, both inclusive.
Question. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES Nos 20 to No 28, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 29 (Application to education of non-educational charities).

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Amendment proposed, on p. 9, l. 31, to leave out from the word "in" to the word "thereby" in p. 10, l. 9.
Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 30, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 31 (Preparation of draft or scheme).

Amendment proposed.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 36, to leave out the word "Two," in order to insert the word "One."
Question proposed. That the word "Two" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words, "Provided that where the gross average annual income of any endowment during the three years next before the 1st day of January 1869 exceeded £10,000 a year, the council of any borough in which such endowment exists shall have the like power of preparing and submitting a scheme, and of giving notice thereof, as is by the preceding part of this section given to the governing body of such endowment."
Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES Nos 32 to No 34, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 35 (Framing of scheme).

Amendment proposed. In p. 12, l. 3, To leave out the words "before the Commissioners have prepared the draft of a scheme."
Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 36, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE No 37, agreed to.

CLAUSE No 38 (Appeal to Queen in Council).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 37, to leave out the words "if the governing body are "the petitioners."
Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES Nos 39 to No 57, with Amendments to three of them, agreed to.

A Clause (Appointmenl of schoolmaster), brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn. A Clause added.

Preamble agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds 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, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House on the Bill:—
and Mr. Dodson 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.

Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

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

Escheater Bonds (£2,300,000) Bill.

The Escheater Bonds (£2,300,000) 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 Two million three hundred thousand pounds by Escheater Bonds, for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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

Sec Fisheries Act (1865) Supplemental Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sec Fisheries Act (1865) Supplemental 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.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

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

Government Annuities, &c. Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c. Bill;

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

Criminal Law Courts (Ireland) Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Courts (Ireland) Bill;

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

Habitation Criminals Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitation Criminals Bill;

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

Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill;

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

Assessed Rates Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assessed Rates Bill;

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

Emancipation of Ireland Supplemental (Ireland) Supplemental (No. 2) Bill.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lanes (Ireland) Supplemental (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicial Statistics (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison (Scotland) Administration Act (1860) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title to Land Consolidation Act (Scotland) Bill (Lords.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title to Land Consolidation Act (Scotland) Bill (Lords.)

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 Government of India Act Amendment 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 Government of India Act Amendment Bill (Lords.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Government Supplemental Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Park Gate Reading of the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ways and Means;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Select Committee on Game Laws (Scotland) do consist of Eighteen Members; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sea Fisheries (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 County Coroners 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 Companies Clauses Act (1863) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant June, That a humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the nature and amount of all Endowments in Scotland the funds of which are devoted to the maintenance or education of young persons; also to inquire into the administration and management of any Hospitals or Schools supported by such Endowments, and into the system and course of study respectively pursued therein, and to report whether any and what changes in the administration and use of such Endowments are expedient, by which their usefulness and efficiency may be increased; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Titles of Religious Congregations Act Extension Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Union Loans Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Public Parks (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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 Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Dublin, in the room of Sir Arthur Guinness, Baronet, 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 "leave be given to bring in a Bill for disfranchising the Freemen of the City of Dublin," instead thereof.

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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. Noel, Mr. Dyke; 169.
Tellers for the Noes; Mr. O'Reilly; 121.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "leave be given to bring in a Bill for disfranchising the Freemen of the City of Dublin" be added, instead thereof;

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. Robert Fowler; Mr. Glyn; 76.
Tellers for the Noes; Mr. Adam; 178.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "leave be given to bring in a Bill for disfranchising the Freemen of the City of Dublin" be added, instead thereof;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Piscatory Use—A Return of the Amounts of Money expended by the Board of Works in Ireland for Fishery Service since the 1st day of January 1864; stating the several Amounts paid, and to whom, and for what purposes paid.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend and improve the Parochial Schools of the People of Scotland, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Counsel Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the William Abbey and Abbey and Cheamhuts Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Lancausen and South Darwen Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Stanley Bridge and District Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Windermore Water District Bill, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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. W. Whitbread; 171.
Tellers for the Noes; Mr. O'Reilly; 121.

So it passed in the Negative.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lighthouses Abroad.

Mr. John Bright presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Amounts expended in the Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, for which Tolls are levied, under the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act (18 & 19 Vic. c. 91), and the Amount of Tolls received during the year 1868-9.

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

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

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PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan District Railway Bill.

The said Amendments, as far as the Amendment Clause A., being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause A., the next Amendment, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by inserting, after the word "the," in l.8, sub-section (a) of the Clause, the words "Metropolitan Board of Works and the"

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 Clause, and the said Clause, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the All Saints District, Bishops Gate Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Bill [Lords].

The Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Nuneaton and Kingscourt Railway Bill [Lords].

The Nuneaton and Kingscourt Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Saint James' Chapel, Harefield, Harpenden, and Hendon Bill [Lords].

Mr. Dodson reported the Saint James' Chapel and Burial Ground, Hampstead Road Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon Railway Bill; That they had examined the Bill, and amended the same so as to show more accurately the financial position 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.

Mr. Dodson reported the Llanelly Railway and Llanelly Dock Bill with Amendments.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Oxford Gas Bill; That they had examined the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the circumstances 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Agrarian Outrages (Ireland), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Edinburgh Churches, which was presented upon the 14th day June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Education, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Improvement for Debt Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday 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 Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Bankruptcy Bill have leave to sit till Seven of the Bill, and to report the same at Nine of the clock.

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

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 91 (Avoidance of voluntary settlements).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 33, l. 41, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "settlement," in p. 34, l. 4, both inclusive, in order to insert the words "or a settlement made on or at any subsequent time within ten years after the date of such settlement, unless the parties claiming under such settlement can prove that the settlor was at the time of making the settlement, and in the possession of the property comprised in such settlement, be void against such trust."
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 4, before the word "settlement," to insert the words "and unless such settlement shall have been duly registered within three months of its being made," and in the same manner as a bill of sale or judgement bond.

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 5, before the word "settlement," to insert the words "Any covenant or contract made by a trader, whether before or after marriage, for the future settlement or payment of property or money, other than property which may accrue to the settler in right of his wife, upon or for the wife or children of such trader, shall upon his becoming bankrupt before such property or money has been actually transferred or paid, be void against his trustee appointed under this Act." Question proposed. That the words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses N° 92 to N° 96, agreed to.

Clause N° 97 (Examination of parties by Court).

Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 10, to leave out the word "so." Question. That the word "so" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses N° 98 and N° 99, agreed to.

Clauses N° 100 and N° 101, disagreed to.

Clauses N° 102 to N° 111, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

Clauses N° 112 to N° 125, with Amendments to two of them, agreed to.

 Clause N° 126 (Regulations as to liquidation by arrangement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 22, after the word "may," to insert the words "after a petition " has been presented against him." Question proposed. That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses N° 128 and N° 129, agreed to.

Clauses N° 130 to N° 132, postponed.

Postponed Clauses, N° 55 to N° 57, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 55, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 61, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 65, disagreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 72, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 120 (Compensation to holders of abolished offices).

Amendment proposed, in p. 46, l. 1, to leave out the word "Where." Question proposed. That the word "Where" stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Agnew reported, That the House 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, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Oxford University Statutes Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Martin's College, the Fields Workhouse Fund Appropriation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stannaries Bill, Stannaries Bill with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for better supplying with Water the Borough of Truro, in the County of Cornwall; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the raising of Money on the security of part of the United Estates of Marquis Combe, for the purpose of the erection of a Mansion House thereon, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating the Trustees of the deceased John Ferguson, of Cairnbred, under the name of "The Ferguson Bequest Fund," and to enquire into the powers of said Trustees, the better to enable them to carry out the design of the deceased; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Marquis Combe's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Orders, That the Bill be referred to the Ecclesiastics of Petitions for Private Bills.

Orders, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stannaries Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Sir John Ramsden reported from the Committee Waterworks (appointed in July 1866) a Report on the subjects referred to it, as follows:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Grand Jury Reading of the Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) Bill; (unlimited) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant June.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put—That the Commons Bill passed in the last session be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker acquiesced in the Order of the day, and the Bill was read a second time.

Orders, That the Bill be committed to their care, at as early a date as the important and difficult character of the investigation will permit.

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.
The Turvo Water Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ferguson Bequest Fund Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Wolverhampton Borough Improvement Bill, Standing Orders 67, 201, 290, and 320, be suspended; and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow, provided amended prints shall have been previously delivered.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of April last, for a Return relative to the Metropolitan Local Management Act, &c.

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

Mr. Chilber presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Navy (Steam Coal).

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 stating the Number of Plaints entered at Middlesbrough for Hearing at Middlesbrough:—The Number of Plaints entered at Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough County Court:—The Number of Plaints entered at Stockton-on-Tees by Middlesbrough Plaistiffs:—The Number of Plaints entered at Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough by Middlesbrough Plaintiffs against Defendants resident out of the Local Court's Jurisdiction, for the period from the 1st day of June, 1868, to the 1st day of June 1869.

Ordered, That 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 Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Seeds Adulteration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations (Metropolitan) 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;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough County Court Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:
made to the Question, That the Hypothetical Abolition (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time: Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 21st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Liberal Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading 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 Life Assurance Companies Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Barttelot, and Mr. Peel, of the said Committee, presented a Bill to confirm three Provisional Orders made by the Poor Law Board, under “The Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867,” with reference to the City of Westminster, the incorporates or incorporated Hundreds of Twinstead and Happing, in the County of Norfolk, and the Parish of Woolavington, in the County of Suffolk: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 17th June, 1869.

PETITION of Adam Rivers Steele, of Midland Railway Company, New Street, London, Esquire, Barrister at Law, was presented, and bill (Int.) read; setting forth, That the Petitioner is the Plaintiff in an action at law now pending in Her Majesty’s Court of Exchequer at Westminster, against William Stirk, and which is appointed to be tried by a Special Jury at the present sessions of Nisi Prius; that it is material and necessary for the Petitioner that there should be produced and given in evidence on the trial of the said action The Midland Railway (New Lines and additional Fares) Bill, 1865, as first deposited and as amended in Committee; the Petition of Owners, Lessor and Occupiers of lands and houses in the parish of Hendon, Middlesex, and others, against the said Bill, and the Plans and other documents given in evidence before the Committee of the House to whom the said Bill was referred, and the Record or Book of the said action; and the Petitioner is desirous that the proper Officer of the House may attend and produce the said documents on the trial of the said action in Her Majesty’s Court of Exchequer at Westminster, and 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 Windermere the Amendments made by the Lords to The Water District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Bishop of Stafford Water Bill was 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.

The Bridge (Gloucetshire) Bill was 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 Metropolitan Communications Act (1865) Amendment Bill was nominated: Mr. Blandford, Mr. Frederieek Ston ley, Mr. Bonham-Carter, Mr. Knight, Mr. Buxton, Lord George Hamilton, Mr. Andrew Johnston, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, Mr. Charles Reid, Mr. Rowland Winn, Mr. Henry Samuelson, Colonel Barttelot, and Mr. Thomas Chambers; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records. Ordered, That Five be the Quorum. Vol. 124.
The Millard Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Bill was read the third time.
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 the House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lords have agreed to the Election Commissioners (Expenses) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Water Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stoney Stratford to Stony Stratford Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by Lords to the Metropolitan District Railways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Record's Do - burninges' duties Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Deputies Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bristol Harbour Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barrow upon Trent Bridge Gas Barnstaple Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Onehalf third to Onehalf the Local Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request, that this House will be Committee for Tradesmen (Expenses, &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to John Candlish, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Ordered, That John Candlish, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre presented,—Return to an Foreign Order, dated the 1st day of this instant June, for Import Duties. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aylesworth presented, pursuant to the directions of a Committee of the House of Commons, a Return relative to Foreign Import Duties. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the first thirty-one Orders of the order of the day be postponed till after the Order of the 16th Day. Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Dublin City Writ.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dublin City the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, when upon the 18th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Dublin, in the room of Sir Archibald Galbraith, Baronet, whose Election has been determined to be void; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "leave be given to bring in a Bill for disannulld the Freemen of the City of Dublin," and to insert thereby.

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And the Question being again proposed, That the words "leave be given to bring in a Bill for disestablishing the Freeman of the City of Dublin" be added, instead thereof.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And theQuestion being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for disfranchising the Freemen of the City of Dublin: And that Sir George Grey, Mr. O'Reilly, and Mr. Whitbread do prepare, and bring it in.

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

And a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the Clerks of the Royal Engineer Department are entitled to or should be granted the same rights and privileges, according to their relative rank, as are extended to other non-combatants in the Military Service," 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 word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copy or Extracts of Correspondence between the Board of Works, the War Office, and the Royal Engineer Department of the Horse Guards, which has taken place on the subject of Buckingham Palace Guard Room, since August last," 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 word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the declaration which has to be signed by incoming Adjutants of Militia ought to be annulled," 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 word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House it would be a great convenience to the commercial interest if the Stamp Duties on Inland and Foreign Bills of Exchange were assimilated, and if it were permitted to use adhesive Stamps for Inland as they are now used for Foreign Bills of Exchange," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Al" Committee.)

1. £ 158,200, for Military Education.
2. £ 116,500, for Surveys of the United Kingdom.
3. £ 90,400, for Miscellaneous Services.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Hospitals, &c. (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

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

Friday, 18th June, 1869:

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.

Amendments made.

Clause, N° 1 (Managers, &c. may resolve to apply for a provisional order).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words "which shall have been established and in operation for a period of not less than Seventy years."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word "majority," to insert the words "composed of at least Two-thirds."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Sheriff of the county may be appointed to inquire).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out from the word "appoints," to the word "Scotland," in l. 9, in order to insert the words "one or more persons," instead thereof.

Question, That the words "the Sheriff of the county in which such institution is situate" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Provincial order may be issued).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the word "either" to the word "Scotland," in l. 9, both inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

CLAUSE, N° 8, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds 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 taking Civil Offices into consideration the Civil Offices (Pensions) 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 Committee on the Government Ammunition, &c. Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Assessed Rates 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 Valuation of Property Law Amendment 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 Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property Bill;

Ordered, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8, (Sheriff of the county may be appointed to inquire).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out from the word "Sheriff," to insert the words "or steward of and acting in the county of," instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant June, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty that She will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the nature and amount of all Endowments in Scotland the funds of which are devoted to the maintenance or education of young persons; also to inquire into the administration and management of any Hospitals or Schools supported by such Endowments, and into the system and course of study respectively pursued therein, and to report whether any and what changes in the administration and use of such Endowments are expedient, by which their usefulness and efficiency may be increased; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Married Women's Property Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Married Women's Property Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Clauses Act (1863) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Salmons to inquire into the present state of the Laws affecting the Salmon Fisheries of England and Wales, and to report whether any and what amendments are required therein.

Ordered, That the Select Committee be appointed for the Sunday Trading Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed for the Sunday Trading Bill.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered, That all Saints District, Bishopsgate Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Standing Order 234 be suspended in the case of the Watershampton Borough Improvement Bill, and 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, That the Report from the Committee on the Oldham Corporation Water, &c. Bill do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Petition of Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying provision may be made in the case of the Corporation on the Wye Railway unto subscribed, praying that provision may be made in the case of the Wye Railway and Canal Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Navy (Steam Coal), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Foreign Import Duties, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Cambrian Railways, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £158,200, be Miscellaneous Services.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £109,000, be Miscellaneous Services.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £73,000, be Miscellaneous Services.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £37,000, be Miscellaneous Services.

Ordered, That 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 Public Offices from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Manchester City Railways Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report Libraries from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Ellesmere and Glyn Valley Railway Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report Manchester from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Manchester City Railways Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £156,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Wounds, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Pensions for Wounds, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

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

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the clauses respecting the numerous cases of Pensions, which will come in course of payment from the lst day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

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10. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Out-Pensions, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,239,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Militia Pay, Clothing, and Contingent and other Expenses of the Disembodied Militia in the Pay, Clothing, and Contingent and other Expenses of the Disembodied Militia, in full; to grant Allowances in certain cases to the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-effective Services, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £132,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Superannuation Allowances, which will come in course of payment from the 1st day of April 1869 to the 31st day of March 1870, inclusive.

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

Mr. Speaker acquaintance the House, That a Message from the Lords, to acquaint them with the Address of their Lordships, and that the Lords do desire the Commons to appoint a proportionate number of their Members to go with them; and that the Lords desire the Commons to appoint a proportionate 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 Addresses.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Report be made to the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, to acquaint them with the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament on the late Elections for St. George's, Plymouth, and rafton, and that the Lords have appointed the Lord Chamberlain to attend Her Majesty thereon.

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 Addresses.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That Mr. Words have leave of absence for ten days, on account of a domestic affliction.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Life Assurance Companies Bill; 

Ordered, That the Report be made to the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, to acquaint them with the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament on the late Elections for St. George's, Plymouth, and rafton, and that the Lords have appointed the Lord Chamberlain to attend Her Majesty thereon.

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 Addresses.

Ordered, That Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Secretary Bruce, Mr. Secretary Cardwell, and the Comptroller of the Household 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 Mr. Words have leave of absence for ten days, on account of a domestic affliction.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
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 and report upon the operation of the Commercial Treaty with France, ratified the 13th day of January 1860, and particularly as it affects "the Silk Manufacture in this country," 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 Saturday morning; 
Saturday, 19th June, 1869;  
And the Question being put; 
The House divided; 
The 2nd for the Right; 
The Nays for the Left, 
Tellers for the Yea; Mr. Glyn, 155. 
Tellers for the Noe; Mr. Stonely Hill, 103. 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 
And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Civil Offices (Pensions) 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 Greenwich Hospital 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 Government Annuities, &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 Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Endowed Schools Bill; 
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, 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 Local Government (Pensions) 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Board Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill; and, after some Confirmation times spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ayrton 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 Fines and Fees Collection Bill was, at a Select Committee on the Poor Law Board Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill; and, after some Confirmation times spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ayrton 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 High Constables' Office Abolition, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.  

The FirstReading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Officers Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The FirstReading of the Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill; 
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Joint Stock Reading of the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Officers Bill; 
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Sunday Trading Bill; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Election Returns of the Taxed Costs, so far as the same Petitions, 
have been as yet ascertained, of the Petitioners and Respondents in the Election Petitions tried under "The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1888":—Of the Sums allowed by the Treasury to the Election Judges for their Expenses when trying these Petitions. And, of the Sums paid to all other Parties by the Treasury in respect of the trial of such Election Petitions. 
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.  

Monday, 21st June, 1869.  

PRAYERS.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barnstaple 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Cricksea Bridge Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Amount of rate payable by occupier).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the word “than” to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words “the amount of rent then due from him.”

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Owners may agree to pay the rate, and be allowed a commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the words “rateable value,” in order to insert the words “gross estimated rental.”

Question, That the words “rateable value” stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the word “hereditament,” in order to insert the words “dwelling house or other tenement let to an occupier for a term less than three months.”

Question proposed, That the word “hereditament” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word “hereditament,” to insert the words “let to an occupier for a term less than three months.”

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the word “overseers,” in order to insert the words “vestry of any parish.”

Question proposed, That the word “overseers” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out from the word “and” to the word “not,” in l. 24, both inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out the words “may agree with,” in order to insert the words “shall, and are hereby required on the application of.”

Question proposed, That the words “may agree with” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, to leave out the words “twenty-five,” in order to insert the words “thirty-three and a third.”

Question put, That the words “twenty-five” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out the word “neglects,” in order to insert the words “wilfully omitted.”

Question, That the word “neglects” stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, after the word “required,” to insert the words “or to pay such rates on demand when the same shall be due.”

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the word “Twelve,” in order to insert the word “Twenty.”

Question, That the word “Twelve” stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the word “Twenty” to the end of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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The Government of India Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, &c. Amendment of Act and committed to a Committee of the whole House, Bill (Lords) for Monday the 5th day of July next.

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 Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, next resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Offices Concentration Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the day being read, for the committee on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine of Durham) 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 Poor Law Union Loans Bill; 
Resolved, That the Petitioner be the Plaintiff in an action at law now pending in Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, against William Clarke; and which is appointed to be tried by a Special Jury at the present Sittings of nisi prius; that it is material and necessary for the Petitioner that there should be produced and given in evidence on the trial of the said action the original notes taken in short-hand by the Short-hand Writer of the House, of the Proceedings before the Committee of the House to whom the Midland Railway (New Lines and Additional Powers) Bill, 1865, was referred in the Session of 1865; and praying that the Short-hand Writer of the House, or his assistant, who attended the said Committee, be at liberty to attend and produce the said original notes, and give evidence thereof on the trial of the said action in Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster.

Ordered, That the Leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

The House divided.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on the Abyssinian War do consist of Nineteen Members:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The House divided.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; 
Ordered, And referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number, Names, and Qualifications (if any) of the Commissioners of Control in Lunacy in Ireland, with the Dates of their respective Appointments, and Amount of their Salaries. 
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Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to informations, &c.

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

Mr. Ayres presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant June, for Returns relative to the Dagenham (Thames) Dock Company.

Mr. Ayres also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Fees received in Stamps, and Payments formerly charged on the Fox Fund Account, Superior Courts of Common Law, during the years ended 31st March 1868 and 1859, &c.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report by the Inspector, under the Alkali Act (1863), of his Proceedings during the year 1868.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of the Correspondence that passed between the Commissioners for Education, Ireland, and the Reverend James Porter, with reference to the Books in use in the Model School, Kilkenny:

Of the Evidence taken in reference to the subject-matter of that Correspondence, together with the Reports or Letters of the Officers, Inspectors, and Head Inspectors of the Board in the same subject:

And of the Minute of the Commissioners by which the Alterations were made in the Books referred to, and the Names of the Commissioners who were present at the Meeting, and who voted for such Alterations.

Hon. Secretary Bruce laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in the case of the Ferguson Request Fund Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill 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 additional Provision in the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of July next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in respect of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in the case of the Courts of Justices (New Site) Bill, to the Select Committee on Standing Orders was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bankruptcy Bill, the Insurance Companies Bill, be committed to the same Committee; and that they have leave to sit till Seven of the clock, and to report the same at Nine of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bills.

(In Committee on the Bankruptcy Bill.)

Postponed Clause, No. 130 (Compensation to holders of abolished offices).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 46, l. 2, to leave out the word " Where."

Question again proposed, That the word "Where" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Postponed Clause, No. 131, amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause, No. 132, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Another Clause—

(Regulations as to composition by creditors.)

(The creditors of a debtor unable to pay his debts may, without any proceedings in Bankruptcy, by an extraordinary resolution, resolve that a composition shall be accepted in satisfaction of the debts due to them from the debtor.

An extraordinary resolution of creditors shall be a resolution which has been passed by a majority in number and three-fourths in value of the creditors of the debtor, assembled at a general meeting in the district where the debtor has his only or principal business, of which notice has been given in the prescribed manner, and has been confirmed by a majority in number and value of the creditors assembled at a subsequent general meeting of which notice has been given in the prescribed manner, and held at an interval of not less than seven days nor more than fourteen days from the date of the meeting at which such resolution was first passed.

The debtor, unless prevented by sickness, shall be present at both the meetings at which the extraordinary resolution is passed, and shall answer any inquiries made of him, and he, or if he is prevented by sickness from being at such meetings, some one on his behalf shall produce to the meetings a statement of his debts, and the names and addresses of the creditors to whom such debts respectively are due.

The extraordinary resolution, together with the statement of the debtor as to his debts, shall be presented to the registrar, and it shall be his duty to inquire whether such resolution has been passed in manner directed by this section, but if satisfied that it has been so passed, he shall forthwith register the same, but, until such registration has taken place, such resolution shall be of no validity.

The provisions of a composition accepted by an extraordinary resolution in pursuance of this section shall be binding on all the creditors whose names and addresses, and the amount of the debts due to whom are truly shown in the statement of the debitor, produced to the meetings at which the resolution has passed, but shall not affect or prejudice the rights of any other creditors.

The provisions of any composition made in pursuance of this section may be enforced by the Court on a motion made in a summary manner by any person interested, and any disobedience of the order of the Court made on such motion shall be deemed to be a contempt of Court.

Rules of Court may be made in relation to proceedings on the occasion of the acceptance of a composition by an extraordinary resolution of creditors in the same manner and to the same extent and of the same authority as in respect of proceedings in bankruptcy.

If it appear to the Court on satisfactory evidence that
that a composition under this section cannot, in consequence of legal difficulties, or for any sufficient cause, proceed without injustice or undue delay to the creditors or to the debtor, the Court may adjudge the debtor a bankrupt, and proceedings may be had accordingly — brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "after the provisions of any composition or arrangement have been executed, the debtor shall remain liable, as if the composition or arrangement had not been made, for the unpaid balance of any debt or liability which he incurred or increased, or whereof he obtained forbearance, by any fraud or false pretence, before the date of the composition or arrangement, notwithstanding that the creditor has assented to and received dividends under the composition or arrangement." — Question proposed, That those words be there added — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, and added.

Three other Clauses added.

Another Clause (Proof of debt or demand contracted before the filing adjudication) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Dividends on debt not payable at time of adjudication) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause added.

Another Clause (Fees and expenses of sheriff) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. George Gregory, Mr. William Henry Smith] — 60.

Tellers for the [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam] — 141.

Another Clause (Office of justice of the peace or town councillor vacated by bankruptcy) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Restricting pension of judges of County Courts) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Repeal of sections 11, 12, and 13 of 29 & 30 Vic. 14) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Schedule I.

Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 6, after the word "farms," to insert the word "farmers." — Question put, That the word "farmers" be there inserted — The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes [Mr. Norwood, Mr. Andrews] — 58.

Tellers for the No [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam] — 132.

Amendments made, Schedule, as amended, agreed to. Schedule II. agreed to. Proceeded to, and read the first time.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

(In Committee on the Insolvency for Debt Bill.)

Clause, No 4 (Abolition of imprisonment for debt, with Exceptions). Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out from the word "default" to the word "courts" in l. 11, both inclusive. — Question again proposed, That the words "default in payment of some in respect of the payment of which orders are in this Act authorised to be made," stand part of the Clause — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided, That in any action brought in any of the Superior Courts at Westminster, where the sum recovered amounts to fifty pounds or upwards in respect of any debt or liability insured for or on account of any loan or advance of money, or for the price of goods sold and delivered, it shall be lawful for the Plaintiff in such action to obtain and issue a summons from the Court in which the said action shall be brought, calling upon the Defendant to appear before a judge of the said Superior Court, and to show cause why a writ of capias ad satisfaciendum should not issue against him; and if on the hearing of such summons it shall appear to such judge, by examination on oath of the defendant, or other oral or documentary evidence, that the defendant has the means of discharging that said debt or liability, and neglects so to do, or that the defendant has wilfully contracted the said debt or liability without having had at the time of so contracting a reasonable expectation of being able to discharge the same, or that the defendant is wilfully evading service of the said summons; it shall be lawful for the said judge to direct a writ or writs of capias ad satisfaciendum to issue against the said defendant; provided always, that if the said defendant be dissatisfied with the decision of the said judge, he may appeal against the same to the Court in which the said action is brought." — Question proposed, That those words be there added — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No 5 (Saving of form of committal for small debts). Amendments made.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
That in the case of the Gas Light and Coke Company Petition, for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Grey reported the Millrose Gas Bill, with an Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Court of Exchequer (Ireland) Offices Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

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 upon Tuesday the 6th day of July next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Exchequer Bonds (£2,200,000) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Spalding Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gurnsby and East End Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newspapers, Printers, and Reading Rooms Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Midland Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Harlepool Port and Harbour Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the leasing, selling, exchanging, and partitioning of Estates in the Parish of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lloyd's Estate Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, a closer and more harmonious correspondence between the Central and Local Poor Law Authorities, and in consequence a more uniform and efficient system of parochial administration would be established, and the incidence of Local Taxation would be safely rectified if, in the case of Education, grants, conditional on efficiency, were made from National sources, through the medium of the Poor Law Board; And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address relative to the Bridgwater Election, agreed to by both Houses to be presented to Her Majesty, 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 the joint Address of the two Houses of Parliament in reference to the Report made by the Judge appointed to try a Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Bridgwater; and I have given directions accordingly for the appointment of the Gentlemen named in the Address to be Commissioners for the purpose of making the Inquiry prayed for.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address relative to the Beverley Election, agreed to by both Houses to be presented to Her Majesty, 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 the joint Address of the two Houses of Parliament in reference to the Report made by the Judge appointed to try a Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Beverley; and I have given directions accordingly for the appointment of the Gentlemen named in the Address to be Commissioners for the purpose of making the Inquiry prayed for.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address relative to the Sligo Borough Election, agreed to by both Houses to be presented to Her Majesty, 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 the joint Address of the two Houses of Parliament in reference to the Report made by the Judge appointed to try a Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Sligo; and I have given directions accordingly for the appointment of the Gentlemen named in the Address to be Commissioners for the purpose of making the Inquiry prayed for.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address relative to the Norwich Election, agreed to by both Houses to be presented to Her Majesty, 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 the joint Address of the two Houses of Parliament in reference to the Report made by the Judge appointed to try a Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of Norwich; and I have given directions accordingly for the Appointments of the Gentlemen named in the Address to be Commissioners for the purpose of making the Inquiry prayed for.

A Motion was made, and the Question being propounded, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that any measure for the general amendment of the Laws for Licensing Public Houses, Beer Houses, and Refreshment Houses...
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The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Henry Selby-Eston], Yea, Mr. Hemmings; Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers], Noe, Mr. Eykyn.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of April last, That the Hospital, &c. Rating Exemption Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Debts of Deceased Persons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the County Coroners Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Companies Clauses Act, (1868) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant June, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother;

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

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. Bensford Hope], Yea, Mr. John G. Talbot; Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers], Noe, Mr. Eykyn.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;
Stock, and also of authorising the said Board to raise further sums for completing the works under the said Acts, subject to the provisions contained in those Acts respectively;

Mr. Strangfield, 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 Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Knetschell-Hugessen presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Criminal Lunatics: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gregory presented a Bill to amend the Act of the first and second years of Victoria, chapter fifty-six, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor 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. Copper presented a Bill to provide for the Improvement, Protection, and Management of Commons near Cities and Towns in England: 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 the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Endowed Schools (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Wednesday, 23rd June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The Marquis Camden's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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, a Copy of further Correspondence with the Office of Her Majesty's Works relating to the Private Road leading to the Roehampton Gate of Richmond Park (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 318, of Session 1867-8).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money Laws (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 proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Medical Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next, vol. 124.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Game Laws Reading of the Game Law Amendment (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 Game Laws Reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Game Laws Reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill; (No. 2); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Sea Fisheries Reading of the Sea Fisheries Act (1868) Extension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Seeds Adulteration Bill; (Scotland) Bill. Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.) £360,000, on account, for the Post Office Packet Service; no part of which Sun is to be applicable or applied in or towards making any payment in respect of any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1863 to Mr. Joseph George Churchward, or to any person claiming through or under him by virtue of a certain Contract, bearing date the 26th day of April 1859, made between the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Admiralty (for and on behalf of Her Majesty) of the first part, and the said Joseph George Churchward of the second part, or in or towards the satisfaction of any claim whatsoever of the said Joseph George Churchward, by virtue of that Contract, so far as relates to any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1863.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow morning.

Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, 'That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Common WAYS and MEX.

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

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law Unions Loans Bill, as amended by 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.

**Ordered.** That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 13th day of July next.

**Resolved.** That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

**Ordered.** That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an uniform System of Measurement in the Sale of Corn and other Grains: And that Mr. Henry B. Sheridan and Mr. Goldby do prepare, and bring it in.

**Ordered.** That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law concerning the appointment of Deputies by Stipendiary Magistrates: And that Viscount Sandon, Mr. Muntz, and Mr. Hathorne do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Pollok-Ungarb reported from the Committee on Public Accounts; That they had made further Progress in 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.

**Ordered.** That the Return relative to Superior Informations, &c., which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed. No. 279.

**Ordered.** That the Return relative to Election Commissions, &c., was presented, by Her Majesty's Trade and Navigation, the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals; with Appendices.

**Ordered.** That the Return, dated the 23rd day of March last, for Returns relative to Election Commissions, to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of March last, for Return relative to Election Commissions, do pass.

**Ordered.** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Trade and Navigation, an Account relating to Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 31st May 1869; and Five Months ended 31st May 1869.

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

**Ordered.** That the Return relative to Superior Courts of Common Law, &c., which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed. No. 279.

**Ordered.** That the Return relative to Superior Courts of Common Law, &c., was presented, by Her Majesty's Trade and Navigation, for the Month ended 31st May 1869; and Five Months ended 31st May 1869.

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

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Mr. Speaker announced the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

—The Lords have agreed to the Lympington Harbour and Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Medway Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glassop Corporation Gas (Purchase, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the All Saints District, Medway Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ligni and Ogmore Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords give leave to the Viscount Eversley Witnesses to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed in the present Session of Parliament on Wages (House of Commons), as desired by this House, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

**Ordered.** That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Recorder's Deputies Bill be taken Deputies Bill into consideration To-morrow.

**Ordered.** That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newspaper, Printers, and Reading Rooms Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

**Ordered.** That the Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on Navy and Army Expenditure [1867—8], was read, and discharged.

**Ordered.** That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eleventh Report of the Commissioners on Water Supply.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return Election to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of March last, for Return relative to Election Commissions.

**Ordered.** That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Robert Dodson reported the Severn Navigation Bill, with Amendments.

**Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Charles Porter reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, and 22nd days of this instant June,
June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for referring the Report in respect of the Wharf at Hoo, for non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the Revenue for the Service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy, was read, and discharged.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stockton-on-Tees Extension 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.

The Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

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A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

An Act for raising the Sum of Two million Exchequer three hundred thousand pounds by Exchequer Stocks for the Service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy.

An Act to remove doubts as to the Qualification of Persons holding Civil Service Pensions or receiving Superannuation Allowances, to sit in Parliament.

An Act to amend so much of the Act of the Norfolk Island Station of the sixth and seventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty-five, as provides that Norfolk Island is to be part of the Diocese of Tasmania.

An Act for the preservation of Sea Birds.

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Statutes made by the Convocation of the University of Oxford.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Paying of the Expenses of Commissioners of Inquiry into Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament.

An Act for amending the Law relating to Statutory Mining Partnerships within the Stannaries of Devon and Cornwall, and to the Court of the Vice-Warden of the Stannaries.

An Act to amend the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act.

An Act to confirm a Scheme under "The Metropolitan Common Act, 1866."

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the Acts amendating the same.

An Act for making provision for the execution of the Knox and of the London Coal and Wine Duties Continuance other Bridges Bill of the year 1868, as far as it relates to the freeing from Toll of the following Bridges on the Thames, namely, Kew, Kingston-upon-Thames, Hampton Court, Walton-upon-Thames and Staines, and Chingford Bridge and Totterham Mills Bridges on the Lea, and for other purposes.

An Act for authorising the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London to raise a further Sum of Money for the completion of the Holborn Valley Viaduct, and the Streets and Works connected therewith.

An Act for making a Railway from the Great Western Southern and Western Railway, in the Parish of Ferry, in the County of Cork, to Lismore, in the County of Waterford, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the West Ham Gas Company to increase their Capital, and for other purposes relating to Gas Bill, with respect to the same Company.

An Act to alter the constitution of University College, London, and for other purposes relating to the said College.

An Act to enable the Parochial Board of the Parish of Edinburgh, and the Trustees of the Estate of Craiglockhart for behoof of the said Parochial Board to obtain from the Edinburgh Water Company a supply of Water for the new Public House and other Buildings in connection therewith, erected or to be erected on the Lands of Craiglockhart.

An Act for dissolving the Manchester and Stockport Railway Company, and transferring their Undertaking to the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire and Midland Railway Companies, jointly, and for empowering the two last-mentioned Companies jointly to make a short Branch Railway out of the Stockport and Woodley Junction Railway, and for authorising a joint ownership by those two Companies of the Nosson and Compton Railway, and the Marple New Mills and Hayfield Junction Railway.
Railway, and for granting running powers to the Midland Railway Company over parts of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to acquire additional lands at Great Grimsby, in the County of Lincoln.

An Act for empowering the Local Board of Melton Mowbray, in the County of Leicester, to provide a Cattle Market, and for conferring other Powers on the Local Board, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Kent Coast Railway Company to provide for the payment of their Mergages by means of Redeemable Debenture Stock.

An Act for effecting an Arrangement with respect to the Mortgage and other Debts of the Bankeston, Danderdon, and Shigo Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring on the Kent Coast Railway Company to provide for the payment of their Mortgages by means of Redeemable Debenture Stock.

An Act for the prevention of waste and misuse of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London and the Liberties thereof, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Great Yarmouth Waterworks Company to raise more Money, and for amending the provisions of the Acts relating to the Trust, and for other purposes.

An Act for authorizing the Dumbarton Water Commissioners to make and maintain an additional Storage Reservoir and other Works, and to give an increased supply of Water, for dividing the Burgh of Dumbarton into Words, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the West Somerset Mineral Railway Company to enter into a Working Agreement with, and to grant a Lease of their Undertaking to, the Ebbw Vale Steel, Iron, and Coal Company, Limited, and for other purposes connected with their Undertaking.

An Act to extend the Time for the purchase of Lands, and for the completion of the Hammersmith and Metropolitan Railway.

An Act for incorporating and granting further Powers to the Clitheroe Gas Company.

An Act to authorize the "The Radcliffe and Glossop Railway Company" to raise further Monies by Shares, and by borrowing.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of the Countest Watertown Company.

An Act for enabling the Waterworks and Reservoirs Company, in re-supply to parts of the Parishes of Shotley, Durham, and South Western Railway Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the construction of a Bridge over the River Crouch, in Essex, to be called "The Bridge Bill."

An Act to authorize the Local Board of Oswestry Overwells, in the Parish of Whalley, in the County of Lancaster, to provide for the disposition of the Saint Martin's Workhouse Fund, in the Parish of Saint Martin's-in-the-Fields, in the County of Middlesex.

An Act for the extension of the Extension Railway powers authorized by "The London Valley Railway Act, 1866," and for extending the times limited for the purchase of Lands and completion of Works under that Act, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the incorporation of the Oswestry Railway Company, Limited, and for other purposes.

An Act for making a Railway from Stony Stratford to Bedford Railway (of Ireland) Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Midland Great Western Railway (of Ireland) Company to raise further Monies by borrowing.

An Act for extending the Time for the compulsory purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of, the authorized Railway of the London and South Western Railway Company, from Bideford to Great Torrington.

An Act to authorize the South Western Railway Company to extend their Works, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company.

An Act to extend the Time for the purchase of Lands, and for the construction of the Works authorized by "The Lymington Harbour and Docks Bill, 1864."

An Act to extend the Time for the purchase of Lands, and for the construction of the Works authorized by "The Midcley Docks Act, 1866."

An Act to transfer to and vest in the Corporation of Glasgow the Undertakings of the Glasgow Gas Light Company and the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow, and for other purposes.

An Act to confer further Powers upon the Bristol and Great Western and the Bristol and Exeter Railway Companies, with respect to the Bristol Harbour Railway and Duplex, and for other purposes.

An Act to incorporate a Company, to be called "The Barnstaple Gas Company," to provide for the lighting of the Town and Parish of Barnstaple and adjoining Places, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the construction of Bridge over the River Crucke, in Essex, to be called "The Bridge Bill."

"An Act to authorize the Local Board of Oswestry Overwells, in the Parish of Whalley, in the County of Lancaster, Manchester, Biddulph, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.

Malton Mowbray Castle Market, Act.

Kent Coast Railway Bill.

Emiskillen, Runcorn, and Shigo Railway Bill.

London (City) Subways Bill.

Great Yarmouth Water Bill [Lords.] Greencroft Water Bill.

Bishops Stortford, and Metropolitan Railway Bill.

Clitheroe Gas Bill. Radcliffe and Clitheroe Gas Bill [Lords.]

Waltham Abbey and Clifton Court Gas Bill [Lords.]

King's Lynn Docks and Railway Bill [Lords.]

Lancashire and South Devon Railway Bill [Lords.]

Macclesfield District Gas Bill [Lords.]

Darwen Water Bill.

Albert Bridge 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 any Correspondence which has recently taken place between the Secretary of State for India and any of the Governments in India on the subject of the Preservation of the Indian River Fisheries: and of any Instructions that may have been given to the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the Measures necessary for that purpose.

Ordered, That 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, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Dangerous Lunatics:—Series) (In continuation of Parliament.)—Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians, for the establishment of a System of Post Office Money Orders between Great Britain and Belgium. Signed at London, May 31, 1869.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Commissions, which was presented upon the 33rd day of this instant June, be printed.

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

(See the Committee.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out the words "and every payment of a rate", by the owner, notwithstanding the allowance of "the commission under this Act," in order to insert the words "and every occupier of any rateable hereditament in respect of which by agreement between the owner and the overseers, or otherwise, the occupier is made liable to pay the rate, shall be entitled to all Municipal and Parliamentary franchises in as full a manner as if such occupier had been himself liable to and had paid the rate, whether such owner shall have made default in the payment of the rate or not."

Question put, That the words "and every payment of a rate by the owner" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Glyn."

Yes, [Mr. A. Allen: 391.]

Noes, [Mr. Henry Howard: 42.]

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided, That no occupation of any tenement with respect to which the owner shall have made such agreement with"

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Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Pensions under this Act payable quarterly out of Consolidated Fund) was brought up, and read a first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, sec.) And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Greenwich Hospital Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the 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 House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, N° 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 2 (Repeal of enactments in Schedule). Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 and N° 4, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 5, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 6, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Power to permit use of buildings for public purposes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, ls. 16 and 17, to leave out from the word "occupied" to the word "purpose" in 1. 18 inclusive, in order to insert the words "for any charitable or benevolent purpose for the benefit of persons engaged in seafaring pursuits, or their widows;"

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 8 to N° 11, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Pensions to merchant seamen, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, ls. 16, after the word "and" to insert the words "the occupier so ceasing to occupy, or so succeeding to the occupation of such tenement shall have been continuous for a period of not less than six months."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

CLAUSE, N° 11, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Overseers to insert names of all occupiers in the rate. Penalty for omission. Saving of franchises.)

An Amendment made.

CLAUSE, N° 10 ( Provision for successive occupiers, and for occupiers coming into unoccupied hereditaments).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, ls. 38, after the words "made by him" to insert the words "subject to every liability and." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

CLAUSE, N° 13, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 14 and N° 15, agreed to.

Five Clauses added.

CLAUSE, N° 11, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Overseers to insert names of all occupiers in the rate. Penalty for omission. Saving of franchises.)

An Amendment made.

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived. Preamble amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—And the said Clause 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 upon Monday next.

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.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yes. [Mr. Glyn, ] [Mr. Adam; ] 124.

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Liddell, ] [Mr. John Hay; ] 43.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yes. [Mr. Glyn, ] [Mr. Adam; ] 124.

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Liddell, ] [Mr. John Hay; ] 43.

CLAUSE, N° 13 and N° 14, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12. (Pensions to merchant seamen, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, ls. 20, to leave out the word "four," in order to insert the word "five."

Question put, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes. [Mr. Glyn, ] [Mr. Adam; ] 46.

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Candlish, ] [Mr. Stevenson; ] 15.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 13 and N° 14, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15, disagreed to.

CLAUSE,
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment 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 Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Two of the clock, receive itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Judicial Statistics (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, proceeded to take into consideration the Prison (Scotland) Administration Act (1860) 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 Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time by virtue of a certain Contract, bearing date the 26th day of April 1859, made between the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Admiralty (for and on behalf of Her Majesty) of the first part, and the said Joseph George Churchward of the second part, or in or towards the satisfaction of any claim whatsoever of the said Joseph George Churchward, by virtue of that Contract, as far as relates to any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1863.

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

The Public Offices Concenation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation of Property 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 Valuation of Property Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Mines Regulation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newspaper, Printers, and Reading Rooms Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Life Assurance Companies Bill; and the same was 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 has agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Derived from the Estates and Encomiums belonging to that body:—Of the Amount of the Income now received by the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, under the Commutation of their Estates which they effected by Order of Her Majesty in Council in 1859:—Of the Annual Income now derived by the Dean and Chapter of Worcester from Property which was excepted from the said Commutation:—And, of the Annual Amount which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners may be expected to derive from the Property transferred to them (including the Revenue arising from the Produce of Sales since the Transfer) under the said Commutation, in excess of the Annuity now payable by them to the Dean and Chapter.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Lords on the Second Reading of the Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 38, by leaving out the word "seven" and inserting the word "fourteen" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "seven" stand part of the Bill;

Tellers for the "Mr. Ayrton, 56." Mr. George Gregory:

Yea, 32.

Nay, 60.

Tellers for the Bill, 32.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to bankruptcy, and referred to a Select Committee.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Mortality (Barking, &c.)

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract of the Statements of Accounts of the several Municipal Boroughs in England and Wales for the year ending 31st August 1868.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Truro Water Bill, referring to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant June, for a Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of the Instant June, for a Return relative to the Corporation of Truro (Water Bill).

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Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 16, to leave out the words "he proves" in order to insert the words "the Court is satisfied."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, to leave out the word "four" in order to insert the word "six."

Question proposed, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38 and 39, to leave out the words "to the value of."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 31, after the word "defraud" to insert the words "if he has incurred to keep proper books of account; if he has wasted his property by reckless speculation, gambling, or gross extravagance; or if he has been in the habit of raising money upon or trading with accommodation bills."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses, N° 11, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12 (Penalty on fraudulently obtaining credit, &c.).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 31, after the word "defraud" to insert the words "if he has, within four months before his bankruptcy, put into circulation and used the proceeds of Bills drawn or accepted by him, for which full value has not been received, or which bills, in the opinion of the jury, are fictitious or accommodated bills."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

CLAUSES, N° 13 and N° 14, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 15, disagreed to.

CLASURE, N° 16 (Expenses of prosecutions). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words "and any expenses incurred by such prosecutor, other than those so defined, shall be paid out of the account laid "The Chief Registrar's Account.""

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 17 to N° 24, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Another Clause (Power of judge to appoint deputy) — brought up, and read the first time. Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Four other Clauses added. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Lords have agreed to the Engineers and Bankruptcy Bill. House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Involuntary Debtors and Bankruptcy Reform Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

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

Mr. Cross reported from the General Committee Railway and Canal Bills; that they had made some alterations in the Groups already formed, and had directed him to report the same to the House.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making provision for the Communication of Pensions payable to Officers and other Persons out of the Sums voted by Parliament to defray the Charges of Army and Navy Services; Mr. William Edward Forster, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends to her consideration of the House.

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

Mr. Dent reported the Severn and Wye Railway Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill, with Amendments; Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South and Surrey Junction Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, without any Amendment.

Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Portleve Harbour (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Milford Improvement Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Portmouth and Harbour Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Devou and Cornwall Harrow Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Strathnairn to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, That this House do now adjourn — It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commons Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out, from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. 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 of Ways and Means.

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 Special Bills Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1 (From 30th September 1869 Sunday and Ragged Schools not to be rated to relief of poor, &c.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the words “sixty-nine,” to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words “the board of guardians of the union or parish, as the case may be, in which any building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School shall be situated, may pay the rates assessed on such building or part of a building for the relief of the poor or the maintenance of the highways, or as a borough rate or any other rate made by any municipal corporation, commissioners, or local board for any purpose which includes lighting, watching or improvement purposes, and shall charge the same to the common fund of the union as the funds of the parish under their control respectively.” Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Joint Stock Companies’ Names Bill.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Fines and Fees Collection Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of Clause 8:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had amended Clause 8 of 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.

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

The Select Committee on Salmon Fisheries was nominated of Mr. Kuchtchell-Hugessen, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Peace, Earl Percy, Mr. Ewen Richards, Mr. Stoneley Bill, Mr. Whitelaw, Mr. Amhurst, Colonel Edwards, Mr. Kipling, Mr. Henry Herbert, Mr. Hammo, Colonel Anns, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dodds; with Power to send for persons, papers, &c.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them from time to time to the House.

Mr. Ayton presented a Bill for making further Provision respecting the Borrowing of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Inclosure Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Monday next, the Assessed Rates, Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

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.

Monday, 28th June, 1869.

Mr. Grant Duff presented,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to East India (Hundred Groat) and Kivrice Prize Money.

Mr. Grant Duff also presented, pursuant to the East India directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement exhibiting the Moral and Material Progress and Condition of India during the year 1865-66.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Bills read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Ramsgate Command.—Copy of Report upon the Royal Harbour of Ramsgate made to the Board of Trade by Captain Tyler, R. E., Captain W. H. Walker, and Mr. Williams.

Mr. John Bright also presented, pursuant to the Sea Fisheries directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Re-Act (1868) port of the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under Part III. of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

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

Ordered, That all Papers laid before this House relating to the Abyssinian Expedition be referred to the Select Committee on the Abyssinian War.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Metropolitan Returns showing the Dates on which the several Workhouses of the Metropolitan Workhouse have been inspected by an Inspector or Sub-Inspector under the Poor Law Act, since the 1st day of January 1868:—And, the Average Cost per Head per Week of the Inmates of each Workhouse for the year ending Lady Day 1869; the Average daily Number of Insane, distinguishing Males from Females, and Boys and Girls under Fifteen years of Age from Males and Females above that Age; the Number of Deaths for the year ending Lady Day 1869; and the Amount expended in Beer, Wine, and Spirits for each Workhouse.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Metropolis Returns showing the Dates on which the several Workhouses of the Metropolitan Workhouse have been inspected by an Inspector or Sub-Inspector under the Poor Law Act, since the 1st day of January 1868:—And, of any Correspondence between the Board of Trade and any Persons on the subject.

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Bankruptcy

The Bankruptcy Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Fishery Service (Ireland).—Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 25th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Joseph Brown, Established Clerk, Devonport Yard, Admiralty.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 25th June 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to James William Adams, late Hummerman, Chatham Yard, Admiralty.

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

Loan Societies.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales to the 31st day of December 1868, by John Tidd Pratt, Esquire, the Barrister appointed to certify the Rules of Savings Banks.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Municipal Boroughs (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Superannuation of Colonels), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Bankruptcy 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 the Committee of Supply.

1. £36,418, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £36,418, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £36,418, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £36,418, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £36,418, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Buildings of the Houses of Parliament:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £36,418, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Supply and Repair of Furniture in the Public Departments;
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Pensions Commutation.

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1. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the Commutation of Pensions payable to Officers and other Persons out of the Sums voted by Parliament to defray the Charges of the Army and Navy Services.

2. Resolved, That all Moneys payable in respect of Commutations of such Pensions may be paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt out of any Funds for the time being in their hands under the authority of the Acts of the 28th and 29th years of Her present Majesty, chapter 24, and of the 29th and 30th years of Her said Majesty, chapter 87.

3. Resolved, That the Sums paid in respect of such Commutations shall be made good to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt by means of Terminable Annuities charged upon and payable to them out of the Votes of Parliament upon which such Pensions were chargeable previously to being commuted.

4. Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Treasury be authorized to advance such Sums out of the Consolidated Fund in repayment of Advances made from the said Funds as may at any time appear desirable to the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

5. Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the Payment of the Salaries of the Officers and Servants, and the Expenses of the Commission Board to be constituted by any Act of the present Session, out of such Moneys as may be provided by Parliament for that purpose.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Shaw Lefevre reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Civil Offices (Pensions) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause 1:—The House immediately resolved itself into Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Shaw Lefevre reported, That the Committee had amended Clause 1 of 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.

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, 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 Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, with the Amendments, do pass.

Resolved, That the House do pass.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitation 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 Inclosure of Lounds (No. 2) 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 Parishal Schools (Scotland) 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 County Administration 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 Involuntary Debtors and Bankruptcy Appeal Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, receive itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Ireland) 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 Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House was moved, That the Shipping Dues Exemption Act (1867), might be read; and the same being read;—And he moved 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 for the amendment of “The Shipping Dues Exemption Act, 1867.” Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

The House was moved, 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.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the amendment of “The Shipping Dues Exemption Act, 1867.”—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill; and that Mr. Russell Gurney and Mr. William Cooper do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the New Law Courts do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating a Company for constructing Docks, and to incorporate a Company for constructing Docks, and the Sums received in respect of their Ordinary Capital and Preferential Capital, and Debenture Stock or Funded Debt on the 31st day of December 1868, specifying the Rate per cent. of the Dividends for the year 1868 on each of the said Companies in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, for the year 1868, showing:

I.

Their authorised Share and Loan Capital, and the Sums received in respect of their Ordinary Capital and Preferential Capital, and Debenture Stock or Funded Debt on the 31st day of December 1868, specifying the Rate per cent. of the Dividends for the year 1868 on each of the said Companies in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, for the year 1868, showing:

II.

The Traffic upon each Railway, in Passengers and Goods, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1868, setting forth the several particulars mentioned in the annexed Form, viz.:

III.

The Working Expenditure during the year ended the 31st day of December 1868, divided under the following Heads, viz.:

- Length of Line open;
- Maintenance and Renewal of Way and Works;
- Locomotive Power (including Stationary Engines);
- Repairs and Renewals of Carriages and Wagons;
- Traffic Charges (Coaching and Merchandise).
Mr. Dodson reported the Mid-Wales Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Bristol and North Somerset Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out certain words tending to raise a doubt as to the Suna due to certain Creditors 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; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Maryport Town and Harbour Gas Bill; and the same 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; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to 83 County Voters Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of (Scotland). March last, for a Return relative to County Voters (Scotland).

Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of this instant June, for Returns relative to Kilkenny Model School.

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

Mr. Apton presented, pursuant to the directions Public Works of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account by (Unfort.) the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to 31st March 1869, of the Amounts placed at their disposal for Loans by the Acts last mentioned, showing the Amounts advanced, the Amounts unissued, and the Repayments into the Exchequer on account thereof, the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding, distinguishing each Class of Loans, and showing the Amounts advanced and repaid during the year ended 31st March 1869.
The Finance Accounts, I.—VII., of the United Finance Model School.

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

Mr. Layard presented, pursuant to the directions of the Commissioner of Public Works, in Ireland, to 31st March 1869, of the Amounts placed at their disposal for Loans by the Acts last mentioned, showing the Amounts advanced, the Amounts unissued, and the Repayments into the Exchequer on account thereof, the Balance of Principal and Interest outstanding, distinguishing each Class of Loans, and showing the Amounts advanced and repaid during the year ended 31st March 1869.
The Finance Accounts, I.—VII., of the United Finance Model School.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.
Parishes. 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 Parishes in which Alterations have been made in respect of the Number or Accommodation of Schools aided by Parliamentary Grants, giving the Average Attendance in each new or altered School, completed to the 31st day of December 1869 (in continuation of, and in the same form as, Parliamentary Paper, No. 124, 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.

Imprisonment for Debt Bills. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Imprisonment for Debt Bills, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Application of Vexatious Indictments Act to offences under this Act) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by leaving out from the word "Subject," to the word "court," in l. 18, both inclusive.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by leaving out from the word "any," in l. 25, both inclusive.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 34, by adding after the word "person," the words "That, in every case in which such jurisdiction is exercised, the Court shall make an order on the creditor at whose suit any person is committed to prison, for payment into Court of such sum as it shall deem sufficient to pay the costs of committal and the maintenance of the person imprisoned during the term of his imprisonment, unless it shall be of opinion that the creditor is not of sufficient ability, on account of poverty, to pay the whole or any part of such expenses, in which case it shall make an order for payment into Court of part of such expenses, or shall certify the inability of the creditor to pay any part of such expenses as the circumstances of the case may be; and such officer as the Court may designate shall inform himself, and his evidence be sufficient as to the proper amount of such expenses; and the treasurer of the Court be accountable to the clerk of the peace or town clerk, as the case may be, of the county or borough in which such person is imprisoned for such expenses when ordered to be paid into Court to the amount so ordered, and shall be accountable to the creditor for any sum which may remain after such accounting as aforesaid; and no order of committal shall be executed until payment into Court shall have been made of any money so ordered to be paid into Court."

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 23, by inserting after the word "matters," the words "with intent to defraud." And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(For the Committee.)
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A Motion was made, and the Question being
put, That Her Majesty's Government should in­
quire how far political offenders should be regarded
as a separate class, and how far the severity of the
punishment to which the political convicts in our
Prisons have been already subjected may be re­
Poor Law
The Order for resuming, upon Thursday next, garded as reasonable grounds for a favourable
(Ireland)
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed consideration in their case:—It passed in the
Amendment
upon the 28th day of this instant June, That the Negative.
(No. 2) Bill
Poor Law (IrelandV Amendment (No. 2) Bill be
now read a second time, was read, and discharged.
A Motion was made, and the Question b e i n g County Court
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned put, That, having regard to the Admiralty Act of u 8es"
till Friday next.
last Session, by virtue of which an entirely new
jurisdiction has been conferred upon certain County
Message from
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Mes­ Courts, and to the Bankruptcy Bill, under which the
the Lords.
sage had been brought from the Lords by one of district County Courts will take the place and per­
their Clerks, as followeth:
form the functions of the district Bankruptcy Courts,
The Lords have agreed to the Poor Relief (Ire­ and with a view to secure efficiency in the office of
Poor Relief
(Ireland) Act
land) A c t (1862) Amendment Bill, without any County Court Judge, in the opinion of this House
(1862) Amend'
Amendment.
it is expedient that the Judges upon whom the
ment Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour new duties and responsibilities may be imposed
Pier and Har­
should receive an additional remuneration of £ . 300
bour Orders
Orders Confirmation Bill, without any Amend­
Confirmation
a-year;
ment.
Bill.
The House divided.
Ross Improve­
The Lords have agreed to the Ross Improvement
The Yeas to the Right;
ment Act,
Act, 1865, Amendment Bill, without any Amend­
1865, Amend­
The Noes to the Left.
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ment Bill.
Tellers for the ("Mr. Hibbert,
| 56.
The Lords have agreed to the Scinde Railway
Scinde Railway
Yeas,
[Mr. Osborne Morgan :
Company Bill. Company Bill, without any Amendment.
Tellers for t h e / M r . Glgn,
1102.
The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow (City)
Glasgow (City)
I Mr. Adam :
Noes,
Union Railway Union Railway Bill, without any Amendment.
So it passed in the Negative.
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The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan
Metropolitan
A Motion was made, and the Question being Dublin
Tramways BUI. Tramways Bill, with Amendments ; to which the
proposed,
That leave be given to bring in a Bill £reem«n.
Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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appointing
Commissioners to inquire into the
Metropolitan
The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan
Street Tram­
Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which existence of Corrupt Practices amongst the Free­
ways BUI.
men Electors of the City of Dublin:—And a De­
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Pimlico,
The Lords have agreed to the Pimlico, Pechham, bate arising thereupon;
Peckham, and
And a Motion being made, and the Question
and
Greenwich Street Tramways Bill, with Amend­
Greenwich
being
put, That the Debate be now adjourned;
ments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence
Street Tram­
The House divided.
ways Bill.
of this House.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An A c t
Inam Lands
The Noes to the Left.
Bill
[Lords.]
to render valid certain Title Deeds for Inam
Tellers for the f Mr. James Lowther,
Lands; to which the Lords desire the concurrcnce
52.
Yeas;
\Mr. Robert Fowler :
of this House.
f
Mr.
Glyn,
Tellers
for
the
Lady Slaney's
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act
100.
(Trust) Estate to authorise the Wardens and Commonalty of the
Noes,
\Mr. Adam:
Bill
[Lords.]
So it passed in the Negative.
Mystery of Grocers of the City of London, as
And the Question being again proposed, That
Trustees under the Will of Dame Margaret Slaney,
deceased, to consent to the union of the Benefices leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing
of Allhallows Staining and Saint Olave Hart Street,Commissioners to inquire into the existence of
in the City of London, and for enabling the Trustees Corrupt Practices amongst the Freemen Electors
to carry into more complete effect the Trusts of the of the City of Dublin;
A Motion was made, and the Question was pro­
Will, and for facilitating such union; to which
posed, That this House do now adjourn:—And
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
the said Motion was, with leave of the House,
withdrawn.
A Motion was made, and the Question being
Prisons.
And the Question being again proposed, That
proposed, That it is the duty of the Govern­
leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing
ment to institute a public inquiry into the penal
Commissioners to inquire into the existence of
discipline of our Prisons, for the purpose of a
Corrupt Practices amongst the Freemen Electors
better classification of prisoners generally; dis­
of the City of Dublin :—And a Debate arising
tinguishing the tried from the untried, and those
thereupon;
who may be charged with offences from those who,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till
under exceptional circumstances, may be tempo­
Thursday next.
rarily detained without any specific charge having
been preferred against them;
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Railways
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And the House having continued to sit till after to amend the Law relating to the abandonment of
Railways and the dissolution of Railway Com­
Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
panies: And that Mr Shaw Lefevre and Mr.
Wednesday, 30th June, 1869:
John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.
And the Question being put;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second steam Boilers
The House divided.
Reading of the Steam Boilers Inspection
Bill;
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The Yeas to the Right;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
The Noes to the Left.
upon Tuesday the 13th day of J uly next.
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examined the Petitions presented upon the 23rd,
24th, and 25th days of this instant June, and had di­
rected him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;
and be printed.

Tellers for the N o e s , ) ^ ­
So it passed in the Negative.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Local Officers
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land) Bill;

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Resolved,


Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 13th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lived Bill.

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

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

Debts of Deceased Persons Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Debts of Deceased Persons Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Greenwich Hospital Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stipendiary Magistrates (Deputies) Bill.

The Stipendiary Magistrates (Deputies) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Greenwich Hospital Bill.

The Greenwich Hospital Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk de carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Special Bills Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Special Bills Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the read third time this day.

Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Pensions Commutation.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Pensions Commutation, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That it is expedient to provide for the Commutation of Pensions payable to Officers and other Persons out of the Sums voted by Parliament to defray the Charges of the Army and Navy Services.

2. That all Moneys payable in respect of Commissions of such Pensions may be paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt out of any Funds for the time being in their hands under the authority of the Acts of the 24th year of Her present Majesty, chapter 24, and of the 39th and 37th years of Her said Majesty, chapter 87.

3. That the Sums paid in respect of such Commissions shall be made good to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt by means of Terminable Annuities charged upon and payable to them out of the Votes of Parliament upon which such Pensions were chargeable previously to being commuted.

4. That the Commissioners of the Treasury be authorised to advance such Sums out of the Consolidated Fund in repayment of Advances made from the said Funds as may at any time appear desirable to the Commissioners of the Treasury and the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

5. That it is expedient to authorize the Payment of the Salaries of the Officers and Servants, and the Expenses of the Commutation Board to be constituted by any Act of the present Session, out of such Moneys as may be provided by Parliament for that purpose.

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. Dodson, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Staniford do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Shaw presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Abandonment of Railways and the dissolution of Railway Companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Staniford presented a Bill to provide for the Commutation of Pensions payable to Officers and other Persons out of the Sums voted by Parliament to defray the Charges of the Army and Navy Services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Corn and Grain Measurement Bill was read, and discharged.

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

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.

Wednesday, 30th June, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdare and Aberswan Gas Bill, Aberdare Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be the read third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the read third time.

Ordered, That the Severn Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Lloyd's Estate Bill was read a second time; and Lloyd's Estate Bill [Lords] committed.

The Trevo Water Bill was read a second time; and Trevo Water Bill [Lords] committed.

Lady Slaney's (Trust) Estate Bill was read the Lady Slaney's first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East Jesus (Cotton), which was presented upon the 31st day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Finance Accounts, which were presented upon the 26th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Osten presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Declaration for the Exemption of Magistrates for the absence for a fortnight, on account of urgent business.

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

Mr. Aerton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure of the Isle of Man, for the year ending the 31st March 1869.

General Abstract of the Account of the Isle of Man Accumulated Fund, from 1st day of April 1868 to 31st day of March 1869. A Paper, initiated, Her Majesty's Customs in account with the Civil Government of the Isle of Man, year ending 31st March 1869.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 all Magistrates created for the County Palatine of Lancaster during the years 1826, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869; and the Date of each Appointment (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 98, of Session 1859).

Ordered, That 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 Colonel French have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of urgent business.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of April last, That the Agricultural Returns, now made annually, should, after this year, be discontinued, and collected every fifth year in the place of annually; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) Bill;—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;—Vol. 124.

Ordered, That the House do divide.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. McLaren: 151.]
Tellers for the [Sir Graham Montgomery: 142.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of March last, That the Party Processions (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grand Jury Cess (Ireland) 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 County Courts (Administration) Act (1868) Amendment Bill. An Instruction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, upon the 8th day of this instant June, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother;—Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, that they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Second Reading of the Suburban Commons Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Married Women's Property Bill;—Women's Property Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-County Councils Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Suburban Commons Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Sunday Trading Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Married Reading of the Married Women's Property Bill;—Women's Property Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-County Councils Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Sunday Trading Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Ways and Means;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant June, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the nature and amount of all Endowments in Scotland the funds of which are devoted to the maintenance or education of young persons; also to inquire into the administration and management of any Hospitals or Schools supported by such Endowments, and into the system and course of study respectively pursued therein, and to report whether any and what changes in the administration and use of such Endowments are expedient, by which their usefulness and efficiency may be increased;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Joint Stock Companies Arrangement Bill was, according to Order, read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Involvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Reform 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 Debts of Deceased Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Special Bills 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.

Supplications.

Ordered, That, there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated the 4th day of June 1869, granting a Special Compassionate Allowance to Richard White, Shipwright, Portsmouth Yacht, Admixture.

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 1st July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from Mr. Justice Blackburn, one of the Judges selected, pursuant to the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1866, for the trial of Election Petitions, a Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Brockman.

And the same was read, as followeth:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1866.

In the matter of an Election Petition for the Borough of Brockman, in the County of Cornwall, between David Evans, David Williams, Bers Price, and Edward Williams, Petitioners; and the Honourable Edward Hyde Villiers, commonly called Lord Hyde, Respondent.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable The Speaker, Sir, June 20, 1869. Having this day made an order giving leave to the above Petitioners to withdraw the above Petition, I, in compliance with the 36th Section of the above Act, report to you that, in my opinion, the withdrawal of the said Petition was not the result of any corrupt arrangement, nor in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Petition.

Coles Blackburn.

To the Right Honourable The Speaker.

And the said Report was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by their Lordships in the Repeal Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern 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 Preston Corporation 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 Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Milnrow Gas Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, Bill [Lords] 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 Whistland and Taf Vale Railway Bill was read the third time. Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, Bill [Lords] 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 taking Severn into consideration the Severn Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the Order of the day for the consideration of the Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. An
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 23, by leaving out from the word "Act" to the end of the Clause.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Derby; 

Mr. Mitchell.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Gladstone; 

Mr. S. J. C. Peto.

So it was passed.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of the Number and Nature of the Accidents and Injuries to Life and Limb which have been reported to the Board of Trade as having occurred on all the Railways open for Traffic in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1868.

Trade Accounts (Foreign Countries) for the Three Months ended 31st March 1867, 1868, and 1869.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the last be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address on the Attestation of Friendly Societies during the year 1868-69.

Adjudication of Food and Drink (Metropolis).

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

Mr. Otago presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Reports received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Consuls in 1869. (No. 6). 1869.

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

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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will graciously be pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy or Extracts of all Correspondence relating to the Importation of South Sea Islanders into Queensland.

Ordered, That 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. Charles Dalrymple have leave of absence for ten days; and, Mr. Fell a week, on account of domestic affliction.

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 London and South Western Railway (Furier Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Hereford, Hay, Hereford, Bay, and Brecon Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Strathnairn, Parliamentary Secretary, to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Parliamentary and Municipal Elections (his Lordship in his place consenting), pursuant to Message of Monday last.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of June last, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices amongst the Freemen Electors of the City of Dublin:

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 Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Glynn; 

Mr. Ashdon; 

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. James Lowther; 

Mr. Dick.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Chichester Fortescue do prepare, and bring it in.

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

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 "before granting the sums required for purposes of the maintenance and repair of the present Houses of Parliament."

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Scotland, in his office of Registrar, showing the State or Condition of Friendly and Co-operative Societies during the year 1868-69.

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

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 word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the attention of the Board of Trade should be directed to the adulteration of Food and Drink (Metropolis); "food stuffs and manures," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

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

Friday, 2nd July, 1869.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported,
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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Imprisonment for Debt 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 read to the Question, by leaving out the words "now read the third time," and adding the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House to consider of a new Clause for granting compensation to keepers of debtors' prisons," 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.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Another Amendment was proposed to the said proposed Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the words "sixty-nine," to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "the board of guardians of the union or parish, as the case may be, in which such building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School shall be situated, may pay the rates assessed on such building or part of a building for the relief of the poor or the maintenance of the highways, or as a borough rate or any other rate made by any municipal corporation, Commissioners, or local board for any purpose which includes lighting, watching, or improvement purposes, and shall charge the same to the common fund of the union as the funds of the parish under their control respectively;"

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the words "sixty-nine," to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "the board of guardians of the union or parish, as the case may be, in which such building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School shall be situated, may pay the rates assessed on such building or part of a building for the relief of the poor or the maintenance of the highways, or as a borough rate or any other rate made by any municipal corporation, Commissioners, or local board for any purpose which includes lighting, watching, or improvement purposes, and shall charge the same to the common fund of the union as the funds of the parish under their control respectively;"

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the words "sixty-nine," to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "the board of guardians of the union or parish, as the case may be, in which such building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School shall be situated, may pay the rates assessed on such building or part of a building for the relief of the poor or the maintenance of the highways, or as a borough rate or any other rate made by any municipal corporation, Commissioners, or local board for any purpose which includes lighting, watching, or improvement purposes, and shall charge the same to the common fund of the union as the funds of the parish under their control respectively;"

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the words "sixty-nine," to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "the board of guardians of the union or parish, as the case may be, in which such building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School shall be situated, may pay the rates assessed on such building or part of a building for the relief of the poor or the maintenance of the highways, or as a borough rate or any other rate made by any municipal corporation, Commissioners, or local board for any purpose which includes lighting, watching, or improvement purposes, and shall charge the same to the common fund of the union as the funds of the parish under their control respectively;"

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—It was resolved in the Negative.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chair do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Henley; Mr. Stanley Bill; Mr. Reed; Mr. Hayes.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hayes; 36.

Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ded- son 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of June last, That the Party Processions (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of June last, That it be an In- struction to the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, That they have power to make provision for a woman to marry her de- ceased husband's brother; and That the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Suburban Commons 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:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being again proposed:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Commons Act (1866) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Married Women's Property Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

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 Termpsite Acts to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain; and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts, and to make further provisions concerning Turnpike Roads;

And that Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr. Secret- ary Bruce do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Termpsite Acts to amend the Laws relating to the Fisheries of [Ireland]; and that Mr. Chichester Fortescue and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Land Tax, and to repeal certain Duties on Offices and Pensions: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Agar do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Dublin Maile. Returns showing the Hours of Departure of the Morning Mail Trains from Dublin to the North, the West, and the South of Ireland, on the 1st day of May 1868 and the 1st day of May 1869. The Time allowed for the Trains:—The Time allowed for the Mail Stays to be carried from the Westland Row Station to the Stations of the Northern, Western, and Southern Railways:—And the Data upon which the Mail Departure of the South was changed, and the Correspondence that led thereto.

A Motion was made, and the Question being negatived, That the Petition of Charles Crital and others, which was presented upon the 10th day of June last, relating to the Trial of the Country Election Petition, be printed:—It passed in the Negative.

The House was moved, That the Acts relating to Savings Banks and to Post Office Savings banks, be read, and the same being read; And a Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts:

Mr. Stanley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquaints 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.

Ordered, That all Petitions, Reports, and Papers, New Law which have been presented to this House during the present Session, relating to the Sities of the New Courts of Justice, be referred to the Select Committee on the New Law Courts.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to amend the Laws Land Tax relating to Land Tax, and to repeal certain Duties on Offices and Pensions: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Dublin Free- Bill for appointing Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices amongst the Fresmen Electors of the City of Dublin: 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 Fisheries Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Fisheries (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented a Bill to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts, and to make further provisions concerning Turnpike Roads: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders under the Local Government Act (1858), relating to the Districts of Ayrshirn, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Strathclyde, and West of Scotland; and for other purposes relative to the District of Lanarkshire: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House was moved, That the Telegraph Act (1868) might be read; and the same being read:

And a Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Act:

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Mr. Justice Crossley, having been informed of the subject-matter of the 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 the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill be read a second time this day.

The above Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Tramways Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Tramways Bill; and the same were re-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.

Joseph Crossley's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oxford Gas Bill, as amended in the Bill [Lords.] Committee.

A Clause (Saving rights of Corporation of Oxford) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, Viva Voce and printed; and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway Accidents, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be laid.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Friendly Societies (Scotland), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Board of Public Works (Ireland) : with the Appendices, 1868.

Mr. Secretary Bruce, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-seventh Report (Ireland) ; with the Appendices, 1868.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Further Petitions of the Board of Public Works (Ireland) ; with the Appendices, 1868.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration Bill; the House, according to Order, proceeded to Assessed Rates in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Tramways Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Tramways Bill; and the same were re-read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Owners to give lists of occupiers, and liable to penalty for wilful omission):—And the said Clause was
was brought up, and twice read, with a blank; and committed to a Committee of the whole House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peel, accordingly reported, That the Committee had gone through the Clause, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received. Mr. Peel accordingly reported the Clause; and the Amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Owners omitting to pay rates before 5th June) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (List of Defaulter); 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "situated," the words "of a rateable value

not exceeding Twenty pounds, if situated in the

Metropolis, and Ten pounds, if situated else­where," instead thereof.

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

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 18, by leaving out after the word "exceed" the words "the amount herein­after specified," in order to insert the words "Twenty pounds, if the hereditament is situated in the Metropolis, or Eight pounds, if situate elsewhere," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Twenty pounds, if the hereditament is situated in the Metropolis, or Eight pounds, if situate elsewhere," be inserted instead thereof:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "Metropolis," the words "or exceeds Thr ee tires pounds, if situate in any parish wholly or partly within the borough of Liverpool." And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirma­tive.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, by inserting after the word "Liverpool" the words "or exceeds Ten pounds, if situate in any parish wholly or partly within the city of Manchester or the borough of Birmingham.”

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirma­tive.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, by leaving out the word "Eight" and inserting the word "Ten," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Eight" stand part of the said proposed Amend­ment, as amended:—It was resolved in the Affirma­tive.

And the said proposed Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 12, by leaving out the words "dwelling-houses" and inserting the words "rateable hereditaments," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "dwelling-houses" stand part of the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir Michael Hicks Beach, 121]. Tellers for the [Sir H. Childers, 120].

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "rateable hereditaments" be inserted instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Exter­nally into a Committee on the University Tests Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 7, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Form of declaration to be subscribed by professors and others at Universities)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

A Clause added.

Another Clause (Holding of meetings for repeal of statutes imposing tests or disabilities)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir David Wedderburn, 144]. Tellers for the [Mr. Howard, 143]. Schedule agreed to.

Preamble amended, and agreed to. Title amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title, as followeth:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clau­ses, No. 1 to No. 6, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to. (Animals) (No. 2) Bill.

Clau­ses, No. 7, postponed.

Clau­ses, No. 8 to No. 14, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

Clau­ses, No. 15 (Power to define ports. 1867, c. 46).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this HOUSE, Navy Extracts from the Report of Rear Admiral Key (Bowes), on the Cruise of the Reserve Squadron; and Squadron; Minute by the Board of Admiralty thereon. Mr. Childers accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Q O Ordered,
Registration of Voters. No. 284.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Registration of Voters have Power to report their Observations thereon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Vernon Harcourt 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; and an Appendix. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 28th, 29th, and 30th days 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.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Crystal Palace and South London Junction Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Caledonian, Glasgow, and South Western, and Crofthead and Kilmarrock Extension Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cathedrals, Glasgow, and South Western, and Crofthead and Kilmarrock Extension Railway Companies Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Bonerrie, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill, 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 Lord Calkirk's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Marquis Cowarden's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Lady Slaney's Committee. 

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.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
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.

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 the financial year 1868-9, of the Salaries, Duties, Days, and Hours of Attendance of the Three Clerks of Records and Writs in Chancery:— Of the Clerks of Inquisitions in Chancery:— Of the Registrars in Chancery, the Clerks and Assistant Clerks, and the Number of such Registrars and Clerks and Assistant Clerks, and of their Hours of Attendance:— Of, the Clerk and Clerks of the Petty Bag in Chancery, and of their Hours of Attendance.

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

Mr. Otway presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Declaration cancelling part of Article VII. of the Treaty of July 10, 1831, between Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands, and continuing the rest of the Treaty for seven years' fixed duration; signed at Paris, June 29, 1869.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of June last, for Returns relative to Victoria Park.

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Commissioners for the British Fisheries of their Proceedings in the year ended 31st December 1868, being the Fishing of 1868.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Inspections of Irish Fisheries for 1868.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of June last, for Returns relative to Fisheries.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Constabulary Force serving in Ireland on the 1st January 1869, and of the Expenditure for the same in the year 1868, &c.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—The Votes 184.

Account of Army Prize Money paid over to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, from 18th January 1869 to 31st December 1869.

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

Mr. Grant Duff presented, by Her Majesty's East India Command,—Statistical Abstract relating to British (Statistical Abstract) India from 1858 to 1867 (as far as the Particulars can be stated) compiled from Official Records and Papers presented to Parliament. Third Number.

Mr. Grant Duff also presented,—Return to an East India Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of June last, for a Return relative to East India Fisheries (River Fisheries).

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, for authorising the Trustees of the Settlement Estate Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of the West Norfolk Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of the Great Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of the Whitland and Tref Y Vale to Vale Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of the Dublin and Dromore Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cleveland Water Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Water Bill, desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Railway Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hudgerfield (Kidderminster) Water Bill, with Amendment; to which the Water Bill, Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Trustees of the Settlement Estate Bill, dated the 5th day of June 1830, executed in accordance with the directions contained in the Will of William Williams, Esquire, deceased, to pull down part of the Family Mansion called the Fyfield, and to rebuild the same, and to make alterations in the remaining part of the Mansion, and build Cottages on the Settled Estates, and for authorising the granting of Building Leases and Sales of parts of the Settled Estates, and for obtaining the Enfranchisement of Copyholds, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second reading of the Dublin Freeman Commission 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 Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Adam; 246.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Edward Verner; 198.

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 Thursday next.

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

(In the Committee.)

1. £40,000, to complete the Sum, for the purchase of Land and Houses near the Downing Street Site for Public Offices.

2. £22,000, to complete the Sum, for erecting New Offices in Downing Street for the Secretaries of State for the Home and Colonial Departments.

3. £20,000, to complete the Sum, for enlarging the Public Record Repository, and providing the necessary Fittings.

4. £5,425, to complete the Sum, for the Repair and Restoration of the Chapter House at Westminster.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,084, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for erecting a new Building on the Site of the Wings of Burlington House, and for New Buildings for the occupation of various Learned Bodies; —the Committee divided.

6. £19,048, to complete the Sum, for one-half of the Expense of Erecting, Improving, and Maintaining Court Houses or Offices for the Sheriff Courts in Scotland.

7. £48,000, to complete the Sum, towards the purchase of a Site for the Enlargement of the National Gallery.

8. £20,000, to complete the Sum, towards the Expense of a Building for the University of London.

9. £13,000, to complete the Sum, of a Grant in aid of the New Buildings for the University of Glasgow.

10. £7,000, to complete the Sum, for the Extension of the Industrial Museum, Edinburgh.

11. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £54,834, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for erecting a new Building on the Site of the Wings of Burlington House, and for New Buildings for the occupation of various Learned Bodies; —the Committee divided.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Telegraph Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph Act.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the purchase by the Postmaster General of the Undertakings of Telegraph Companies in the United Kingdom.

2. Resolved, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorized to raise such Moneys as shall be required for such purchase by the creation of securities chargeable on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. Resolved, That the said Commissioners may raise such Moneys by Terminable Annuities or Exchequer Bills, or Exchequer Bonds, or Three per Cent. Capital Stocks of Annuities, or by either or by all of such modes, provided that the total amount shall not exceed in the whole the sum of Seven millions of pounds sterling.

4. Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose of all expenses which may be incurred in working, maintaining, and extending the Telegraphs so purchased, and for the issue of any surplus of receipts over payments arising therefrom to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, to be applied to the redemption of National Debt.

5. Resolved,
5. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend "The Telegraph Act, 1868."—Resolutions to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 6th July, 1869: Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

Supply.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Navy and Army Expenditure (1867-8);

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

Endowed Hospitals, &c. (Scotland) Bill.

The Endowed Hospitals, &c. (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.

Governor General of India Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Governor General of India Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 19th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Government of India Act Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government of India Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 19th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mines Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mines Regulation Bill;

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

Inclosure of Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Habitual Criminals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitual Criminals Bill;

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

Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill;

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

Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Title to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act (1868) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inland Debtors and Bankruptcy Abandonment Bill;

Repealed; 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 Criminal Lunatics 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 Valuation of Property (Metropolis) 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 Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Petroleum Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to an Amendment in 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 Government Annuities, &c. Bill;

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

The Railways Abandonment Bill was, according to Railway Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Fisheries (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Turpentine Act Continuation, &c. Bill;

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

The Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Feasa Lands 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 Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Assessed Rates Bill;
And a Motion was 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 words “Bill be” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “re-committed to a Committee of the whole House to consider of an Amendment in Clause 2, “for inserting the words ‘or of borough of Stafford’ after the word ‘Manchester,’” 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. Glynn, 69.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Cavey, 35.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for amending the Law with respect to the rating of Occupiers for short terms, and the making and collecting of the Poor Rate.

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

Seventy second.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Savings Banks;

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

The Pensions Commutation 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 Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks;

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 High Constables’ Office Abolition, &c. Bill, 1869. The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for amending the Law with respect to the rating of Occupiers for short terms, and the making and collecting of the Poor Rate.

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

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 Pensions Commutation 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 Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks;

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 High Constables’ Office Abolition, &c. Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Shipping Dues Exemption Act (1867) Amendment 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last, That the Party Proceedings (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the University Tests Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 7. (From 30th September 1869 Sunday and Ragged Schools not to be rated to relief of poor, &c.)

Question again proposed, That the words “every authority having power to impose or levy any rate in a parish in which any building or part of a building used exclusively as a Sunday School or Ragged School is situate, may exempt such building or part of a building from any rate for any purpose whatever which such authority has power to impose or levy,” be inserted after the words “sixty-nine,” in p. 1, l. 10.

Amendment again proposed to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 1, by leaving out the words “in a parish in which,” in order to insert the words “upon the occupier of”.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:

Question put, and negatived.

Words inserted.

Original Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Interpretation).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, after the word “object,” to insert the words “or for any educational purposes.”

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Michael Hicks Beach], Yeas, 90.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Fowler]; Noses, 45.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Extent of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, to insert the words “Scotla nd or.”

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 4, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of June last, That the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of June last, That the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Medical Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clause, No. 1 (Power to guardians, with consent of Poor Law Commissioners, to grant superannuation allowance to medical officers in certain cases).
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Public Offices Concentration Bill have Power to send for persons and documents.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

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.

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PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Caledonian, Glasgow, and South Western, and Crofthead and Kilmarnock Extension Railway 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crystal Palace and South London 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dublin and Dock Port and 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.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time, and printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth desire the concurrence of 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.

Witchers's Estate Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Dodson reported Lloyd's Estate Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Dodson reported the Haddenham, Willing-ham, and Longstanton Railway Bill, with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported the Wellington and Princes Wellington Railway Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported the Richmond and Beeth Richmond Railway Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Public Offices Concentration Bill have Power to send for persons and documents, and report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Sir Edward Buller reported from the said Committee; That they had taken Evidence, which they
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had directed him to report to the House; 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.

Bill 196.

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.

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

Several Public Petitions were 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 all Papers existing in continuation of the last Reports presented to the House, showing the Progress of the Works of deepening the Poulshone Channel; the minimum Depth in the Pass at low water spring tides; the Number of Vessels square-rigged or otherwise; and the Amount of Tonnage which have passed through annually since the last Returns were presented.

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

Ordered, That the Returns relative to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 3) Bill. and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the years ending 31st March 1868 and 1869.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Smoke Nuisance Act (Metropolis) (Ireland) Vide Votes No. 299.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Army Prize Money, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the years ending 31st March 1868 and 1869.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Army Prize Money, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill.

Clause, No. 15 (Power to define ports).—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "all foreign animals imported into Great Britain shall be landed only at such ports or the defined parts thereof (unless from countries in which cattle plague or sheep-pox shall not have existed during the three years preceding, or through which animals shall not have passed during the same period from countries so affected, and shall not be removed alive from such port or defined parts thereof except for slaughter to some slaughter-house in the immediate neighbourhood, which shall be specially licensed by the Privy Council, or except after undergoing a quarantine of not less than fourteen days. Animals imported from such excepted countries, when imported in vessels which shall have passed during the same period from countries so affected," which shall be subjected only to such inspection and regulations as the Privy Council may from time to time by order direct.

"cattle plague or sheep-pox, shall be subjected only to such inspection and regulations as the Privy Council may from time to time by order direct.

"to one of them, agreed to.

Clause, No. 16 (Power to prohibit landing).—Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 39, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall.

"country which may have been affected with cattle plague or sheep-pox, shall be subjected only to such inspection and regulations as the Privy Council may from time to time by order direct," be there added;

"the word "may" stand part of the Clause — put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 40, after the word "animals," to insert the words "either generally or with specified exceptions.”

"shall," be there inserted — put, and negatived.

"or foreign," to the word "or," in l. 5, inclusive.

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Clause, No. 17 and No. 18, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 19, agreed to.

Clause, No. 20, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 21, agreed to.

Clause, No. 22 (Provision of wharves, lairs, &c.).—Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause to add the words, "and the power hereby given is not to be altered by any Orders of Council given under the provisions of this Act." Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 25, to No. 29, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

Clause, No. 30 (Inspector to proceed on information).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 19, to leave out the word "am." in order to insert the words "it "shall be the duty of every."

Question proposed, That the word "am." stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

CLAUSE, No. 31, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 32 (Evidence of disease).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 35, after the word "is," to insert the words "or is not."

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 33 (Provisional declaration of infected place by inspector). Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause, to add the words "such determination or declaration by local authority as aforesaid to be given within five days after delivery of above-men­tioned notice by inspector to occupier at this "Clause directed.

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 34 (Determination and declaration of local authority). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, after the word "surgeons" to insert the words "or in their opinion by one of the inspectors in the "Veterinary Department of the Privy Council." Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words "and the charges and "expenses of such veterinary surgeon or surgeons "shall be expenses of the local authority under "this Act.

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, Nos. 35 to No. 44, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 45 (Exception for railways). Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "or the travelling to market of "home cattle imported by sea direct from any "ports in the United Kingdom."

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

And it being ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for erecting New Offices in Downing Street, for the Secretaries of State for the Home and Colonial Departments.

2. That a Sum not exceeding £ 23,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the Vol. 124.
Capital Stocks of Annuities, or by either or by all of such modes, provided that the total amount shall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Seven millions of pounds sterling.

4. That it is inexpedient to authorise the payment, out of Monies to be provided by Parliament for the purpose of all Expenses which may be incurred in working, maintaining, and extending the Telegraphs so purchased, and for the issue of any surplus of receipts over payments arising therefrom to the Commissioners for the Redemption of the National Debt, to be applied to the Redemption of National Debt.

5. That it is inexpedient to amend "The Telegraph Act, 1868."

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. Dodson, the Marquis of Hartington, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ayrton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Comparative Statement of the Number of Paupers of all Classes (except Lunatic Paupers in Asylums and Vagrants) in Receipt of Relief on the lst Day of January in the Months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 1868 and 1869 respectively; also for the Months of January, February, and March 1869, and 1870 respectively:

Statement of the Number of Paupers, distinguishing the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers, relieved on the 1st Day of July 1869:

Similar Statement for the 1st day of January 1869:

Statement of the Amount expended for In-maintenance and Out-relief only for the Half-year ended at Michaelmas 1869:

Similar Statement for the Half-year ended at Lady Day 1870:

Statements of the Amount of Poor Rates levied and expended during the year ended at Lady Day 1869:

And, of the Number of in-maintained Paupers chargeable to the Poor Rates on the 1st day of January 1870.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Miserable Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Midford Improvement Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Beerhouses, &c. Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the North British Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Corporation Waterworks and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Beerhouses, &c. Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunbar Harbour Dumbarton Harbour Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Kingstown Town Kingstown Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Waterston and Watson Swaffham Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act for authorising Mortgages of certain Real Estates and Interest in Real Estates," to enable the Lords to the Desires of this House.

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The Marquis of Hartington presented a Bill to the House, for authorising the Lords to the Desires of this House. 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Treasury Minute dated the lst day of this presentation, 7th July 1869, granting a special Compassionate Allowance to the Widow of Mr. Jerome, a temporary Clerk of Works, Royal Engineer Department, War Office.

Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Royal Society Command,—Copy of Report of the Meteorological Committee of the Royal Society, for the year ending 31st December 1868.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Beerhouses, Lords to the Beerhouses, &c. Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Public Parks Lords to the Public Parks (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the proceedings of certain Landlords in Wales towards their Tenants on account of the free exercise of the Franchise of Electors are oppressive and unconstitutional, and an infringement of the rights conferred by Parliament on the people of this country:—And the Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Home Accounts of the Government of India, which were presented upon the 10th day of May last, be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the allegations of the Petition of Charles Fisk and others, which was presented upon the 10th day of June last, respecting the late inquiries into the Election of Members for the City of Coventry, and to report their Opinion as to what proceedings, if any, should be taken thereon.

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:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in any case where a Board of Guardians of any Parish or Union shall have made due provision within the Workhouse or District School for the instruction in their own faith of Children not of the Established Church, their religious rights being amply secured and the spirit of the Law effectually carried out, it is inexpedient that the Poor Law Board should exercise its discretionary power to enforce the removal of such Children to Schools not under the control of the Guardians or of the Parish authorities:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right:  

The Noes to the Left:  

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Chambers.  

Mr. Kennard:  

Tellers for the Mr. Glyn:  

Noes,  

Mr. Adam:  

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Playfair be added to the Select Committee on the Seeds Adulteration Bill:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855:

And that Mr. Keats and Mr. Secretary Bruce 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 each year, and the School at which each was educated:—And, like Return of those who have joined the Indian Service.

Ordered, That 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 better liquidation of certain Leases raised under the guarantee of Her Majesty for the Service of the Colony of Jamaica: And that Mr. Stanfield and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

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WILLIAM'S Estate Bill was read the first time, 
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Manchester City Railways Bill (Read.)

The Order, That the Manchester City Railways Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read, and referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Correspondence in reference to the working of the Chain Cables and Anchors Act (1864), with the Reports of Mr. R. Galley, Inspector of Proving Machines, as to the various Establishments licensed under that Act (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 241, of Session 1867).
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pensions Commutation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Stansfield reported from the Committee on Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to amend the Lawe relating to the Investments for Savings Banks and for Post Office Savings Banks, and to empower the Commissioners of the Treasury to convert certain Terminable Government Annuities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of such Savings Banks, into certain other Terminable Annuities chargeable on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, and payable annually.

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. Dobson, Mr. Stansfield, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Shipping Dues Exemption Act (1867) Amendment 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Gerard be added to the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Commons Act (1886) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Clare Swell Read be discharged from further attendance on the Select Administration Committee on the Seeds Adulteration Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Pell be added to the Committee.

Mr. Pollard-Urquhart reported from the Committee on Public Accounts; That they had made further progress in 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, and an Appendix.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Repayment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Unclaimed Dividend of any Insolvent which has been or may become vested in the Crown, whenever such Dividend shall be directed to be repaid by the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the winding up of the business of the late Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, and matters connected therewith; Mr. Stansfeld, 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Transcripts of a Copy of Correspondence between the Treasury, Vereen (1874) the Admiralty, and the Astronomer Royal, relative to the

Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Robert Thompson, 2nd-class Clerk, Accountant General's Department, Admiralty.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th days of this instant July 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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Witnesses (House of Commons) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Mccullagh Torrens also reported from the said Committee; That they had agreed to report the Witnesses (House of Commons) Bill to the House, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow next.

Mr. Dodson reported the Ferguson Bequests Fund Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Cleveland Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Drogheada 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 Great 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Huddersfield and Drogheada 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 said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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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 them.

The Bristol and North Somerset Railway Bill was 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 Harrow, Edgware, and London 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Lord Calhtorne's Estate Bill was 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 Mid-Wales 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The West Surrey Water Bill was 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 Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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

Ordered, That the said Petitions be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Amendment Bill to the Contagious Diseases Act (1866) for England, and for the Second Reading of the Contagious Diseases Act (Ireland) Amendment Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Contagious Diseases Act (1866) have Power to report their Observations thereon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Captain Vivian 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, and an Appendix.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence with the Two Architects recommended by the Judges of Designs for the Vol. 124.

New Courts of Justice, from the date of the Report of the Judges to the present time, with the acquisition of that already given in Parliamentary Paper, No. 339, of Session 1867–8.

Mr. Mussel presented,—Return to an Address New Zealand, to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of April last, No. 307.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Secretary's Command,—Copy of the Eighteenth Report on the District, Criminal, and Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland; with Appendices.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return Edithborough to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of June last, for Returns relative to Edinburgh Churches.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland; Copy of Twelfth Report of the Inspector appointed under the provisions of the Act 5 & 6 W. for Industrial Schools of Great Britain.

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

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Secretary's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Inspecting Accident Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Maps and Statistics), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed. No. 300.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Drewery, Brewers, &c., which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed. No. 300.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fortifications and Fortifications, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Army), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed. No. 312.

Mr. Agnew reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 36,418, be Royal Palaces; granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance and Repair of the Royal Palaces.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 84,825, be Royal Parks granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings; for providing the necessary funds.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 20,479, be Public Works granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance and Repair of Public Buildings; for providing the necessary funds.
An Amendment was proposed to be made, by leaving out "£34,026," and inserting "£28,526" be inserted instead thereof;—It passed in the Negative.

The Question being put, That "£28,526" be inserted instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Negative.

The Noes to the Left;—Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dilke, Mr. White: 97.

The Yeas to the Right;—Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Adam: 187.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That "£31,026" be inserted instead thereof:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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

The Question, by leave, withdrawn.

The house being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereof, by leaving out "£34,026," and inserting "£28,526" instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£34,026" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That "£28,526" be inserted instead thereof;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out "£29,526," and inserting "£31,026," instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£28,526" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the said Resolution, so amended, was agreed to, as follows:

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,026, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Buildings of the House of Parliament.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—The House 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 is of opinion that the application of any money raised under the Imperial guarantee, for the purpose of the Canada Railway Loan Act, 1867, to the redemption of a portion of the debt of the Canadian Dominion is contrary to the intention of the Act, and that no further guarantee should be given by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury under the above Act, except in such form and manner as shall ensure the direct application of the money so guaranteed to the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
18. £57,696, to complete the Sum for the House Department.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Friday, 9th July, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson also acquitted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may be adjourned to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Dublin Freeman Commission (Salaries, &c.) (in the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, of the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners to be appointed under any Act of the present Session to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices amongst the Freeman Electors of the City of Dublin, in the same manner in all respects as if the said Commissioners had been appointed under the Act of the fifteenth and sixteenth Victoria, chapter fifty-seven.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Land Tax Law Amendment, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the University Tests Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill.

(Present Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, §1 to §3, agreed to.

Clauses, §4, postponed.

Clauses, §5 to §10, agreed to.

Clauses, §11 (Grounds on which persons may object before assessment committee).

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Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clauses to add the words "that the Assessment Committee of each parish or union shall hear and decide all appeals under this Act against the Valuation list of the said parish or union, and that an appeal from the decision of such committee shall be in the court of petty session within the sessional division of the metropolis to which such parish or union belongs."

Question put, That those words be there added; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Dr. Brewster;

Mr. Ogden: }

21.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Adam: }

60.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, §§12 to §§51, agreed to.

Clauses, §§52, disagreed to.

Clauses, §§53, amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, and be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c. Bill; Annuities, &c. Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c. Bill; Annuities, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c. Bill; Annuities, &c. Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds 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 Petroleum Bill; Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitual Criminals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Lunatics Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Leases) 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 Fisheries (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 Turnpike Acts Continuance, &c. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration 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 Public Offices Concentration 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 Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal (Repayment of Unclaimed Dividends). (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Repayment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the unclaimed Dividend of any Insolvent which has been or may become vested in the Crown, whenever such Dividend shall be directed to be repaid by the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to provide for the winding up of the business of the late Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, and matters connected therewith.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways Abandonment 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 Local Government Supplementary (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

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.

The Pensions Commutation 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 Ireland (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new Clause —The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Public Works to extend the Period for the Repayment of Advances of Public Money for the Construction of certain Public Works in Ireland; and also to incorporate the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for certain purposes, and to vest in the said Commissioners Lands and Premises held on Public Trusts: And that Mr. Aytoun and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Office of Clerk of Assize and Officers united thereto, and to certain Fees upon Orders for payment of Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in it.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Law relating to the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits in Customs and Excise Warehouses, and for other purposes relating to Customs and Inland Revenue.

A Motion being made, That this House will, immediately, re-volve itself into a Committee to consider the Law relating to the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits in Customs and Excise Warehouses, and for other purposes relating to Customs and Inland Revenue. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson acquitted 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 Titles of Religious Congregations Act Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Aberton and Aberman Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sewer Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Water-on-Thames and Waybridge Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Act Extension Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Imperial Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Clerk of the Canal Bill, a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by the Treasury to inquire into the Duties and

On the 7th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment Bill be now read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to extend the period for the repayment of Advances of Public Money for the construction of certain Public Works in Ireland; and also to incorporate the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for certain purposes, and to vest in the said Commissioners Lands and Premises held on Public Trusts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Office of Clerk of Assize and Officers united thereto, and to certain Fees upon Orders for payment of Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Friday, 9th July, 1869.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 
Dundee Harbour Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Corporation Waterworks 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newport Harbour Commissioners 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 North British 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 Saint Helens Borough Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Watten and Swaffham 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 Dorking Water Bill was 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.

Lloyd's Estate Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Bills read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to Select Committees.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Administration of Food and Drink (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (River Fisheries), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Transit Vessels (1874 and 1882), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

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

Mr. John Bright presented,—Return to an Merchant Order, dated the 28th day of June last, for an Account relative to Merchant Shipping.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented, by Her Majesty's Commissary-General,—Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs on the Customs.

Mr. Ayrton also presented,—Return to an Order, New Courts dated the 8th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the New Courts of Justice.

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

Received, That an humble Address be presented on a Humble Address, to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Militiamen in Scotland attested according to the Form contained in the English Militia Act between October 1854 and June 1862;—Of the Number of Militiamen in England and Ireland attested according to the Scotch Form, between June 1862 and August 1867;—Copies of any Instructions or Circulars issued from the War Office from time to time authorizing the use of these Forms respectively;—And, of Letters from Paymaster Serjeant Parish, calling attention to the illegal use of these Forms, and of the Replies to such Letters.

Ordered, That 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. Dodson reported from the Committee on Insolvent Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeat [Repayment of Unclaimed Dividends], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorize the Repayment of Unclaimed Dividends.
out of Montefiore to be provided by Parliament, of the
unchained Dividend of any Insolvent which has
been or may become vested in the Crown, whenever
such Dividend shall be directed to be repaid
by the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of the pro-
visions of any Act of the present Session to provide
for the winding up of the Business of the late
Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in Eng-
land, and matters connected therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Insolvent Debtors and
Bankruptcy Repeal Bill; and, after some time
spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee
had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee, be taken into consideration upon Monday
next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Contagious Diseases
(Animals) (No. 2) Bill.

Clause, N° 65 (Exception for railways).
Amendment again proposed, at the end of the
Clause, to add the words "or the travelling to
market of home cattle imported by sea direct"
from any port in the United Kingdom.

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 66 and N° 70, agreed to.

Clause, N° 71 (Amount of insurance to be
recovered).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 7, to leave out
from the word "shall" to the end of the Clause,
in order to insert the words "shall deduce from
the compensation to be paid in respect thereof,
any sum received or to be received by him for
insurance upon such animal, less the amount of
premium paid by him in respect of such in-
surance."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out
stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clauses agreed to.

Clauses. N° 72 to N° 86, with Amendments
to two of them, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 88 and N° 89, amended, and
agreed to.

Clause, N° 90 (Application of balance unap-
propriated).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson
reported, That the Committee had made Progress
in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That
the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday
next, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into
the said Committee.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply:
Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as
follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.91,045, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sun ne-
cessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1870, for erecting and main-
taining certain Works and Buildings at the Post
Office and Inland Revenue.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.58,475, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sun ne-
cessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1870, for the Contribution to-
wards the Funds of the Establishment and Main-
tenance of a Fire Brigade in the Metropolis.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.7,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sun ne-
cessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1870, on account of the Ex-
penses of constructing Portland Harbour.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sun ne-
cessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1870, for the Contribution to-
wards the Funds of the Establishment and Main-
tenance of a Fire Brigade in the Metropolis.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.19,835, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sun ne-
cessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on
the
31st day of March 1870, for Contributions in aid of Local Assessments for the Relief of the Poor, and for other purposes, in respect of certain descriptions of Government Property, and for Salaries and Expenses connected with the Investigation of Claims for Contributions.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Wellington Monument.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,393, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for erecting, repairing, and maintaining several Public Buildings in the Department of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £94,455, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Restoration of the Works of the Ulster Canal.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £47,610, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance and Repair of Embassies Abroad.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £26,810, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance and Repair of Lighthouses Abroad.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Embassies, Consulate, Conspiracies, &c., in the United States.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £37,550, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the British Embassy Houses, Chapel, Consular Offices, &c., in Constantinople, Italy, and Other Countries.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,350, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Lords.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £36,492, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Commons.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £39,275, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

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

Mr. Cross reported the Festiniog Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Cross reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, for the consideration of the Question, in order to add the words “in the opinion of this House, the granting of theGallery, in front of the Lord's Gallery should be removed,” instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

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Colonel Wilson Patten reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Report of the Amendments which was read, as follows:—

That in the case of the Telegraph Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; Bill, the Lords, to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Report of the Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Park Gate Chapel Marriages, &c. Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Water Bill desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Oxford Gas Bill, &c. Bill (Ireland) without Amendment; and have disagreed to certain other of the said Amendments, for which disagreement the Lords have assigned their Reasons.

Ordered, That the Reasons assigned by the Lords to the Bill for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Oxford Gas Bill, &c. Bill (Ireland) do not insist on the Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth not insist on the Amendments to which their Lordships have disagreed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Bill have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “in the opinion of this House, the granting of the Gallery, in front of the Lord's Gallery should be removed,” instead thereof.
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the (Mr. Hayes; Yes. [Mr. Tait]; 47. Tellers for the (Mr. Russell Gurney, Noes. [Mr. Stewart Hardy]; 38. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last:—That the Party Processions (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Consolidation of Trusts, the appointment of County Road Trustees, the abolition of Tolls and Statute Labour, and the maintenance of Public Roads and Bridges by assessment in Scotland:—And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further Facilities for the purposes thereof:—And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Law of Deathbed, and to make certain other Changes in the Law of Scotland relating to Heritable Rights:—And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Keaneihall-Hognessen presented a Bill to amend the Cinque Ports Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to provide for the Consolidation of Trusts, the appointment of County Road Trustees, the abolition of Tolls and Statute Labour, and the maintenance of Public Roads and Bridges by assessment in Scotland:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further facilities for the purposes thereof:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning:

Saturday, 10th July, 1869:

The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee on Dublin Freemen Commission [Salaries, &c.]—That it is expedient to make provision for the payment, out of Money to be provided by Parliament for that purpose, of the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners to be appointed under any Act of the present Session to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices amongst the Freemen of the City of Dublin, in the same manner in all respects as if the said Commissioners had been appointed under the Act of the fifteenth and sixteenth Victoria, chapter fifty-seven.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dublin Freemen Commission Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cinque Ports Act: 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further Facilities for the purposes thereof: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further Facilities for the purposes thereof: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further Facilities for the purposes thereof: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and to afford further Facilities for the purposes thereof: And that Mr. Ayrton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.
The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to abolish the Law of Deathbed, and to make certain other changes in the Law of Scotland relating to Heritable Rights: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Monday, 12th July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Caledonian 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 Imperial 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the WaterCompanyId's Borough Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

And then 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.

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Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from Mr. Williams's one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Acts Bills, That in the case of Williams's Estate Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Royal Assent.

Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

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

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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 extend the Power of Recorders to appoint Deputies in certain cases.

An Act to repeal certain enactments relating to Newspapers, Pamphlets, and other Publications, and to Printers, Typefounders, and Reading Rooms.

An Act to amend the Act of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of Queen Victoria, chapter eighty-three, section nine, by extending the age at which orphan and deserted Children may be kept out at nurse.

An Act to extend to Burial Grounds the provisions of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter twenty-eight, intituled, "An Act to render more simple and effectual the Titles by which Congregations and Societies for purposes of Religious Worship or Education in England and Ireland hold Property for such purposes.

An Act to render valid certain Title Deeds for Jamaica Lands.

An Act to amend the Law for licensing Beer-houses, and to make certain alterations with respect to the Sale by Retail of Beer, Cider, and Wine.

An Act to afford facilities for the establishment and maintenance of Public Parks in Ireland.

An Act to legalise certain Marriages celebrated at Park Gate Chapel, and to change the Name of the District Chappel annexed to the Chapel of Coghill.

An Act to confirm an Order made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to Langstone, and to amend the forty-fifth section of "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868."

An Act to confirm certain Orders made by the Board of Trade under "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," relating to Dumbarton (Birth of Fort), and the Holy Loch (Birth of Clyde).

An Act for conferring further Powers on the Metropolitan Pier and Harbour Company to amalgamate their several Under-taking Bills, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend "The North East End Railway Act, 1865."

An Act for conferring the Scinde Railway Scinde Railway Company to amalgamate their several Under-Company Bills, and for making further provision relating to the operations of the said Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to confer further Powers on the City of Glasgow Union Railway Company, the Glasgow Union Railway and South Western Railway Company, and the North British Railway Company.

An Act to extend the Time for the Purchase of Streets, and for the completion of the Garstang and Kent End Railway Bill.

An Act for extending the Power of Recorders to purchase Lands for Station Purposes, and for the construction of other Works for the improvement and regulation of the Port and Harbour of Hartlepool, and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring additional Powers on the Midland Midland Railway Company, for the construction Railway Bill. of new Works, for extending the periods for the purchase of certain Lands, and for the construction of certain authorized Railways, and for other purposes.

An Act for dissolving and re-incorporating the Hartlepool and Hartlepool Harbour Act, 1855, for abolishing part of the Port and Works by that Act authorized, for the construction of other Works for the improvement and regulation of the Port and Harbour of Hartlepool, and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring further Powers upon the London and South Western Railway Company to amalgamate their several Under-taking Bills, and for other purposes.

An Act to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston as a Municipal Corporation, and also as the Local Board of Health.

An Act for re-incorporating and giving additional Powers to the Brighton Aquarium Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Great Eastern Great Eastern Railway Company to abandon the construction of certain Railways, and to purchase Lands for Station purposes, also to erect certain provisions with respect to the Great Eastern Metropolitan Under-taking, and for other purposes.

An Act for making better provision for the Saint Mary, Care of Souls within the original limits of the Parish of Saint Mary, Newington, in the Diocese of London.

An Act for making a Railway from the Great Western Great Western Railway, near Whitland, to Vale of Clymmeg Arms, in the County of Pembroke, Railway Bill. [Lords]

An Act to extend the Time for the completion of the East Lipool Railway, and for other purposes. 


An Act to incorporate a Company for better supplying Milk for the Parish of Rockendale, in Tit [Lords]

An Act to authorize the construction of Street Metropolitain Trams in certain parts of the Metropolitan South Eastern Rail-ways Bill.
An Act to authorize the construction of Street Tramways from Pimlico to Petcham and Greenwich, and for other purposes.

An Act for enabling the Milford Improvement Commissioners to borrow further Money, and for other purposes.

An Act providing and completing a Direct Line of Railway Communication between Glasgow and Kilmarnock, and for vesting the same in the Caltonian and Glasgow and South Western Railway Companies, and for abandoning the Kilmarnock Direct-Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Crystal Palace and South London Junction Railway Company to make a short Railway in the Parish of Saint Mary, Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, and for other purposes.

An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts relating to the Port and Harbour of Dublin, and to the Custom Port and Dock Board, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the construction of Street Tramways in certain parts of the Metropolitan North of the River Thames, and for other purposes.

An Act for supplying with Gas the Towns of Aberdare and Aberaman, and the Parish of Aberdare, in the County of Glamorgan, and for extending the existing Nansen Navigation Acts, and for other purposes.

An Act for better supplying with Gas the Parishes of Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge, in the County of Surrey, and for supplying the Parish of Harrow in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the North Eastern Railway Company to alter and abandon part of their authorized Gilling and Pickering Railway, and of their Port Clarence Branch, and to confer on the Company further Powers in reference to other portions of their Undertaking, and for other purposes.

An Act to extend the Edgware, Highgate, and London Railway to Harrow.

An Act to dissolve the Cleveland Water Company (Limited) and re-incorporate the Members thereof, and to make further Provision for the Supply of Water to St Albans-by-the-Sea, St Albans, and other places in Cleveland, and for other purposes.

An Act for enabling the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company to effect a Communication between their Railway and the Works of the London and North Western Railway Company at the North Wall, Dublin, and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring further Powers on the Great Western Railway Company, in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies, and for other purposes.

An Act for transferring to the Corporation of Huddefield the Undertaking of the Commissioners for the Hudderfield Waterworks, and for empowering the Corporation to construct additional Waterworks and to supply Water within extended Limits, and for other purposes.

An Act for arranging the Affairs of the Bristol and North Somerset Railway Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for better supplying with Water the Towns of Walton, Weybridge, Chertsey, Byfleet, Cobham, Croxley, and the several Parishes and Places adjacent thereto, in the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, and for other purposes.

An Act to revive and extend the Trust limited by the Mid-Water Railway (Western Extension) Act, 1865, for the compulsory purchase of Lands and completion of Works, and to abandon the formation of the Railways authorized by the "Mid-Wales Railway Act, 1864," and the "Mid-Wales Railway (Eastern Extension) Act, 1865," respectively, and to enable the Mid-Wales Railway Company to use a portion of the North and Breenes Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act for improving and maintaining the Harbour of Dundee and the Docks and Works connected therewith, and an Act relating to said Harbour, and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring additional Powers on the London and North Western Railway Company for the Construction of New Works, and in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies, and for other purposes.

An Act to confer additional Powers on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company for the Construction of Works and otherwise, in relation to their own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies, and for other purposes.

An Act for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, to purchase additional Lands for the purposes of their Waterworks, to widen and alter Docks, to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Money, and for other purposes.

An Act for authorizing the construction of a Dry Dock and other Works at Newport by and for conferring other Powers upon the Newport Harbour Commissioners.

An Act to confer various Powers upon the North British Railway Company, for the Aban­ donment of certain Railways and Works, the purchase of Lands for Station purposes, and with respect to superfluous Lands, Deferred Preference Dividends, and other matters connected with their Undertaking, and for other purposes.

An Act to dissolve the Local Boards of the Saint Helens Districts of Sutton and Parr, in the Borough of Saint Helens, in the County of Lancaster, and to repeal "The Saint Helens Improvement Act, 1855," and to constitute the Corporation of the said Borough the Local Authority therefor in the improving and governing of the said Borough, to enable the said Corporation to extend their Waterworks and to purchase the Undertakings of the Saint Helens Waterworks Company, and the Saint Helens Gas Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to incorporate a Company for extend­ ing the Thetford and Watton Railway to the Great Eastern Railway at Stowmarket, in Norfolk.

An Act for granting further Powers to the Ox­ ford Gas Light and Coke Company.

An Act for authorizing the raising of Money on the Security of part of the Settled Estates of the Marquis Camden, for the purpose of the Erection of a Manhattan House thereon, and for other purposes.

An Act for confirming certain Building Leases granted by the Right Honourable Frederick Lord Colchester, Baron Colchester of Colchester, in the County of Norfolk, deceased, of various parts of an Estate situated in the Parish of Elightham, in the County of Suffolk, and for altering the pre­ sent Powers of Leasing over the same and other Estates comprised in a re-settlement of the same, dated the Eighteenth day of July One thousand eight hundred and Sixty-four, and for other purposes.

An Act for making better provision respecting Joseph the Disposition of the Estate of the late Joseph Croxley, of Hulme, deceased, and for other pur­ poses.

An Act for authorizing the leasing, selling, letting, and exchanging, and partitioning the Estate in the Parish of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster.
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Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of June last, for a Return relative to Drunkenness, &c. 

Ordered, That the said Return be laid upon the Table. 


The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Poor Rates and Pauperism. 

Orderd, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Bank Notes issued by the Issue Department of the Bank of England in each Week, from the 24th day of June 1868 to the 30th day of June 1869, showing the Amount remaining in the Banking Department in each Week, and the Denomination and Amount of the Notes in the hands of the Public;—And, Weekly Return, for the same Periods, of the Notes issued by the Issue Department, with the Securities and Bullion held against them (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 448, of Session 1867-8). 

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Foreign Seamen employed in British Ships, registered in the United Kingdom for the year 1868,—Of the Number of Apprentices bound and registered in British Ships for the year 1868, and showing the Number of years they are each respectively bound,—And, of the Number of British Seamen employed in British Ships registered in the United Kingdom for the year 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 495, of Session 1867-8). 

Joint Stock Companies. 

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names, Objects, Places where Business is or was conducted, Date of Registration, nominal Capital, Number of Shares into which it is divided, Number of Shares taken, Number of Persons who signed the Memorandum of Association, the Total Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber, Amount of Calls made on each Share, and the Total Amount of Calls received or being wound up;—And, of the Number of Foreign Seamen employed in British Ships, registered in the United Kingdom for the year 1868 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 448, of Session 1867-8). 

(a) The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mid-Wales Railway Bill, without any Amendment. 

(b) The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to Lord Colborne's Estate Bill, without any Amendment, 

(c) The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trades Unions, &c. 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 Trades Unions, &c. Bill. 

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee. 

(In the Committee.) 

1. £ 47,413, to complete the Sum for the Foreign Office. 
2. £ 29,684, to complete the Sum for the Colonial Office. 
3. £ 97,413, to complete the Sum for the Privy Council and Subordinate Departments. 
4. £ 48,033, to complete the Sum for the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments. 
5. £ 1,921, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Lord Privy Seal. 
6. £ 13,265, to complete the Sum for the Charity Commission. 
7. £ 6,694, to complete the Sum for the Civil Service Commission. 
8. £ 13,261, to complete the Sum for the COP- 

9. £ 7,000, to complete the Sum for the Judges' Salaries Act. 
10. £ 25,324, to complete the Sum for the Comptroller and Auditor General. 
11. £ 29,684, to complete the Sum for the Office of the Registrar General of Births, &c. 
12. £ 3,000, to complete the Sum for the Commissioners in Lunacy. 
13. £ 30,550, to complete the Sum for the Mint. 
14. £ 11,310, to complete the Sum for the National Debt Office. 
15. £ 23,699, to complete the Sum for Expenses connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act. 
16. £ 13,417, to complete the Sum for the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General in London and Dublin. 
17. £ 15,789, to complete the Sum for the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor. 
18. £ 14,624, to complete the Sum for the Public Record Office. 
19. £ 3,009, to complete the Sum for the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the West India Islands Relief Commissioners. 
20. £ 1,684, to complete the Sum for the Registrars of Friendly Societies. 
21. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 364,132, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of  

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payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Public Departments, and for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £203,182, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Public Departments, and for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament, including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas,"

Mr. Miller; J. Adam: 110.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

22. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £16,722, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings:

24. £18,000, to complete the Sum for Foreign and other Secret Services.

25. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,317, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, Scotland, of certain Officers in Scotland, and other Charges formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item of £217 13s., for Queen's Plates, be omitted from the proposed Vote;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas,"

Mr. Lush; J. Adam: 72.

Tellers for the "Nays,"

Mr. Dykes; Mr. Glyn: 191.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Navy and Army expenditure [1867–8];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclusion of Lands Bill be now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 3) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Lunatics 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 Petroleum Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Fisheries (Ireland) [Salaries, &c.]
(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of Monies to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, and their Officers, Clerks, and Servants, to be appointed in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Laws relating to the Fisheries of Ireland. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Fisheries (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 Turnpike Acts Continuance, &c. Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Office Concentration [Contribution to Parochial Bases];
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 Public Offices Concentration Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways Abandonment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Sunday and Ragged Schools 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.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Law relating to the Importation and Carriage of Nitro Glycerine.—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 prohibit for a limited period the Importation and to restrict and regulate the Carriage of Nitro Glycerine.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 prohibit for a limited period the Importation and to restrict and regulate the Carriage of Nitro Glycerine:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Sir John Hay, Mr. Alderman Lawrence, and Mr. Graves do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Hay presented a Bill to prohibit for a limited period the Importation and to restrict and regulate the Carriage of Nitro Glycerine:—The House accordingly reported the Bill 311.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,抄写 of any Reports made to the Board of Trade by the Assistant Secretary to the Marine Department, respecting Wrecking in Gottland and Heligoland and of any Correspondence relating thereto:—And, of any Correspondence between the Board of Trade, the Committee of Lloyd's, and of the Committee of the Salvage Association respecting Wrecking in Heligoland, and of any Act or Ordinance recently passed with reference thereto.

Ordered, That the Chairman be directed to move the House, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit for a limited period the Importation and to restrict and regulate the Carriage of Nitro Glycerine.—And he moved the House accordingly.

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

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

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fergusons Bequest Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and to be laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Militia Militia and Foreign (Foreign Service), which was presented upon the 25th of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Drunkenness, &c., which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the Grand Jury directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Presentments made by the Grand Juries of Ireland, in the year 1868.

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

Mr. Aspin presented, pursuant to the directions Colonial of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of Colonial Governors to whom Pensions have been granted under Act 28 & 29 Vict. c. 113.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th July 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. James Gran, Chief Draughtsman, Admiralty Department of the Controller of the Navy.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th July 1869, granting a Special Superannuation Allowance to Mr. William Thomas Hinde, Second Class Draughtsman, Admiralty Department of the Controller of the Navy.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Lessor, of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Twentieth Report of the Commissioners in Lessor, 31st March 1869.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Continental into a Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 90 (Application of balance unappropriated). Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 34, to leave out from the word "fit" to the end of the Clause, and to insert the words "impose of such balance, or any part thereof, as follows:—(1.) They may apply such balance, or any part thereof, in compensation for cattle slaughtered by direction of an inspector between the twentieth day of February and the fifteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in order to prevent the spread of cattle plague (for which cattle no compensation has been paid by any insurance office or company), although such inspector may, in relation to such slaughter, have acted outside the district for which he had been appointed inspector;—(2.) They may carry such balance, or any part thereof, to the credit of the ordinary account of the local rate, to be applied for any of the purposes for which the local rate, when levied under any Act other than an Act repealed by this Act, is applicable." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 34, after the word "fit," to insert the words "apply any part of such balance in compensation for cattle slaughtered between the passing of the Act..."
An Act twenty-ninth and thirtieth Victoria, chapter two, February twentieth, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the appointment of inspectors under that Act, by direction of a person whom the owner of such cattle had reasonable ground to believe to be the authorized inspector for the execution of the Act.

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Adderley: 97.

Tellers for the (Mr. Gibson: 80.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause to add the words “or they may return such balance to the original contributors.”

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 91, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 92 and N° 93, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 94 and N° 95, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 96, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 97, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 98 (Half-yearly accounts of compensation). Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 16, to leave out the word “Six” in compensation for animals slaughtered.

“or,” in order to insert the words “for the purposes of this Act.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 99 (Application to Poor Law Board by local authority for aid). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 21, to leave out the word “Nine,” in order to insert the word “Six.”

Question, That the word “Nine” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 100 to N° 121, with Amendments to three of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 122 (Appointment of local authority in counties). Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 2, to leave out the word “Nine,” appointed,” to the word “shall,” in order to insert the words “and the tenant of agricultural subjects valued in the valuation roll in force for the time at One hundred pounds a year and upwards within such county, shall meet and nominate an equal number to act on the county board, and shall also intimate to the Lord Lieutenant and convener of the county, the number and names of the persons so appointed.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 123, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 124 to N° 128, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, N° 7, amended, and agreed to.

Five Clauses added.

Another Clause (Appointment of Inspectors general)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Mode of curingage of animals to be subject to Petty Council directions)—brought up, and read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Insolvent Debtors and Bankrupts Repeal Bill was, according to Order, 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further provision, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, for the Expenses of certain Fortifications and Works;

Mr. William Edward Forster, 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 Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the House Tax ought to be abolished, because it imposes injurious and unnecessary restrictions upon the erection of Dwellings for the Working Classes, and because the Tax presses very unequally upon different classes of the community, and falls most heavily upon persons of moderate income:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the President of the Board of Trade be appointed to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai to Sir Rutherford Alcock, and his Reply to the Memorial addressed to Consul Medhurst, dated the 23rd day of March last:—And, of all Correspondence of the Foreign Office with Sir Robert Adair, respecting the renewal of the Treaty of Tien-tsin:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Wednesday, 14th July, 1869:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient, in accordance with pledges given in the name of the Government, to restore to the people of Malta, with such modifications as present circumstances may require, their ancient representative institution, the "Congregatio Papalum," to re-establish the "Executive Council" as a distinct body, aiding the Governor in administering the Civil Affairs of the Island; and, reverting to the policy abandoned in 1859, to sever the office of "Civil Governor" from that of "Commander of the Forces":—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai to Sir Rutherford Alcock, and his Reply to the Memorial addressed to Consul Medhurst, dated the 23rd day of March last:—And, of all Correspondence of the Foreign Office with Sir Robert Adair, respecting the renewal of the Treaty of Tien-tsin:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways Abandonment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for renewing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant July, That the Married Women's Property Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill to protect Trades Unions from embezzlement and misappropriation; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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

Wednesday, 14th July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bradford Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Metropolitan the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan 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, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Paving the Construction Committee.

the Railway Bill, as amended in the Select Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of Right Wars, New Law

Enquire, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant July, praying the House not to erect the New Law Courts on either the Grey-street or Howard-street Site, but to select a Site in the neighbourhood of Whitehall, be referred to the Select Committee on the New Law Courts.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Smoke Nuisance Abatement (Metropolis) Act, 1853, since Abatement, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lunacy, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant July, be printed.
Ordered, That the Paper relative to Education (Scotland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Accounts relative to Grand Jury Presentments (Ireland), which were presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return from the Clerks of the Crown and the Clerks of the Peace for the several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns in Ireland, of the Numbers of Persons committed to the different Gaols thereof for Trial in the year 1868.

Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for 1868-9.

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

Mr. Ayton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended the 30th day of June 1869; together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the Amount of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Ordered, That the said Account 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, at a fixed and early date, of the Number of Spindles at Work or redeemed in the said year.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Real Estate Intestacy Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Noes to the Left. The Yeas to the Right; The Tellers for the [Mr. Lockie King, Mr. Wentworth Beaumont] 169, The Tellers for the [Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. Goldney] 144, 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 on the Libel Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Act (1868) Extension Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
33 VICTORIA.

15th July.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Severn and Wye Railway and Canal 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.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th, 6th, 9th, 12th, and 14th 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial Governors, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Education (Ireland), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant July, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return to an Address by the Clerk of the House—Annual Accounts of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for (Ireland—was presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, and recorded by the Clerk of the House,—Annual Accounts of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for (Ireland—was presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for (Ireland—was presented to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of Captain Tyler to the Board of Trade upon the Improvements in the Channel Passage between England and France.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Quantities of the following Articles exported from Ireland to Foreign Countries and the Possessions Abroad, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1868, showing the Computed Value of each, and their Total Amount:—Similar Return of all Articles exported from Ireland to Foreign Countries and the British Possessions Abroad, with the Declared or Computed Value of each, and their Total Amount:—Return of the Quantities of Corn and Meal, whether of Native or of Foreign Growth, distinguishing the several sorts imported into Ireland from Great Britain in the year ended the 31st day of December 1868, with the Computed Value thereof:—And, similar Return of Corn and Meal exported from Ireland to Great Britain (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 378, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Quantities of the following Articles exported from England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, at the 31st day of December 1868, distinguishing as far as possible the Number distilling from Malt only from those distilling from Grain; showing also the Quantity of Malt and Grain Spirits at Proof entered for Home Consumption in England, Scotland, and Ireland, for the year ending the 31st day of December of said year; the Rate of Duty charged thereon per Proof Gallon; and the Amount of Revenue derived therefrom in said year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 455, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of a Memorial presented under date the 21st day of December 1868, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council by certain retired Members of Her Majesty's Bengal Civil Service, asking for a refund of the Sums contributed by them to the Bengal Civil Service Annuities Fund over and above the half value of their Annuities:—Of a Letter signed Herman Merivale, in reply to the above, dated the 21st day of August 1868:—Of a Letter addressed to Herman Merivale, Esquire, G.C. states, on behalf of himself and the other Memorialists on the same subject:—Of a Letter, signed Herman Merivale, in reply to the above, dated the 4th day of January 1869:—Of a Memorial presented by Sir Herbert Maddock, Knight, one of the said Memorialists, to the Most Noble the Secretary of State for India in Council, under date the 1st day of May 1869, in the same subject:—And, of a Letter signed Herman Merivale, in reply to the above, dated the 21st day of May 1869.

Ordered, That 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. Secretary Bruce presented, Return to an Address by the Clerk of the House for a Return relative to Magistrates (County Palatine of Lancaster).

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to the directions of the Act of Parliament, Report of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, for the year 1869.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Clerk of the House for a Return relative to the Accounts of the Chamberlain of the City of London.

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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 the Dockley Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Irish Church Bill.

P. 1, l. 8 to 15, leave out the words "held or applied for the advantage of the Irish people, but not for the maintenance of any church or clergy or other ministry, nor for the teaching of the said property, or the proceeds thereof, should be appropriated mainly to the relief of unavoidable calamity and suffering, yet so as not to cancel or impair the obligations now attached to property under the Acts for the relief of the poor," and insert the words "applied in such manner as Parliament shall hereafter direct," the first Amendment, being read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—And the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to; and several were disagreed to; and one was amended, and agreed to. .

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the words "or if not discharging such duties shall be disabled from so doing by age, sickness, or permanent infirmity, or any cause other than his own wilful default," and the Question being put, That the words therein, to the word "section," in p. 14, l. 15 inclusive, be left out, was agreed to.

Clause 15, l. 19, leave out from the word "shall," to the word "curacy," in l. 21, and insert the words "inquire whether any curate, serving as such at any time between the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine and 1st day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, is to be deemed a permanent curate, in which case determine the same, having regard to the length or term of his service, the duties to be discharged in the benefice, the non-residence, infirmity, or other incapacity of the incumbent, or his habit of employing a curate. The commissioners shall ascertain and declare by order the amount of yearly income received by any such permanent curate, and shall pay to every such curate so long as he lives and continues to discharge the duties of his said curacy, or any other spiritual duties in Ireland, which with his own consent and with the consent of the church body hereinafter mentioned, cause the present value of such life annuity to be estimated, and pay the same to such curate or to such curacy and church body in such proportions as they shall agree," then the next Amendment, being read a second time;

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adam; Mr. Dyke.

Tellers for the Noes, 232.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the said Amendment, and the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the Amendments, as far as the Amendment in Clause 25, being read a second time, several were agreed to; several were amended, and agreed to; and several were disagreed to.

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

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The Amendments, as far as the Amendment in Clause 27, p. 13, l. 33, being read a second time, several were agreed to; and one was amended, and agreed to.

Clause 27, p. 13, l. 33, leave out from the word "therein," to the word "section," in p. 14, l. 15 inclusive, inclusive, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—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 this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adam; Mr. Dyke.

Tellers for the Noes, 277.

So it was resolved in the Positive.

And then the Amendments in Clause 27, being read a second time, was postponed.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adam; Mr. Dyke.

Tellers for the Noes, 237.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the said Amendment, and the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Metropolitan Board of Works (Ireland) Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Fortifications for Expenses) Bill.  
Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill.  
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.  
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1858) Amendment Bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill;  
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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clerk of the Bills:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill:

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph 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 Trades Unions (Protection of Funds) Bill:

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

Witnesses (House of Commons) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dalston reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Government of India Act Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order, made upon the 23rd day of February last, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns relative to District Judges (Jamaica), was read, and discharged.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making provision for the erection of a Lighthouse on the Great Rocks in the Colony of Ceylon, and of enabling the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Secretary of State in Council of India to guarantee the Principal and Interest of any Advances which may be made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners for that purpose;

Mr. Secretary Bruce, 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 a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 16th July, 1869.

PRAYSERS.

The Ferguson Bequest Fund Bill was read for the third time.

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 Richmond and Reeth 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Truro Water Bill be read the Third time upon Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Ecclesiastical Commission (Ireland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Chamber of London, which were presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented,—Return to an Address of the Abattoirs (Paris and Brussels).

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of June last, for a Return relative to Prisons (Separate Confinement).

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 each Colony or other British Possessions in favour of which an Order in Council has been issued, since the 4th day of August 1857, under the Act 10 & 11 Vic. c. 45 (being 22nd Amendment to amend the Law relating to the Protection in the Colonies of Works entitled to Copyright in the United Kingdom, ), and by which Orders the Prohibitions against the Importation of ‘Foreign Reprints’ of Works which are the subject of Copyright in the United Kingdom, have been suspended as to such Colony or Possession:—Showing the Nature and Terms of the said Provision made, since the 4th day of August 1857, by each Colony or British Possession for securing or protecting the Rights of British Authors in such Colony or Possession, in the event of an Order being issued under
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 Fees exacted at each Consular Establishment during the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1860; and of the Number of Persons enrolled as British Subjects on the Consular Registers (where such Registers are kept) for each of the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868; — Of the Number of Civil and Criminal Plaints heard in each of Her Majesty’s Consular Courts Abroad, and of the Number of Appeals heard before the Courts of Consuls General for the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868; — Of the Number of Civil and Criminal Plaints heard in each of Her Majesty’s Consular Courts Abroad, and of the Number of Appeals heard before the Courts of Consuls General for the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868.

Ordered, That 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 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 Fees exacted at each Consular Establishment during the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1860; and of the Number of Persons enrolled as British Subjects on the Consular Registers (where such Registers are kept) for each of the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868; — Of the Number of Civil and Criminal Plaints heard in each of Her Majesty’s Consular Courts Abroad, and of the Number of Appeals heard before the Courts of Consuls General for the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868; — Of the Number of Civil and Criminal Plaints heard in each of Her Majesty’s Consular Courts Abroad, and of the Number of Appeals heard before the Courts of Consuls General for the Ten years ending the 31st day of December 1868.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Descriptions of Copper sold by the Board of Admiralty during the past Three years, stating the Average Price realised for each Description.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for the Six Months ending the 30th day of June 1869, showing the Description and Quality of Coal consumed on board each Ship of the Navy, according to the Particulars given in the Half-yearly Returns.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of First-class Boys, Second-class Boys, and Second-class Seamen, Coast Guard Fleet Men, &c. who were born, rated, entered, or who left the Service during the year 1868–9 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 474, of Session 1867–8).

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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Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill; and several were amended, and agreed to; and several were disagreed to.

The Amendment in Clause 23, the postponed Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Saturday morning;

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 Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Cardwell, Mr. John Bright, Mr. Chichester Fortescue, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. William Edward Forster, Mr. Ayrton, and the Judge Advocate:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That These be the Quorum.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Telegraph Bill;

Mr. Chichester Fortescue reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Irish Church 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 made by the Lords in Preamble, p. 1, l. 8, for the following Reason:—

Because it is right that the surplus property of the Disestablished Church in Ireland should be applied for the advantage of the Irish people, and not for the purpose of re-endowing any Church in that country, and because it is proper for the final settlement of the question that the destination of the surplus should in principle be fixed and determined by the Act.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in Clause 2, p. 1, l. 26, for the following Reason:—

Because it is expedient that the date of the operation of the Act should not be unreasonably deferred, and because, in the interest of the Established Church itself, it is better that the date 1st January 1871 in this Clause and throughout the Act should be retained.

The Commons agree to the Amendments as far as p. 4, l. 26, and they disagree to the Amendment in l. 36, for the Reason given to Clause 2.

The Commons agree to the Amendments as far as p. 5, l. 10, and they disagree to the Amendment in p. 5, l. 10, for the Reason given to Clause 2.

The Commons agree to the Amendments as far as p. 5, l. 24.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in p. 5, l. 24, by leaving out the word "May" and inserting "January," and by inserting "or the salary of a curate has been deducted under Section 14 from the annual income of his see, benefice, or pre­

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The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in p. 5, l. 28, for the Reason given to Clause 2.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in p. 5, l. 39, by leaving out the words "and" and "it is hereby declared, that every holder of any such archbishopric, bishopric, benefice, or cathed­ral preferment hereby liable to the payment to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of such tax on clerical incomes shall be bound to pay an equivalent annual sum to the representative body of the said Church hereinafter mentioned, so long as such holder shall continue to receive the annual income of his see, benefice, or pre­

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in p. 6, l. 12, and propose as a consequential Amendment to amend the Bill in l. 12, by inserting after the word "causes" "otherwise than by commutation under this Act."

The Commons disagree to Clause A. for the following Reason:

Because the provisions of this Clause are for the internal arrangement of the Church, and not proper to be introduced into this Act.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in Clause 15, p. 6, l. 10, by leaving out the word "May" and inserting "January," and by inserting "Provided that no commutation shall be made of the salary of a curate or the salary of such curate has been deducted under Section 14 from the annual income of the same incumbency by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of such tax on clerical incomes shall be bound to pay an equivalent annual sum to the representative body of the said Church hereinafter mentioned, so long as such holder shall continue to receive the annual income of his see, benefice, or pre­

The Commons agree to the Amendment in p. 6, l. 19, by leaving out in Is. 17, 20, and 22 "May," and inserting "January;" and by adding at the end of the Amendment:—Provided that where the salary of a curate has been deducted under Section 14 from the income of any incumbent, such curate shall be deemed to be a permanent curate within the meaning of this Section, and no commutation of his salary and no change in his duties, for the purposes of this Act, shall be made without the consent of the incumbent from whose income the salary of such curate has been deducted.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in l. 35, for the Reason given to Clause 2.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in Clause 16, p. 7, l. 24, for the Reason given to Clause 2.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendments as far as l. 32, and propose to amend the Amendment in l. 32, by leaving out in Is. 2 and 3 of the Amendment "May," and inserting "January;" and by leaving out the words "or the salary of a curate or the salary of such curate has been deducted under Section 14 from the annual income of the same incumbency by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of such tax on clerical incomes shall be bound to pay an equivalent annual sum to the representative body of the said Church hereinafter mentioned, so long as such holder shall continue to receive the annual income of his see, benefice, or pre­

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ment in p. 8, l. 27, by leaving out in l. 2 of the Amendment "six" instead of the words "with six".

The Commons agree to the omission of Clause 20, and propose to amplify Clause 28, by leaving out in l. 4 of the Clause "May," and inserting "January"; by inserting after "Ireland" in line 25 "being an assistant or person entitled to com-

1.11, after "pay," "any" and inserting "as the glebe or glebe

appropriated or granted as the glebe of any benefice, by or in pursuance of any

real property becoming vested in the commoners, by or in pursuance of any

real property in such representative body, subject to the trust of such private endowment

as far as the circumstances of each particular

case will permit," for the following Reason:

Because, so far as this paragraph extends, it would virtually re-endow the Church now proposed to be disestablished, which it is neither expedient nor right to do.

The Commons agree to the Amendments in

p. 16, l. 3.

The Commons agree to the Amendment in

 Clause 21, p. 9, l. 18.

The Commons propose to amend the Amend-

 Clause 23, p. 9, l. 57, by restoring the words stricken out, and by inserting in the line 1 of the words added "it shall be lawful for such "representative body" and inserting "as the" and the "commissioners shall," by leaving out in l. 9, 3 "February" and inserting "January"; and by leaving out from "afterwards" " commissioners," and adding "in the opinion of the commissioners they

may since that date in due and ordinary course

of life interest subscribed therein," and inserting "that such commoners shall be entitled to compensation under this Act, and because the original

proposition in Clause 32, as altered, would be hardly capable of

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being worked out, and if it was, would give

the said representative body, and of ministers who will be entitled to com-

mand, that not less than four-fifths of the whole number of ecclesiastical

persons in such diocese or united dioceses, or of the whole number of the ministers of such body

or communion authorized to concinate under this

Act, have concurred or agreed to concinate their

life interest, the commissioners shall thereupon

pay in addition to the monies otherwise payable

by them a sum equal to seven pounds in the

hundred on the commutation money payable in

respect of each life interest; such addition to be disposed of in the same manner as the compensa-

tion money in respect of which it is added.

Because compensation should be based on the vested rights of the ecclesiastical persons entitled to concinate, which are satisfied to the fullest extent by the additional provision now introduced for the benefit of all such persons, and of ministers who will be entitled to concinate under this Act, and because the original

clause, as altered, would be hardly capable of

being worked out, and if it was, would give

to ecclesiastical persons an undue advantage.

The Commons agree to the Amendment in

Clause 27, p. 13, l. 33, for the following Reason:

Because, without it, having regard to the principle of the Act, that the moderate sum required by the original clause should be paid for the ecclesiastical residences mentioned therein, and that no provisions should be made out of the funds resulting from the surplus of the property of the Disestablished Church for additional ecclesiastical residences for the clergymen thereof, nor for the ecclesiastical residences of the clergymen of any other Church or Religious Communion in Ireland.

The Commons agree to the Amendments as far as p. 16, l. 13.

The Commons propose to amend Clause C. by leaving out in l. 9, 3 "February" and inserting "January"; and by leaving out in l. 11, after "subscribed" "when

any real property becoming vested in the com-

missioners consists of lands which have been

appropriated or granted to the Church, and where the

land of any benefice, by or in pursuance of any

An act for the establishment of the See of Patmos since the second

year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the com-

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Fortifications
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Fortifications (Provision for Expenses).

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in Clause 67, p. 31, l. 5, by leaving out in l. 12 "employed under obligation of law" and inserting "whose salary is deducted under this Act"; and by adding at the end "from whose income such salary has been deducted."

The Commons agree to Clause D.

The Commons propose to amend the Amendment in p. 21, Clause 69, by restoring the words struck out as far as "asylum" in l. 26, and by inserting after "Act" in l. 26 "the income of"; by restoring the words struck out after "thereof" in l. 31, to "aforesaid" in p. 32, l. 8, and inserting "and of the income of"; by leaving out of the words added "them" and inserting "to be"; by leaving out "in such manner as Parliament shall hereafter direct" and adding "by" in Clause in Council, before "several"; and by leaving out "for already legislated further in respect thereof, every Order in Council so appropriating the income of such property shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament be sitting, or if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the commencement of their next session; and such order shall not be of any validity until the expiration of forty days after the same has been so laid before both Houses of Parliament, nor shall it be of any validity at all if within such period of forty days an address be presented to Her Majesty by both Houses of Parliament praying Her Majesty to revoke such Order," for the following Reason:

Because it is proper for the final settlement of the question that the destination of the surplus should by this Act be fixed and determined; and because the provisions now introduced contain and prevent any misapplication or undue application which may possibly be directed by any Order in Council.

The Commons agree to the Amendment in Clauses 72, p. 83, l. 26.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Fortifications (Provision for Expenses).

(1. Resolved, That, towards providing a further Sum for defraying the Expenses of the Construction of Works for the Defence of the Royal Dockyards and Armaments, and of the Ports of Dover and Portland, a Sum, not exceeding £1,310,000, be charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom; and that the Commissioners of the Treasury be authorized to raise the said Sum by Annuities, for a term not exceeding thirty years, charged upon and payable out of the said Consolidated Fund.

2. Resolved, That the said Commissioners of the Treasury be authorized to direct the payment to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, out of the said Consolidated Fund, of the Sum of £1,210, for the management of the Contributions to be received by the said Governor and Company in respect of the said Annuities.

Resolutions to be reported.)
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of March last, That the Party Processions (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of April last, That the Hospitals, &c. Rating Exemption Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Witnesses (House of Commons) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (No. 3) 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 Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing the Schedule of the Fortifications (Provisions for Expenses) Act, as compared with the Schedule of the Report of the Committee on Fortifications (1869), pages xci and cxi, inclusive, and with the Schedule of the Act 30 & 31 Vic. c. 145.
Mr. Secretary Cardwell accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contracts entered into with the London, Belgium, Brazil, and River Plate Steam Ship Company; and with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, respectively, for the Conveyance of Mails between this Country and Brazil, and the River Plate.
Mr. Ayrton accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Balmoral to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the New Law Courts: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19th July, 1869.

Prayers.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Commons Act (1869) Amendment Bill have leave to make a Special Report; and that they have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Mr. Cooper reported from the said Committee; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:

Whilst the evidence taken before your Committee shows that some Amendments in the Metropolitan Commons Act (1866) Amendment Bill are desirable, sufficient time has not elapsed since the passing of that Act to enable such a fair judgment of its working to be formed as would justify your Committee in recommending the application of its provisions to a wider area than that to which the Act at present applies.

Considering the larger question involved in the Suburban Commons Bill, your Committee have refrained from taking evidence thereupon, which could not have been satisfactorily concluded during the present Session, and they report the said Bill without Amendment to the House.

Your Committee have considered the Metropolitan Commons Act (1866) Amendment Bill, and have amended the same by the omission of the Clause referring to the extension of the area, and in other particulars.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.  Bill 221.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Mr. Cooper reported from the Select Committee on the Suburban Commons Bill; That they had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.  Bill 220.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Seeds Adulteration Bill have Power to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

Mr. Welby reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the said Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

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.

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 Festiniog Railway Bill was read the third time; and various 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.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay 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 William's Estate Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Ordered, That William's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Truro Water 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Railways Bill (Lords) be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Petition from the Council of the Borough of Kidderminster, praying liberty of Police, be printed.

Ordered, That, in the absence of the Members of this House, the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Borough of Kidderminster, praying liberty of Police, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, That so much of the Standing Order as relates to the Committee of Public Accounts, as directs that Five be the Quorum, be suspended.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill.

Public Petitions.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select Committee of the Poor Law, a Bill to amend the New Parishes Acts and Church Establishment Act, &c. to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the New Parishes Acts and Church Building Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Poor Law Committee's Bill (Scotland); and that the Clerk do carry the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of any Code or General Instructions issued to the Royal Irish Constabulary in reference to carrying or using their Firearms.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dublin Freeman Disenfranchisement Bill; Ordered, That the said Ordinance be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Ordinance be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Rates and the Return of the Census of England and Wales for the year 1866 be printed.

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Ordered, That the Order be discharged.

Ordered, That 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 return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of June last, for a Return relative to Pauperism, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the report of the Select committee relative to the Committee of Public Accounts, as directs that Five be the Quorum, be suspended.

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Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Trades Unions (Protection of Funds) 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 taking into consideration the Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cinque Ports Act Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Consideration of the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inclosure of Lands Bill be now read the third time; and which Amendment was, to leave out from the words "Bill be" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "re-committed, in order that from the proposed Inclosure some land may be reserved as allotments for the labouring poor, in accordance with the provision of the Act 8 & 9 Vict. c. 118, sections 30 to 34," instead thereof;
And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate; And the said Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
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. Dodson 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 Second Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expenditure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Turnpike Acts Continuance, &c. Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Offices Concentration 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 Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be the third time this day.

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tion this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Poor Law (Ireland) Amend-
ment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee;
Resolved, That the Bill be taken into considera-
tion this day.

The Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment (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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the
Telegram Bill do consist of seven Members, Two

to be nominated by the House, and Five by the
Committee of Selection.

The Marquis of Hartington and Mr. Hunt were
accordingly nominated Members of the said Com-
mittee;
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to
send for persons, papers and records.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.
Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit
and proceed upon Thursday next.

Captain Vereon presented a Bill for providing
the final Sum necessary to be raised by Loan for
provision for the erection of a Lighthouse on the
Great Bass Rock in the Colony of Ceylon, and
Bill 224.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Law of
Hypothen in Scotland;
to request that their Lordships will be pleased to
communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report
from the Select Committee appointed by their
Lordships on the Law of Hypothen in Scotland;
together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken
before the Committee; And that the Clerk do
carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the
Lords to the Court of Common Pleas (County
Palace of Lancaster) Bill be taken into consid-
eration this day.

Ordered, That the Turnpike Roads Bill be read
a second time this day.

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

Tuesday, 20th July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

The House being informed, That the Lord
Mayor of the City of Dublin attended at the
door, he was called in; and at the Bar presented
—a Petition of the Right Honourable the Lord
Mayer, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of
Dublin.—And then he withdrew.

And the said Petition, stating that the Petitioners
desire the concurrence of their Lordships,
do not produce peace and contentment prevail in
Ireland, and believe the passing into law of the
Irish Church Bill, as agreed to by this House,
would conduce to that end; and praying the
House to support Her Majesty's Ministers in their
efforts to secure the great principle of religious
equality for Ireland, was read; and ordered to lie
upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Edin-
burgh and District Water Bill; and the same were
twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lord-
ships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sign
Bearing's Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath
agreed to the Amendments made by their Lord-
ships, with an Amendment, to which this House
 BOTH desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and
Public Petitions. voted to be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered.
Ordered, That the Return relative to County Voters (Scotland), which was presented upon the 28th day of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lanesy (Ireland), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Merchant Shipping, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Fines, &c. (Ireland), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Panoptism (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Childers, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize Money, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between the 1st April 1868 and the 31st March 1869.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Army Medical Department for the year 1867. Vol. IX.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Naval Prize Money, &c. (Ireland) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and that the said Amendment Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Pauperism (Metropolis) be printed,

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That all Petitions presented this Session respecting the Telegraph Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill; and that such Petitioners as shall have prayed to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, and Witnesses upon their Petitions, be so heard, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That 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 Friendly Societies, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Life Assurance Companies Act be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word “union,” to insert the words “so far as relates to asylum and school districts, but to no further.”

Question put, That these words be there inserted; and that the said Amendment be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to 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, Returns of the County and Borough Prisons in which Religious Instruction is afforded to Prisoners of different Denominations, specifying which, and at what Cost to each; and that the Paper relative to Fines, &c. (Metropolis) Bill, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing District Registries of the High Court of Admiralty in England: And that Mr. Eykyn, Viscount Somers, and Mr. Rathbone 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and extend the Jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consul at Zanzibar in regard to Vessels registered in Her Majesty's Possession:—It was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for establishing District Registries of the High Court of Admiralty in Ireland:—It was passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; And the Question being again proposed:—The House divided.

Ordered, That Mr. Gregory be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on the New Law Courts.

Ordered, That Mr. Watkin Williams be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning.

Ordered, That the Bill be read and discharged,
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Beresford Hope, 39.
Yea, Mr. George Moore; 129.
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers, 129.
Nay, Mr. Rydym.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 18, to leave out the words "which has been celebrated since the "passing of the fifth and sixth of William the "Fourth, chapter fifty-four," in order to insert the words "hereof celebrated or contracted."

Question, That the words "which has been celebrated since the passing of the fifth and sixth of William the Fourth, chapter fifty-four," stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words "hereof celebrated or contracted" be there inserted;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again:

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. George Moore, 128.
Yea, Mr. Talbot; 128.
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Chambers, 94.
Nay, Mr. Eykyn.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The words "heretofore celebrated or contracted." "Fourth, chapter fifty-four," stand part of the Clause put, and negatived.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Inclosure Awards (County Awards) Bill; and the same were twice read; and agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Inclosure of Lands Bill; and the same, were twice read; and agreed to.

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

The Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Court of Common Pleas (County Palatine of Durham) 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 the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inclosure Awards (County Awards) 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 the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Return of Diseases among foreign animals) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Receivings of charges on roughs out of county rates) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision for existing Loans) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions for Cheshire, as to repayment of existing Loan, &c.) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Validity of Rates under Act) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill for amending the Law relating to Hackney and Stage Carriages within the Metropolitan Police Districts; and the same was read a second time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr.
Wednesday, 11th July, 1869.

P R A Y E R S.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North and Brecon, and Swansea Vale and North and Brecon Junction Railway 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 Haddenham, Willingham, and Longstanton Railway Bill was 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.

The Wellington and Prince Ribbrough 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and referred to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon Wednesday the 4th day of August next.

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 Yeas: Mr. Carnegy; Mr. O'Connell.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Orr, Mr. Guinness.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for this day month.

The Special and Common Juries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day month.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of the Hypothec Act (1860) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 9th day of this instant July, That the Penny Bill; Married Women's Property Bill be now read the third time.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Penny Bill; Married Women's Property Bill be now read the third time; The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of the Hypothec Act (1860) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Trading Bill; Trading Bill.

Ordered, 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 Metropolitan Commons Act (1866) Amendment Bill; 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 Suburban Commons 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 Seeds Adulteration Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;
Ordered, That the Report be read To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Marriage with a Deceased Wife’s Sister Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railway Construction Facilities Act (1864) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Chichester Ports Act Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill do consist of Seven Members.
The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Ayrton, Sir Stafford Northcote, Lord Frederick Canning, Mr. William Henry Smith, Mr. M‘Lean, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Thomas Chambers.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill do consist of Seven Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Arkwright have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of a domestic affliction.

Mr. John Bright presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of June last, for Returns relative to the Chain Cables and Anchors Act.

Mr. Dodson reported the Eillmore and Ghynn Elphinstone and Valley Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th 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. Dodson reported the Farnam Railway Bill, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Dodson reported the Holyhead Docks and Holyhead Warehouses Bill, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act making all the Vessels of this HouseSubjects to the Payment of Prize Money, &c., which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Naval Prize Money, &c., which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Orders be discharged.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Telegraph Telegraph Bill have leave to sit this day till Nine o’clock, during the sitting of the House.

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 Judicial Statistics (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stipendiary Magistrates (Depository) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Prisons (Scotland) (Stipendiary Magistrates) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Court of Session Act (1866) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Supplemental Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Thames Docks and Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Railway Bill, made by this House to the Festing Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Act of the House of Commons for settling the Goods, &c., Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Greenwich Hospital Greenwich Hospital Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Mr. Ousey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of Journeys in China and Japan performed by Mr. Abbeville, Mr. Grevenham, Mr. Markham, and Dr. Wiltis, of Her Majesty's Consular Service in those Countries.

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Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation for the Month ended 30th June 1869, and Six Months ended 30th June 1869.

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Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1866, for the year 1868.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Vessels not Armour-plated, now building, or ordered to be built, during the year 1869, in the following Form—

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament, on the Contagious Diseases Act (1866); together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix.

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, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(1869.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, 1869:

1. Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,978, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Annuity to the Board of Fisheries in Scotland.

2. £1,110, to complete the Sum, for the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £13,166, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Grants in Aid of the Expenditure of certain Learned Societies in Great Britain.

4. £1,250, to complete the Sum, for the Salaries of the Theological Professors and the Incidental Expenses of the General Assembly's College at Inverness.

5. £1,250, to complete the Sum, for the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

6. £1,200, to complete the Sum, for the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in Ireland.

7. £1,238, to complete the Sum, for Charitable Donations and Requests for Ireland.

8. £1,238, to complete the Sum, for Expenses of the Lord Lieutenant's Household in Dublin and London.

9. £1,338, to complete the Sum, for the Record Office in Ireland.

10. £1,562.6s.2d., for Queen's Plates in Ireland, be omitted from the proposed Vote.

11. £1,250, to complete the Sum, for the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in Ireland.

12. £3,986, to complete the Sum, for the Board of Fisheries in Scotland.

13. £5,281, to complete the Sum, for the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in Scotland.

14. £4,166, to complete the Sum, for the Royal Academy of Music, be omitted from the proposed Vote.

15. £4,166, to complete the Sum, for the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

16. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,564, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.

17. £1,562, to complete the Sum, for the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in Scotland.

18. £1,084, to complete the Sum, for the Royal Academy of Music, be omitted from the proposed Vote.

19. £1,243, to complete the Sum, for the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in Ireland.

20. £2,358, to complete the Sum, for the Public Record Office in Ireland.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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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:

Friday, 23rd July, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Dodson also reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Irish Church Bill, without Amendment, and to other of the Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, and to the consequential Amendment, and do not insist on certain of their Amendments to which this House disagrees, and insist on certain other of the said Amendments, for which they have assigned their Reasons; and have made a consequential Amendment to the said Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Irish Church Bill, together with the Reasons assigned by the Lords for refusing on certain of their Amendments, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock; and be printed.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £158,253, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council and Subordinate Departments.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £68,033, be Board of Trade, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council and Subordinate Departments.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,921, be Lord Privy Seal, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Privy Seal.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £13,285, be Charity Commissioners, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,094, be Civil Service Commissioners, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for conducting the business of the Civil Service Commission.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,281, be Colonial Secretaries, for the Civil Service Commission.

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8. That a Sum, not exceeding £13,265, be Colonial Secretaries, for the Civil Service Commission.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,000, be Trustees of the British Museum, to cover the Charges of the British Museum, to defray the Expenses of the said Museum, and the Establishment, during the said year ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

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

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £47,413, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,684, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,413, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Education.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,599, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses in the National Debt Office.

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necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, connected with the Patent Law Amendment Act.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £13,417, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Paymaster General in London and Dublin.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £75,782, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Expenses connected with the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor Laws Administration.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,624, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Treasurer in the Exchequer.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,684, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,009, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registrar General of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £264,135, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Stationery, Printing, and Binding, &c., for the several Departments, and for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Printed Books for the several Public Departments, and for Stationery, Printing, Binding, and Paper for the two Houses of Parliament including the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,227, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Registrars of Friendly Societies in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,722, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,312, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, Scotland, of certain Offices in Scotland, and other Charges formerly paid from the Hereditary Revenue.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure [1867-8].

1. Resolved, That the Expenditure incurred for certain Navy Services in the year ended the 31st day of March 1868 has fallen short of the Sums appropriated to those Services by the Sum of £114,186. 5 s. 9 d.; and that the Expenditure which has been incurred for certain other Navy Services and not provided for in the Sums appropriated to those Services for the same year has amounted to £480,731. 11s. 3d.

2. Resolved, That the said Expenditure for Navy Services unprovided for as aforesaid, amounting to £480,731. 11s. 3d., has been to the extent of £114,186. 5s. 9d. temporarily defrayed, under the authority of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of the Surpluses which have arisen, as aforesaid, upon other Votes for Navy Services, amounting to £114,186. 5s. 9d.

3. Resolved, That the application of the said Surpluses be sanctioned.

4. Resolved, That the Expenditure incurred for certain Army Services in the year ended the 31st day of March 1868, has fallen short of the Sums appropriated to those Services by the Sum of £267,782, 8s. lid.; that the net Sum of £95,550. 7s. 6d. has been realised in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid; and that the Expenditure which has been incurred for certain other Army Services and not provided for in the Sums appropriated to those Services for the same year, has amounted to the Sum of £480,758. 16s.

5. Resolved, That the said Expenditure for Army Services unprovided for as aforesaid, amounting to £480,758. 16s., has been temporarily defrayed, under the authority of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of the Surpluses which have arisen as aforesaid, upon other Votes for Army Services, and out of the said net amount realised in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid, amounting together to the Sum of £480,758. 16s.

6. Resolved, That the application of the said Sums be sanctioned.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Diplomatic Salaries, &c. Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration this day.

The Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clause to the Bill the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Fortifications (Provision for Expenses) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Building Act Amendment Bill (1855) 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 the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Titles to Land Consolidation Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Harritake Rights Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government General of India Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government of India Act Amendment Bill [Lords];

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 Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) 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 on the Land Tax Law Amendment, &c. Bill;

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Titles to Land Consolidation Bill (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (No. 2) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Turnpike Acts Consolidation Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices Concentration Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Inclosure of Lands (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law (Scotland) Act (1845) Amendment Bill;
The Order of the day being read, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Nitro Glycerine Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads 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 New Parishes and Church Building Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Nitre Glycerine Bill, Bill 233.

Building Acts Amendment and Church Navigation Roads Bill.

Nitro and Canal Glycerine Bill.

Companies.

That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Amended the Law relating to the presentation of

To Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased

to Parliament: And that Mr. Ayton and Mr.

Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Captain Vivian presented a Bill to amend the Volunteer Act, 1863: And the same was read the (1863) Amendment Bill first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ayton presented a Bill to regulate and extend the Jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consul at Zanzibar in regard to Vessels captured upon suspicion of being engaged in the Slave Trade, and for other purposes relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Greenwich Lords to the Greenwich Hospital Bill be taken Hospital Bill into consideration this day.

The Order made upon the 16th day of this instant July, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns relative to the Consular Establishments, 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, Returns relative to the Consular Establishments, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That 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 the Volunteer Act, 1863: And that Captain Vivian and Mr. Secretary Cardwell do prepare, and bring it in.

Irish Church Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Irish Church Bill, together with the Reasons assigned by this House for disagreeing to several of the Amendments made by their Lordsships, be printed.

Accounts, &c.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the presentation of Accounts, Statements, Returns, and Documents.
PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

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

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 the Commissions issued by the Lord Bishop of London, from November 1860 up to the present time, under the Act 23 & 24 Vict. c. 142, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the Union of Contiguous Benefices in Cities, Towns, and Boroughs" showing, in each case, the Names of the Benefices proposed to be united; the Names of the Patrons; the Numbers of the Resident Population and of the Church Situations; the Net Income of the Living; the Name of the Parish (in a poor and populous part of London) in which a new Legal District was proposed to be created out of the Funds arising from the proposed Union, and also the result of the attempt to effect the Union, and, in the case of abandonment or delay — The Return to be made in the following Form:

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Audit of the Accounts of the General and Militia, and Despatch to the Government of India, No. 42, of 15 July 1866, relative to Railways in India.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for India in Council on Railways in India for the year 1866-69, by Jules Deonain, Esq., Governor Director of the Indian Railway Companies.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the first be printed.

Ordered, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of a Note on Ireland by the Official Under Secretary at Fort William, dated the 20th day of December 1867; And, of Despatches and Memoranda, or Extracts from Despatches or Memoranda, which have been sent to the Government of India since 1866, by Mr. Forth, or other Officers on the Frontier, as to the Trade of India with Eastern Turkestan, or the Countries between it and the Punjab.

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metropolitan Poor Act (1863) Amendment Bill; that the Lords do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Supply), and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for Monday next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Special Bills Bill, without any Amendment.

Sunday and Ragged Schools Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Haddenham, Willingham, and Longsden Atkinson Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Sligo Borough Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordship's to the Sligo Borough Improvement Bill, without any Amendment.

Companies Clauses Act (1863) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Companies Clauses Act (1863) Amendment Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Poor Law Union Loans Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law Union Loans Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Municipal Franchise Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Municipal Franchise Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Charity Commissioners Bill ( Lords). 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Right Honourable Charles John Earl of Shrewsbury, and other Persons for the time being entitled to be appointed to, or interested in Lands at Oxton, in the County of Chester, under certain Leases granted by Charles John Earl of Shrewsbury, John sixteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, and Bertram Arthur seventeenth Earl of Shrewsbury, respecting the Purposes comprised in such Leases; and for annexing Lands at Oxton to the Earl of Shrewsbury, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Poor Law Union Loans Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to consider of authorizing the payment, out of Money to be provided by Parliament, of a Salary, Remuneration, and Expenses of the Chairman, Members, and Officers of the Board of Education for Scotland, and for the Expenses of the Office of the said Board; of the Renunciation of any Examiner and Special Commissioner; of a Contribution towards the Support of the Parochial Schools of Scotland; of making further provision for the Education of the People of Scotland; and for the Settlement of the Estates of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury, Mr. Secretary Bruce, 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.

The Shrewsbury (Oxton) Estate Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Bills for Private Bills.

Mr. Moshell presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Annual Reports on the Convict Establishments of Western Australia and Tasmania.

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

Mr. Otway presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Correspondence with the Chamber (Tasmania.)

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

Mr. John Bright presented, Return to Mr. and Shrewsbury, Secretary of State for the Home Department, for authorizing the payment, out of Money to be provided by Parliament, of a Salary, Remuneration, and Expenses of the Chairman, Members, and Officers of the Board of Education for Scotland, and for the Expenses of the Office of the said Board; of the Renunciation of any Examiner and Special Commissioner; of a Contribution towards the Support of the Parochial Schools of Scotland; of making further provision for the Education of the People of Scotland; and for the Settlement of the Estates of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Supply); and which Amendment was brought out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the right of free speech is one of the most important safeguards of good Government, and that attacks upon this right are, therefore, dangerous to the welfare of the State:—That the recent conduct of the Secretary of State for the Home Department in preventing free discussion of important topics was, in fact, an attack upon this great safeguard of freedom; and that therefore, deserving of reprobation by this House.—And that this conduct of the Secretary of State for the Home Department has
"has proved especially mischievous, since it has led to breaches of the law on the part of officers and officers of the law, who have caused the arrest of an innocent person, for the purpose of preventing him from obtaining his discharge, on the ground that he was absent without his leave; and that his absence was due to his own misconduct, and that he was entirely blameless in the matter."

And the Question being put:—The House adjourned to meet on Monday next.

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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Trades Unions (Protection of Funds) 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, accordingly ordered, proceeded to take into consideration the Railway Abandonment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, accordingly ordered, revised its Public Schools into a Committee on the Public Schools Act (1866) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 House, accordingly ordered, resided itself to the Committee on Metropolitan Building Act (1855) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Title to Land Consolidation (Scotland) 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, accordingly ordered, proceeded to take into consideration the Turnpike Acts Consolidation, Amendment, &c. Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Monday, 26th July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Holyhead Docks and Warehouses Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Rosse, 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.
Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 the Lord Black Rod, on Thursday last, when the Royal Assent was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

An Act to put an end to the Establishment of the Church of England in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

An Act to amend "The Prisoners (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860."

An Act to amend the Law concerning the appointment of Deputies by Stipendiary Magistrates.

An Act to amend "The Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860."

An Act to amend the Court of Session Act, 1866, so far as the exemption of Lighthouse Keepers and their Assistants from serving on Jurors is thereby abolished.

An Act to authorize the appointment of District Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lancaster, and to provide for the better despatch of business therein.

An Act to facilitate the taking Special Bills in Civil Proceedings depending in the Superior Courts of Law at Westminster, and in Proceedings in Error and on Appeal.

An Act to exempt from rating Sunday and Ragged Schools.

An Act for amending the Law with respect to the rating of Occupiers for short terms, and the making and collecting of the Poor's Rate.

An Act for making Provision in the County of Dorking, and in the Parish of Worthing, and on Appeal.

An Act to confirm Three Provisional Orders made by the Poor Law Board under the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1867, with reference to the City of Chester, the incorporation of Hundreds of Twistwood and Happing, in the County of Norfolk, and the Parish of Woolton, in the County of Lancaster.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders under "The Local Government Act, 1855," relating to the Districts of Bridford, Boursmeath, Bowness, Bristol, Creigton (2), Fleetwood, Hawey, Harrington, Lichfield, Litherland, Portsmout, Reading, Reye, and Workington, for and for other purposes relative to certain Districts under that Act.

An Act for better supplying with Water the Parish of Darlington, in the County of Durham.

An Act for enabling the Caledonian Railway Company to abandon certain authorised Railways; for sanctioning the acquisition by that Company of certain Land; for altering the mode of raising a portion of their authorized Share Capital; for authorizing the Amendment of the Clyde and Melrose Junction Railway Company with the Company; and Agreements with other Companies and parties, and for other purposes.

An Act to form into a separate Undertaking the Brecon and the Brecon and Dowlais Extensions of the Brecon Railway Company and the Joint Works authorised by the Brecon and the Brecon and Dowlais Railway Bill, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Imperial Gaslight and Imperial Gas Company to raise more Money and Purchase more Land, and for other purposes.

An Act for authorizing the Local Board of Health for the Districts of Kingstown and of the Metropolis to make additional Waterworks, for extending the limits within which the Board may supply Water and Gas, for authorizing Improvements in the Town of Kingstown, and for other purposes.

An Act for defining and extending the Powers of the Company to the management of Streets in the Borough, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the Collection of Judicial Fees, and on Appeal.

An Act to provide for the better despatch of business therein.

An Act to give further Time for the completion of the Metropolitan Gaslight and Coke Company, and for other purposes with relation to the same Company.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, (Cairnbroch, Haddenham, and Huddersfield, and Liverpool, Neath, Sligo Borough and Neath and Brecon Railway Companies Bills); no Standing Orders are applicable.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Charity Commissioners Bill was read the Charity Committee for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday; and to be printed. Bill 360.

Mr. Aytoun reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.10,978, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum granted to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,110, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, including the purchase of Pictures.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.8,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the formation of the National Portrait Gallery.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £.6,449, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Grants in aid of the Expenditure of certain Learned Societies in Great Britain.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.6,449, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Grants to the Universities of London.

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7. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,716, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Royal Irish Academy.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Queen's University in Ireland.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £.5,391, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £.9,298, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Fisheries in Scotland.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £.3,674, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Irish Academy.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,238, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £.15,729, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of the Collection of Agricultural and Emigration Statistics in Ireland.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £.65,329, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of Expenses connected with the Administration of the Laws relating to the Poor in Ireland.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £.3,192, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of Expenses connected with the Administration of the Poor in Scotland.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £.2,865, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the General Assembly's College at Belfast.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £.9,298, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of the Salaries and Expenses of the General Assembly's College at Belfast.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,166, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries of the Theological Professors and the Incidental Expenses of the General Assembly's College at Belfast.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £.3,674, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the Administration of the Poor Law in Scotland.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £.100, be granted to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to defray the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, connected with the Boundary Survey, Ireland.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £.13,722, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of the Salaries of the Chief Lieutenant of Ireland to the House of Lords, &c.

20. An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£.9,298," and inserting "£.5.531. 6s. 7d.," instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£.9,298," stand part of the Resolution; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. O'Gorman,
Yea, [Mr. Adam:]
Nay, [Sir Robert Anderson:]

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The said Resolution was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vote on the 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 circumstances under which a contract or agreement was made by the Office of Works with the Venice and Murano Glass and Mosaic Company (Limited), for the Decoration of the Central Hall of the Palace of Westminster," 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 word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "an humble Address be presented to the House, a Copy of all Reports and Correspondence on the subject of Major M'Cormick's Camping System," instead thereof.

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posed, That a Sum, not exceeding £14,099, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum left out stand part of the Clause; for Public Works in
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Tellers for the Yeas | Mr. Glyn, | Mr. Adam; |
Tellers for the Noes | Mr. Robert Torrens, | Mr. White;

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. £191,850, to complete the Sum for Public Education in Ireland.
2. £530, to complete the Sum for the Commissioners of Education in Ireland.
3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £16,196, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £14,099, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow at Two of the clock.
Mr. Dodson 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Telegraph Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question. In order to add the words "the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee, to examine and take evidence upon the Contracts entered into with the several Telegraphic, Railway, and Canal Companies, with a view to determine whether they are of the character of fraudulent or of improvident Contracts contemplated in the Resolution of this House of the 24th day of July 1860; and to examine the calculations upon which the Estimates of Receipt and Expenditure, as set forth in the Reports of Mr. Scudamore and in the Statement of the Postmaster General when submitting Resolutions upon this subject, are based, with a view to determine whether there is any reasonable prospect that the said Estimates may be realised, 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 Tuesday morning;

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And the Question being put;
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits, &c., Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hatchery and Stage Carriages Law Amendment 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 Militia Pay 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 Wesleyan Lights (Ceylon) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c., Bill; Resolved, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Heritable Rights 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 Government of India 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 Government of India Act 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 Land Tax Law Amendment, &c., 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 Incloueure of Lands (No. 2) 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 Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mines (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Schools (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 5th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Volunteer Act (1863) Amendment Bill was, Volunteer Act (1863) Amendment Bill, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.
Ordered, That the Bill do pass.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Bill, for the Improvement of the Public Works (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Railways Abandonment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Building Act (1865) Amendment 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 Turnpike Acts Continuance, &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.

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.

Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, this day, at Two of the clock.

Habitation Offences Bill [Lords].

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

New Parishes and Church Building Acts Amendment Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Parishes and Church Building Acts Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being 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 the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Incorporated Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Incorporated Awards (County Palatine of Durham) Bill, as amended in the Committee on the Nitre Glycerine Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Poor Law Union Loans Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Poor Law Union Loans Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Persons visiting the Armoury in the Tower of London between the 1st day of January 1866 and the 31st day of December 1866:—Of the Number of Persons visiting the Armoury between the 1st day of January 1867 and the 31st day of December 1867:—Of the Number of Persons visiting the Armoury in the Tower of London between the 1st day of January 1868 and the 31st day of December 1868:—And, of the Amount received for Admissions in each year between the 1st day of January 1866 and the 31st day of December 1866, together with the Application of the Money so received.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of empowering the Public Works Loan Commissioners to advance Money for improving the Harbour of Calcutta, in the Colony of Bengal:—Mr. Stansfeld, 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.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and Papers respecting India which have been presented to the House in this Section of Parliament relating to the Revenues of India be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Ayrton presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Presentation of Accounts, Statements, Returns, and Documents to Parliament:—Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty's Ministers had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Governors of the Queen's College for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy to grant Superannuation Allowances to Officers and Clerks employed in their Service: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to the protection of Seamen's Clothing and Property: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Companies Clause Act (1863) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Municipal Franchise Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

The Bishops Resignation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Seamen's Clothing Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

The Queen Anne's Bounty (Superannuation Allowances) 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 after Three of the clock, on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 27th July, 1869.

Mr. Dodson reported Williams's Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Pollard-Urquhart reported from the Committee on Weights and Measures (Metropolis), that they had made further Progress in the matter to which they were appointed, and 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Shrewsbury (Ormesby) Estate Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That in the case of the Shrewsbury (Ormesby) Estate Bill, Standing Order 225 be suspended, and that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to be upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Weights and Measures (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Magistrates (County Palatine of Lancaster), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Friendly Societies, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to New Zealand, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Distillers, &c. Amend. ment Bill be taken into consideration this Return relative to Distillers, &c. Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Weights and Measures (Metropolis), which was presented into a Committee on the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

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

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee on Parliamentary Schools (Scotland) (Salaries, Expenses, and Grants), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary, Remuneration, and Expenses of the Chairman, Members, and Officers of the Board of Education for Scotland, and of the Expenses of the Office of the said Board; of the Remuneration of any Examiner and Special Commissioner; of a Contribution towards the Expense of establishing, erecting, enlarging, or rebuilding any National School or Teacher's Residence; and of a Grant towards the Maintenance of any such School, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of the present Session for extending and improving the Parochial Schools of Scotland, and for making further Provision for the Education of the People in Scotland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Glyn) Yes, [Mr. Adam]
Tellers for the (Sir Robert Amstruther) 65 Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, after the word "fifty-four," to insert the words "and with "reference to the Scotland Islands the said words "shall mean proprietors of lands and heritages "within the parish, valued in the valuation roll at "fifty pounds sterling and upwards." Question proposed. That those words be there inserted. Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, to insert before the words "The "Lord Advocate," the words "The Secretary of "Council for Scotland." Question, That those words be there inserted. Question proposed. That those words be there inserted; Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, to insert before the words "The "Lord Advocate," the words "The Secretary of "Council for Scotland." Question, That those words be there inserted — put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words, "The "Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for "Scotland." Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment — Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made to the said proposed Amendment. Amendment, as amended, agreed to. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod-son 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.

Telegraph Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Telegraph Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Metropolitan Poor Act (1867) 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.

Municipal Franchise Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Municipal Franchise Bill; and the same were 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 Select Committee on Sal. mon Fisheries have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken thereon.

Mr. Dodds 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, and an Appendix.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on General Valuation, &c. (Ireland) have Power to report their Observations and Opinion thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Col. French reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the Matters to them referred, and come to certain Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, with their Observations; 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.

Mr. Ayrton presented, by Her Majesty's Com- mand, Supplementary Estimate for Revenue De- partments (Telegraph Service), 1869-70. An Estimate of the Sum required to be voted for Greenwich Hospital and School, for the Six Hospital, Months to the 31st March 1870. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, East India To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of enabling the Secretary of State in Council of India to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the Service of the Government of India:

Mr. Secretary Bruce, by Her Majesty's Com- mand, 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, re- solve 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' Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Medical Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fines and Fees Collection Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Endowed Schools Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Endowed Schools Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fines and Fees Collection Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Medical Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charity Commissioners Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Notice being taken, That Forty Members were not present,—The House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members not being present, it being then after Four of the clock,—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 28th July, 1869.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charity Commissioners Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Order 188 be suspended in the case of the said Bill; and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed upon Friday.

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

Mr. Grant Duff presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to East India (Oudum).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to East India (Bengal Civil Service). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Distillers, &c., which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Steam Vessels, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, 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 Captain Spray's Letters to the Secretary of State for India, dated the 20th day of December 1860 and the 6th day of June 1861, with their Enclosures (Copies of Letters to the Lords of the Treasury, dated the 10th day of December 1860 and the 27th day of May 1861), and of the Secretary of State's Replies:—And, of the Secretary of State for India's Letters thereon to the Viceroy of India, dated the 29th day of June 1861; of the Viceroy's Letters to the Commissioners of Tenasserim and Pegu, dated the 27th day of August 1861; of the Tenasserim Commissioners' Reply, dated the 10th day of October 1861; and of the Viceroy's Letter to the Secretary of State for India, dated the 3rd day of June 1862; and of the Secretary of State's Reply; with Copies of any accompanying Maps (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 367, of Session 1861-2).

Ordered, That 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 Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

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 Game Laws (Scotland) 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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill; (No. 2) Bill; (No. 3) 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 Court of Exchequer (Ireland) (Repeal) Offices 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 BankRU (Scotland) 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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the BankRU (Scotland) 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 BankRU (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 Turnpike Roads 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 Intestacy Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Local Loans; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Endowed Schools 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Fines and Fees Collection 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 Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Medical Officers Superannuation (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 Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parochial Schoolmasters (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 Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parochial Schoolmasters (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 Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c. Bill; Annuities, &c. Rating Exemption Bill  be now read a second time; to which this House agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships; and acquaint them, that this House hath doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands, &c. Bill; the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits, &c. Bill; the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Lunatics Bill; the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Harbour of Galle Loan.
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Canada (Report's Land) Loan (Guarantee):
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Companies Clauses Act (1866) 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.

The Seamen's Clothing Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the borrowing Money in certain cases for the purpose of the "Sanitary Act, 1866," and the Acts amending the same; And the same was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament of all expenses that may be incurred in keeping a Register of Convicts at large on License, in pursuance of the provisions of any Act of Parliament; Mr. Secretary Bruce, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recom missioned it to the consideration of the House.

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

A Petition of Messrs. William Henry Wilkins, Edward Kel Blyth, and Robert Wood Marshall of No. 10, St. Stephen's Lane, in the City of London, Gentlemen, Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents, was presented, and read; and setting forth that an Election for the Borough of Nottingham was holden on the 15th day of June 1869, where, before the Election was declared duly carried, and was returned for the said Borough; that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, complaining of the return of the said Election; and wherein Laurence Torr, George Baker Tutin, and William Southgate are petitioners, and the said Charles Seely the younger is respondent; and praying that the said Election may be declared null and void; that the petitioners are the duly appointed agents of the said Laurence Torr, George Baker Tutin, and William Southgate; that the Honourable Sir Samuel Martin Knight, one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer of Pisa, the Judge nominated to try the said Petition, has appointed Thursday the 29th day of July 1869 for the trial of the said Petition; that the petitioners are advised that it is material that the Petition presented to the House in the Session 1869 (completing the return of Sir Robert Jukes Clifton, Baronet, and Samuel Morley, Esquire, for the Town of Nottingham, and the record of the proceedings thereupon, and also the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of the House appointed to inquire into the allegations of the said Petition, should be produced at the trial of the said first-mentioned Petition; and praying, That the proper Officer of the House may have leave to attend at the Town Hall, Nottingham, in the Town of Nottingham, on the trial of the said first-mentioned Petition, and produce the said Petition complaining of the return of Sir Robert Jukes Clifton, Baronet, and Samuel Morley, Esquire, for the Town of Nottingham, and the record of the proceedings thereupon, and also the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of the House appointed to inquire into the allegations of the said Petition.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented a Bill to facilitate the borrowing Money in certain cases for the purpose of the "Sanitary Act, 1866," and the Acts amending the same; And the same was read a second time; and ordered to be read on Monday next; and to be printed.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House till To-morrow, without putting the Question.

Thursday, 29th July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, and 27th 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 11th day of March 1867, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Law of Hypothec in Scotland, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 22nd day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-fifth Report of Commissioners for the National Education in Ireland, for the year 1868.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return Consulatary to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Consulatary (Irish) Firearms.

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

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented,—Return to Army (Assistant Surgeons) an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to the Army (Assistant Surgeons).

Mr. Secretary Cardwell also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report of the Account of the Amount due by the Public to Depositors in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1867, and of the Receipts, Interests, and Disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on the 31st March 1868, including the Amount on account of Army Charitable Funds; and of the subsequent Receipts, Interests, and Disbursements on account thereof, to the 31st March 1868. Also, an Account of the Sums paid over by the Secretary of State for War to the Commissioners for the Re-election of the National Debt, for Investment in Bank Annuities on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks; and of the Dividends reported to the Secretary of State for War by the said Commissioners.

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

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

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Mr. Bright also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Scurvy.

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 Correspondence between the Foreign Office and Her Majesty's Consuls; also between the Board of Admiralty and the Commodores on the Australian and South Pacific Stations, in regard to the deportation of South Sea Islanders.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names and Situations of all Coast Guard Stations, with Total Cost of each, for the year ending December 1868; together with the Number and Rating of Officers and Men engaged in the Service.

N.B. The Number of Stations is

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Number of nearest Seaport.

Total Property.

Interest and Other Expenditure.

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2. £ 116,275, to complete the Sum for Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, formerly paid out of the County Rates.

3. £ 45,242, to complete the Sum for such Salaries and Expenses of the Superior Courts of Common Law as are not charged upon the Consolidated Fund.

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6. £ 8,870, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Registrar and Marshal of the High Court of Admiralty.

7. £ 3,400, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and contingent Expenses of the Office of Land Registry.

8. £ 21,284, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of London and Skinners.

9. £ 141,449, to complete the Sum for the Metropolitan Police.

10. £ 235,000, to complete the Sum for the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales, and for the Police in Scotland.


12. £ 175,974, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Prisoners in County and Borough Prisons, of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory Schools, and of Criminal Lunatics in Private Asylums in Great Britain.


14. £ 14,335, to complete the Sum for Miscellaneous Legal Charges in England.

15. £ 50,498, to complete the Sum for Salaries and Incidental Expenses connected with Criminal Proceedings in Scotland.

16. £ 56,764, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Officers of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

17. £ 15,099, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Officers in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

18. £ 16,949, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Prisoners in the Prisons at Perth, Ayr, etc.

19. £ 58,264, to complete the Sum for Criminal Prosecutions and other law Charges in Ireland.

20. £ 39,379, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Chancery in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

21. £ 20,907, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Superior Courts of Common Law in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

22. £ 5,510, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and the Incidental Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland.

23. £ 5,933, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of the Landed Estates Court, Ireland.

24. £ 1,130, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Probate in Ireland, and of the District Registrars.

25. £ 8,857, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Admiralty Court Registry, Ireland.

26. £ 2,292, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office for the Registration of Deeds in Ireland.

27. £ 2,282, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office for the Registration of Judgments in Ireland.

28. £ 63,045, to complete the Sum for the Metropolitan Police, Dublin.

29. £ 603,544, to complete the Sum for the Constabulary Force in Ireland.

30. £ 44,193, to complete the Sum for the Superintendence and Inspection of Government Prisons and Reformatory Schools, for the Maintenance of Convicts in Government Prisons, and of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory Schools, in Ireland.

31. £ 6,000, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Prisoners in County and Borough Gaols in Ireland.

32. £ 3,272, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dunedin Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

33. £ 1,750, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Four Courts Marshalsea, Dublin.

34. £ 8,820, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses in Ireland.

35. £ 64,453, to complete the Sum for the Convict Establishments in the Colonies.

36. £ 5,360, to complete the Sum for the Asylums and Establishment in the Colonies.

37. £ 3,134, to complete the Sum for the Offices of Consular Establishments in the Colonies.

38. £ 4,288, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Allowances of Governors, etc., and for other Expenses in certain Colonies.

39. £ 174,451, to complete the Sum for the Consular Establishments Abroad.

40. £ 4,288, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Allowances of Consuls, etc., and for other Expenses in certain Colonies.

41. £ 3,134, to complete the Sum for the Orange River Territory (Cape of Good Hope), and the Island of St. Helena.

42. £ 8,260, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mixed Commissions established under the Treaties with Foreign Powers for suppressing the Traffic in Slaves.

43. £ 22,545, to complete the Sum for Tonnage Bounties and Bounties on Slaves, and for Expenses of the Liberated Africans Department.

44. £ 8,906, to complete the Sum for the Emigration Board.

45. £ 500, to complete the Sum for Expenses connected with the Emigration of Coolies from India to Brench Colonies.

29th July.
44. £ 3,047, to complete the Sum on account of the Treasury Chest.
45. £ 171,877, to complete the Sum for Superannuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service.
46. £ 30,400, to complete the Sum for the Relief of Distressed British Seamen Abroad.
47. £ 30,400, to complete the Sum for the support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries, Ireland.
48. £ 4,605, to complete the Sum for Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Great Britain.
49. £ 171,877, to complete the Sum for the support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries, Ireland.
50. £ 31,000, to complete the Sum for Temporary Commissions.
51. £ 31,147, to complete the Sum for Dues payable by British and Foreign Vessels under Treaties of Reciprocity.
52. £ 580, for the Telegraphic Cable laid between Malta and Alexandria, and of the Telegraph to Bismarck.
53. £ 2,000, to complete the Sum for Encouragement of Flax in Ireland.
54. £ 7,084, to complete the Sum for the Service of the Government of India, for the Cultivation of Flax in Ireland.
55. £ 380, for the Telegraphic Cable laid between Malta and Alexandria, and of the Telegraph to Bismarck.
56. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 25,247, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses: Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 19,084, 6s., be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses:—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 Friday morning;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock. Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Telegraph Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Instruction of transcript of message):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

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, resolved itself into a Committee on East India Loan.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to enable the Secretary of State in Council of India to raise a Sum not exceeding £ 8,000,000, in the United Kingdom, for the Service of the Government of India, on the credit of the Revenues of India. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fortification of the East India Company's Forts on the Malabar Coast.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

And the House having continued to sit till after 29th of July, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had came to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock. Mr. Dodson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Harbour of Galle Loan.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to empower the Public Works Loan Commissioners, out of any money for the time being at their disposal for the purpose of Harbours, to advance to the Government of the Colony of Ceylon, a Sum or Sums not exceeding in the whole £250,000, to be applied in improving and fortifying the Harbour of Galle in the said Colony. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Canada (Report's Land Loan (Guarantee)); 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 Inclosure of Lands Bill (Guarantee); 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 Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment 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 Militia Pay Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Heritable Rights 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 Land Tax Law Amendment, &c. 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 Volunteer Act (1863) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the said Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Zanzibar (Jurisdiction of Consuls) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, Vol. 124.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Rate Abandonment Bill; 

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and ordered to be read a second time this day.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Balance Sheet and detailed Account of Shipbuilding and other Dockyard Transactions in the Financial Year 1868-69; showing for each of the Home Dockyards, and for the Foreign Yards, &c., the Amount paid out of the Votes for Dockyard Services, as per Statement of Savings and Deficiencies; and its application to the building, completion, and maintenance of Her Majesty's Ships, together with Accounts showing also the Value of Land and Buildings, and Stock of Timber and Stores in the Home Yards at the beginning and end of the year, and the Amount received and expended in connection with other Services than those provided for in the Dockyard Votes, prepared, as far as practicable, in pursuance of recommendation of Select Committees on Admiralty Moneys and Accounts, 27th July 1868. Mr. Childers accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Balance Sheet showing the Cost of Manufacturing and Repairing Articles on Conveyance at the several Dockyards and Factories in the Financial Year 1866-67.

Mr. Childers accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill (Lords.) No. 370.

Bankruptcy Bill. Lords. To the Bankruptcy Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankruptcy Bill be taken into consideration this day, and be printed.

Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill. Lords. To the Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration this day, and be printed.

Agricultural Labourers' Earnings. Lords. To the Agricultural Labourers' Earnings Bill, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Bill be taken into consideration this day, and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Average Rate of Weekly Earnings of Agricultural Labourers in the Unions of England and Wales, in respect of the Michaelmas and Christmas Quarters 1869, and the Lady Day and Midsummer Quarters 1870, according to the annexed Form, and so far as the same can be readily obtained —

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Mr. Goughen accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Names of the Unions in England and Wales, showing in which of them the Valuation Lists have been completely revised and re-valued, 1869.

Ordered, That the Amendment to the Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill, be read the third time; and ordered to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fisheries, which was presented upon the 26th day (Ireland.) of this instant July, be printed. Vide Thirty-second Report.

Ordered, That the Amendment to the Agricultural Labourers' Earnings Bill, be read the third time; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Military Sums advanced by Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fisheries (Ireland), which was presented upon the 26th day (Ireland.) of this instant July, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Merchant Ships (Sea-men's Accommodation), which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Scurvy, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Chain Cables and Anchors Act, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Gottland and Heligoland, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Ayrton presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to the Revenue (Ireland).

Mr. Ayrton also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant granting Compensation to Hector Mason and William Shield, Assistant Clerks of Seamen, Scotland, and to John Barron, Deputy Clerk of Teinds, Scotland.

Copy of Treasury Warrant, granting a Compensation Allowance to Mr. W. P. Dudgeon, for Loss as Keeper of the Register of Entails, Scotland.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—General Report of the Proceedings of the Conservators of the River Thames, from the 1st January 1868 to the 31st December 1868; with Accounts of Moneys received and expended by the Conservators of the River Thames, for one year ending December 1868.


Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Caledonian Canal 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, Return to the Names of the Examiners appointed to examine the Candidates who presented themselves since the last Return for Admission to the Engineers' Establishment and Public Works Department in India:—Of the Names of the successful Candidates in Order of Merit, and their Places of Education:—And, of the Marks which were assigned on each Subject to every Candidate (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 234, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That 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. Speaker do issue his Warrant New Sarum to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ Writ for the election of a Citizen to serve in this present Parliament for the City of New Sarum, in the room of Edward William Terrick Hamilton, Esquire, who, since his election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltnar Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Honeham, in the County of Buckingham.

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

(For the Committee.)

1. £. 1,008,243, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.
2. £. 1,004,816, for the Inland Revenue Department.
3. £. 2,282,841, for the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances.
4. £. 705,780, to complete the Sum, for the Post Office Packet Service; no part of which Sum is to be applicable or applied in or towards making any payment in respect of any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1863 to Mr. Joseph George Churchward, or to any person claiming through or under him by virtue of a certain Contract, bearing date the 26th day of April 1859, made between the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Admiralty (for and on behalf of Her Majesty) of the first part, and the said Joseph George Churchward of the second part, or in or towards the satisfaction of any claim whatsoever of the said Joseph George Churchward, by virtue of that Contract, so far as relates to any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1863.
5. £. 90,000, for the Telegraph Service.
6. Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 5,000, to complete the Sum, for such Salaries and Expenses of the Superior Courts of Common Law as are not charged upon the Consolidated Fund.
7. Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 5,000, to complete the Sum, for the reception in Government Prisons in England of Military Prisoners sentenced by Courts Martial to longenonth periods of Imprisonment.
8. £. 38,500, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Chancery as are not charged upon the Consolidated Fund.
9. £. 25,500, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy as are not charged upon the Consolidated Fund.
10. Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 1,200, to complete the Sum, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art.
11. £. 8,000, for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of the Endowed Schools, England, Commission.
12. Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 30,000, to complete the Sum, for Superannuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service.
13. Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 4,500, to
33 Victoria. 30th July.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the Fortifications (Provision for Ex-

penses) 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 month, re-

spond to 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. Glyn,

Yea's; 100;

Mr. Adam:

Tellers for the Mr. Taylor,

Noes; (Sir Wifred Lawson): 32.

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.

CLIQUE, No. 1 (The sum of £1,510,000 to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund towards exp-

enses after mentioned). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the words "One million five hundred and ten thou-

sand," in order to insert the words "One million two hundred and eighty-five thousand."

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the Mr. Glyn, 100.

Mr. Adam:

Tellers for the Mr. Taylor,

Noes; (Sir Wifred Lawson): 32.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time TOMORROW.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on the East India Loan, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth :

That it is expedient to enable the Secretary of State in Council of India to raise a Sum not exceeding £8,000,000, in the United Kingdom for the Service of the Government of India, on the credit of the Revenues of India.

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. Dodson, Mr. Grant Duff, and Mr. Stanfield do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £37,685,  be Law Charges granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Law Charges, and for the Salaries, Allowances, and Incidental Expenses, including Prosecutions relating to Coin, in the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £118,073, be Criminal Expenses of Habitual Criminals [Expenses of Register] Grant to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Prosecutions at Assizes and Quarter Sessions, formerly paid out of the County Rates, including Adjudications under the Criminal Justice Act and the Juvenile Offenders Acts, for Sheriffs' Expenses, Salaries to Clerks of Assize and other Officers, and for Compensation to Clerks of the Peace, and certain other Expenses of the same Class.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £45,282, be Common Law Expenses of Habitual Criminals [Expenses of Register] to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Expenses of the Superior Courts of Common Law as are not charged upon the Consolidated Fund.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £325,075, be Criminal Expenses of Habitual Criminals [Expenses of Register] to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Probate and Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £61,735, be Probate and Divorce Expenses of Habitual Criminals [Expenses of Register] to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Probate and Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in Ireland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,070, be Matrimonial Expenses of Habitual Criminals [Expenses of Register] to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Expenses.
of the Offices of the Registrar and Marshal of the
High Court of Admiralty.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,480, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Concurrent Expenses of the Office of Land
Registry.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 21,254, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Police Courts of London and
Shorness.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 141,449, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Metropolitan
Police.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 285,000, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Police in Counties
and Boroughs in England and Wales, and for the
Police in Scotland.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 208,712, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, of the Superintendence of
Convicts in Government Prisons in England,
and the Expenses of Transportation.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 175,632, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance of
Prisoners in County and Borough Prisons, of
Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory and Industrial
Schools, and of Criminal Lunatics in Private Asylums
in Great Britain.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 21,910, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Warden of the
Criminal Lunatic Asylum in the Broadmoor
Criminal Lunatic Asylum, England.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,335, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, of Miscellaneous Legal Charges
in England.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,198, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Inci­
dental Expenses connected with Criminal Pro­
cedings in Scotland.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,784, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for Salaries and Ex­
penses of the Officers of the Courts of Law and
Justice in Scotland.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 15,099, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Ex­
penses of the Offices in Her Majesty’s General
Register House, Edinburgh.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 16,949, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Management of
Prisons in Scotland, and for the Maintenance of
Prisons in the Prisons at Perth, Argy., &c.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 65,584, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, of Criminal Prosecutions
and other Law Charges in Ireland.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,379, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for such of the Salaries
and Expenses of the Court of Chancery in Ireland
as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 20,097, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and the
Incidental Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy
and Insolvency in Ireland.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,003, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and the
Incidental Expenses of the Landed Estates Court,
Ireland.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,730, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and the
Incidental Expenses of the Probate Court, Ireland.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,262, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Management of
Prisons, and Expenses of the Court of Probate in Ireland,
and Expenses for the Maintenance of Convicts in
Government Prisons in England, and Expenses of
Convicts in Government Prisons in Ireland.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,150, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Admiralty Court Registry, Ireland.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,857, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Office for the Registration of
Deeds in Ireland.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,262, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Office for the Registration of
Judgments in Ireland.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 65,443, be
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
course of payment during the year ending on the
31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and
Expenses of the Commissioners of Police, of the
Police Courts, and of the Metropolitan Police,
Dublin.
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Constabulary Force in Ireland.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,273, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dublin Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,730, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Four Courts, Dublin.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,520, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses in Ireland.

35. That a Sum, not exceeding £85,452, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Convict Establishments in the Colonies.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £155,367, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad.

37. That a Sum, not exceeding £174,431, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

38. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,154, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Allowances of Governors, &c., and for other Expenses of certain Dependencies in India.

39. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,260, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mixed Commissions established under the Treaties with Foreign Powers for suppressing the Traffic in Slaves.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,345, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Support of Emigration and other Allowances in Great Britain.

41. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Tenage Bounties and Bounties on Slaves, and for Expenses of the Liberated African Department.

42. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,947, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, on account of the Treasury Chest, for Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children, under the Merchant Seamen's Fund.

43. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,187, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Superannuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service.

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children, under the Merchant Seamen's Fund Act, and for Compensation to the late Officers of the Trustees of the Merchant Seamen's Fund.

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Pensions to Masters and Seamen Abroad.

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,285, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Miscellaneous Charitable, &c. Allowances to Insane, Great Britain and Ireland.

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,325, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Maintenance of Prisoners in County and Borough Gaols in Ireland.

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,985, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Reformatory Schools, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dublin Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland, and the Mandate in Egypt.

49. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Support of certain Hospitals and Infirmaries, Ireland.

50. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,153, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Emigration Board, and Emigration Officers at the different Ports of this Kingdom, and for certain other Expenses connected with Emigration.

51. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Establishment of Orphan Asylums in Great Britain.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Support of the Established Church in Ireland.
The Order for the House to resolve itself into 

East India Revenue Accounts, was read, and discharged.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Government Committee, upon Monday next, on the Government of India Act Amendment Bill, was read, [Bill [ Lords] ]
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Account, No.46, of the Finance Accounts, which were presented upon the 29th day of June last, be referred to the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Deeds or Instruments enrolled during the last Three years in the High Court of Chan­ nery under the Act 23 & 24 Vic. c. 134, being an Act to amend the Law regarding the Roman Catholic Charities, and under any subsequent Act relating to or enlarging the Government or extending the said Act, giving the Names of the Trustees; the Date of their Execution of such Instruments, and of the property to which such Deeds or Instruments relate,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam ],
Tellers for the Noes [Mr. Neddock, Mr. Apton ],
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;
Saturday, 31st July, 1869:
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
1. Resolved, That, towards making good the surplus of Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £21,746,884 2s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom for Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolved to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inclosure of Lands Bill.

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, Nos. 1 and 2, agreed to.

A Clause (Recreation allotment for the Wickweed Inclosure), brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "Landlot."

Question put, That the word "Landlot" stand part of the Schedule;—Agreed to.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Glyn; 
Mr. Adam; 
Mr. Harcourt.

Tellers for the Nays, 

Mr. Taylor.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "Piecombe."

Question put, That the word "Piecombe" stand part of the Schedule;—Agreed to.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Glyn; 
Mr. Adam; 
Mr. Locke.

Tellers for the Nays, 

Mr. Taylor.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved 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 Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Militia Pay Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Militia Pay Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Basses Lights (1863) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Basses Lights (1863) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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.

Public Works (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Works (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Nitro Glycerine Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Nitro Glycerine Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, on the motion of Mr. Dodson, moved, and carried.

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 Inclosure of Lands Bill.

Ordered, 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 Volunteer Act (1863) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly 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 Zanzibar (Jurisdiction of Consul) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ordered, 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 Accounts, &c. Presentation Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Criminal Lunatics 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 Committee on the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits, &c. Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Clerk of Assize Bill was, according to Order, Clerk of Assize Bill;—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 Clerk of Assize Bill was, according to Order, Clerk of Assize Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Railways Abandonment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

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 New Parishes and Church Building Acts Amendment 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, 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Offices Concentration [Contribution to Parishial Rates];

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Hackney and Stage Carriage Law Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) 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 Canada Defences Loan (Guarantee);

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Offices Abolition Bill,

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankruptcy Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Supplemenal (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Queen Anne's Bounty (Superannuation Allowances) 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 Annuity Tax (Edinburgh) Bill;

Headed, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Landloure Awards (Counties Palatine of Durham) Bill;

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

The Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Foreign and Colonial Return of all Loans to Foreign Countries and British Colonies, and of all Loans raised by Foreign Countries and British Colonies, of which the Capital or Interest have been guaranteed by Act of Parliament, from 1826 to 1866 inclusive, giving the Date of each Loan or guaranteed Loan, the purpose for which it was intended, and stating in the case of each Loan whether it has been repaid in whole or in part; and, if not, whether the Interest on it has been paid, and in the case of each guaranteed Loan, whether the liability incurred by the Guarantee has been diminished; and, if so, to what extent.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider Plans for New Refreshment & Dining Rooms for both Houses of Parliament, and for Improvements in the Lady's Gallery of the House of Commons:—And a Committee was appointed of Lord John Manners, Mr. Bowyer, Mr. Henry Smith, Colonel French, and Mr. Layard; with Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

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 County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Shipping and Navigation Exemption Act (1867) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Imprisonment for Debt Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the New Law Courts have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Lords John Manners reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

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 before Three of the clock on Saturday afternoon, adjourned till this day.
Saturday, 31st July, 1869.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Aytoun reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,008,343, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,004,516, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Island Revenue Department.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,392,341, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Department.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £799,780, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Post Office Packet Service; no part of which Sum is to be applicable or applied in or towards making any payment in respect of any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1865 to Mr. Joseph George Churchward, or to any person claiming through or under him by virtue of a certain Contract, bearing date the 26th day of April 1859, made between the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Admiralty (for and on behalf of Her Majesty) of the first part, and the said Joseph George Churchward of the said Secretary to the Admiralty, of the second part, or in or towards the satisfaction of any judgment or award in any suit or action against the said Joseph George Churchward, by virtue of that Contract, so far as relates to any period subsequent to the 20th day of June 1865.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Telegraph Service.

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £5,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Military Prisoners in Government Prisons.

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Chancery.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £38,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £49,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Court of Bankruptcy.

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, of the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art, and of the Establishments connected therewith.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for the Salaries and Incidental Expenses of the Endowed Schools, England, Commission.

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £50,000 be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, for Supplementary Peranuation and Retired Allowances to Persons formerly employed in the Public Service.

13. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £4,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Revenue.

14. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £68,118, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools, which will come in course of payment during the Six Months ending on the 31st day of March 1870.

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

Mr. Aytoun reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there be issued and applied to the Ways and Means, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, the Sum of £798,132. 17s. 9d.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1870, the Surplus of Ways and Means granted for the Service of the year ending the 31st day of March 1870, the Sum of £7,969,132. 17s. 9d., being the Surplus of Ways and Means granted for the Service of preceding years.

3. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the Sum of £21,746,864. 2s. 3d., be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Consolidated to apply a Sum, out of the Consolidated Fund and (Appropriation,) the Surplus of Ways and Means, to the Endowed Schools, England, Commission.

Constitutional Bill, to be called the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loamy) Bill.

Preliminary postponed.

Clause, No. 1 to No. 21, with Amendments to fifteen of them, agreed to.

Clause, No. 22 (Power to levy consolidated taxes.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided always, That such first mentioned proportion shall be assessed and raised in like manner, and subject to the same provisions as the severer rate, to be made under the Act of the eighteenth and nineteenth Victoria, "chapter one hundred and twenty."

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

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and Stage into a Committee on the Hackney and Stage Car-

The House, according to Order, resolved itself (in the Committee.)

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the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee do report the Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Duff 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 Fortifications (Provision for Expenses) Bill Fortifications was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Militia (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 Militia Pay Bill was, according to Order, Militia Pay 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 Basses Lights take into consideration the Basses Lights (Ceylon) (Ceylon) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Public Works (Ireland) Bill was, according to Public Works 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 Drainage and Improvement of Lands (free Drainage and land) Act (1865) Amendment Bill was, according to Improvement 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 Account, &c. Presentation 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 Respecting Laws into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Cons- Cons, and, after some time spent therein.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Duff reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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Ordered, That Clause, N° 9 (Regulations as to hackney and stage carriages).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 53, to leave out the words "for regulating the," in order to insert the words "for the purpose of which the." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amend­ ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 10, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 11 to N° 13, agreed to.

Clause, N° 14, disagreed to.

Clauses, N° 15 and N° 16, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Question, That Clause, N° 22, be divided into two Clauses—put, and agreed to.

Question, That all the words, as amended, from the words "the Board," in p. 6, l. 16, down to the word "purpose," in p. 7, l. 25, be a Clause of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 22v, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 23 to N° 33, with Amendments to six of them, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 34 (Additional borrowing powers of Board).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 11, to leave out all the words after the word "namely" to the words "1850," in l. 16.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amend­ ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 35 to N° 47, with Amendments to eleven of them, agreed to.

Two Clauses added.

Another Clause (Investment by Trustees in Stock)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Park Lands vested in the Met­ropolitain Board of Works)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas {Mr. Tuke,  } 40.

Tellers for the Noes {Mr. Glyn, } 34.

Clause read a second time, agreed to, and added.

First and Second Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 House, according to Order, received itself into a Committee on the Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 5, agreed to.

Clause, N° 6 (Grant of Hackney Carriage Licences).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9 and 10, to leave out the words "be subject to revision " or supervision in such events, and generally be "dealt with in such manner."

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, to leave out the words "Three pounds three," in order to insert the word "Ten.

Question, That the words "Three pounds three" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 7, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 8, amended, and agreed to.
Ordered, That Lord John Manners be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Plans for New Dining Rooms, &c.

Ordered, That Colonel Wilson Patten be added to the Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Revenues of India, of a Pension to any Member of the Council of India who may resign office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend in certain respects the Act for the better Government of India;

Sir Colenso O'Loughlin, 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.

Mr. Ayrton 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 ending the 31st day of March 1870, 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.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Land Tax Law Amendment, &c. Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Vessels not Armour-plated, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Iron-plated Ships and Batteries, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Eastern Turkestan), which was presented, upon the 26th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Thames Conservancy, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 2nd August, 1869.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Collingston and Calstock 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. Browne, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Elibourn and Glyn 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Bill was 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Portheeil Pier 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 Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on the Dispatch of Business in Parliament, have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Dodds reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and come to several Resolutions; which they had directed him to report to the House, with their Observations, 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.

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

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 Session of 1868-9, classed 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; Incoitures; Small Debt Courts; and all other Bills and Acts:—Of all the Private Bills which, in the Session of 1868-9, 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 Session of 1868-9, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or 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 Member attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0,109, of Session 1867-8).

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1868-9; the Subject of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee met, and the Number of Days each Member attended; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who moved for such Committee; also, the Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.107, of Session 1867-8).

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat in the Session of 1868-9, stating, for each Day, the Date of the Month, and the Day of the Week, the Hour of Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the Average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each Day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each Day's Votes and Proceedings, (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.109, of Session 1867-8).

Division of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House, in the Session of 1868-9; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Fathers included; also the Aggregate Number in 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. 0.108, of Session 1867-8).

Mr. Charles Forster reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st days of July 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.


Lord Elcho reported from the Select Committee on Hungerford Bridge and Westminster Street Viaduct; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and come to several Resolutions; which they had directed him to report to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod; Mr. Speaker. The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, 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 he had laid before 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 Copy of 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 make better Provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the Revenues thereof.  
An Act to amend the Law relating to the Repayment of Loans to Poor Law Unions.  
An Act to abolish the distinction as to Priority of Payment which now exists between the Specialty and simple Contract Debts of Documents.  
An Act to provide for the discharge of the Duties herebefore performed by High Constables, and for the Abolition of such Offices, with certain Exceptions.  
An Act to amend the Companies Clauses Act, 1863.

An Act to enable Local Authorities to collect Fines and Fees by means of Stamps.  
An Act to provide for Superannuation Allowances to Medical Officers of Poor Law Unions, and of Dispensary Districts of such Unions, in Ireland.  
An Act to shorten the Term of Residence required as a Qualification for the Municipal Franchise, and to make provision for other purposes.  
An Act to amend the Law relating to Endowed Schools and other Educational Establishments in Schools Bill.  
An Act to amend the County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act, 1866, and to give Jurisdiction in certain Maritime Causes.  
An Act for the Amendment of "The Shipping Dues Exemption Act, 1867."  
An Act to amend the Cinque Ports Act.  
An Act to amend the Law relating to the Protection of Seamen's Clothing and Property.  
An Act to amend the Act of the first and second years of Victoria, chapter fifty-six, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Relief of the Inhabitants Poor in Ireland."  
An Act to incorporate a Company for constructing Houses, Docks, Workhouses, and other Works, in the Parish of Holyhead, in the County of Anglesea.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented Southwick to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give Directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report by Inspector in Medical Department of Privy Council Office on the Results of an Inquiry into the Causes of the Dearthness of the Water supplied by the Southwick and Fairhull and Lambeth Water Companies.

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.

An Act to make better Provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the Revenues thereof.  
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Orders of the Day, having precedence of other Orders of the Day to-morrow and upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into Consideration Amendments made by the Lords to the Bankruptcy Bill.

The said Amendments having been read a second time, several were agreed to; several were amended, and agreed to; and several were disagreed to; and consequential Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Secretary Bruce, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Aytoun, Mr. Childers, Mr. Naylor, and Mr. Radstock:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill

(CLause No. 4 (Meeting of the Board. Three members to be a quorum). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. J. L. G. L. C. J. H. M. C.]

Tellers for the [Mr. C. S. Prince, 113. Noes. [Mr. Adam: 131.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be postponed — put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 5 (Power to appoint Committees). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, to leave out the words " One or, or but, or " Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 6 (Power to make rules and regulations which shall be laid before Parliament).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, after the word " occasion," to insert the words " to frame a code for Scotland in accordance with the provisions contained in the Schedule (A) to this Act, and.

Question put, That those words be there inserted; The Committee divided.


Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 7, agreed to.

Clause, No. 8, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 9 (Union of Parochial Schools). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 20, to leave out the words " and ministers."

Question proposed, That the words " and ministers" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause disagreed to.

Clause, No. 10, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 11 (Board to fix as to each parish or burgh the number of schools required).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 10, after the word " Act," to insert the words " or " whether the existing parochial and Parliamentary schools ought to be enlarged.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 10, after the word " Act," to insert the words " due regard being had to the number of private or endowed schools already existing in the parish or burgh, and the quality of the education furnished therein."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words " Number of private or endowed schools."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;
Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 12, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 13, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, No 14 (Board may resolve to erect new schools).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adams; 128.
Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Crawford; Mr. McLaren : 11.

CLAUSE, No 15 (School committee to take proceedings to erect school).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 12, after the word "buildings" to insert the words "not already used as a school."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 16, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 17 (School Committee may elect Teacher, &c).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 6, to leave out the words "thirty-five," in order to insert the word "fifty."

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "thirty-five" and "ministers, &c."

Question proposed, That the words "and ministers" stand part of the said proposed Amendment.

Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 18, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 19 (School Committees may combine to employ teachers of special subjects).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 48, after the word "the" to insert the words "heritors and "minister."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "heritors and "minister."

Question proposed, That the words "and minister" stand part of the said proposed Amendment.

Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 20, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, No 21 and No 22, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 23 (Power of Board to consider expedience of resolution to convert).

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be postponed.—put, 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 Tuesday morning:

THURSDAY, 3rd August, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Dodson 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.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be signed to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bankruptcy Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments to Clause 5:

Because the Amendment would allow fraudulent traders to escape all penal consequences, by forming themselves into firms consisting of seven or more partners; and, because it would alter the Law relating to the distribution of joint and separate estates in all cases of firms consisting of seven or more partners; and, because the present Law has not been productive of any inconvenience.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment to Clause 18:

Because it is desirable to make the appointment of a Committee of Inspection obligatory on the creditors.

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.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out the Clause (Park Lands vested in the Metropolitan Board of Works).

And the Question being put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. W. M. Torrens; Mr. Holms; 56.
Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Adam; 79.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Imprisonment for Debt Bill; and the Lords to the Imprisonment for Debt 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 the Committee of the House of Commons, for considering the Inclosure of Lands Bill, &c.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Harbour of Galle Loan Bill was, according to Harbour of 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 Inclosure of Lands 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 Inclosure of Reading of the Inclosure of Lands (No. 2) Bill; as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr.
Mr. Ayrton reported from the Committee on Canada (Rupert's Land) Loan (Guaranteed), a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorize the Treasury to guarantee the Interest of a Loan not exceeding £500,000, to be raised by the Governor in Council of Canada, under the terms of an Arrangement concluded with the Hudson's Bay Company for the surrender of Rupert's Land to Her Majesty; and to make provision for the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, of such Sums as may be required to fulfil the said 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. Dodson, Mr. Stansfield, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in.

Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment Bill

The Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Heritable Rights Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Heritable Rights Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

East India Loan Bill

The East India Loan Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

Government Annuities, &c. Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Government Annuities, &c.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Office Abolition Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offices Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Dividends on Public Stocks Bill

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dividends on Public Stocks Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Two of the clock.

Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Supplemental (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Hucknay and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hucknay and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Expanding Laws Continuance Bill

The Expanding Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do pass, and the same be read the first time, and ordered to be read a second Bill 254, time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Government of India Act Amendment (Pension of Members of the Council of India).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of the Revenues of India, of a Pension to any Member of the Council of India who may resign office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend in certain respects the Act for the better Government of India.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill

Resolved, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charity Commissioners Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) 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 Queen Anne's Bounty (Superannuation Allowances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Curator (County Palatine of Durham) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That there be laid before this House, a List of the Irish Magistracy, according to the following Tabular Form:

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And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Braghly to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of Braglly; and that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Adam do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Stansfield presented a Bill for authorizing a Canada Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Canada for the purchase of Rupert's Land: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second Bill 228, time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Adam presented a Bill to confirm a Braghly vision Order under "The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862," relating to the Burgh of Braglly; And the same was Bill 228, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second Bill 254, time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
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Ordered, That the Return relative to Lunaticks, Locations, &c. (Irish Asylums), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to British Columbia, &c., which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 399.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Court's Courts, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, pursuant to the Poor Law, directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the Poor Law Board, 1868-69, in pursuance of the Statute 10 & 11 Vict. c. 109, s. 13.

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, Petitions, dated the 18th day of June last, for Returns relative to Election Petitions.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ Annoo Writ 

Certify 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 the present Parliament for the County of Antrim, in the room of Rear Admiral George Henry Seymour, c. n., deceased.

Received, 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 Papers relating to the recent outbreak of Cholera in the Settlement of the 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Consolidated into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Ap- Fund (Ap- propriation) Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodds reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on East India Revenue Accounts. (In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it appears by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1868 was £4,563,412; the Total of the Direct Claims upon the Revenue, including Charges of Collection and Cost of Salt and Opium, was £6,957,464; the Charges in India, including Interest on Debt, and Public Works ordinary, were £3,360,409; the Value of Stores supplied from England was £970,998; the Charges in England were £5,710,580; the Guaranteed Interest on the Capital of Railway and other Companies, in India and in England, deducting Net Traffic Receipts, was £1,540,435, making a Total Charge for the same year of £4,954,107;
The Lords have agreed to the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Supplemental (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Evidence Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Jamaica Loans (Jamaica Loans) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Insolvent Debtors Insolvent and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Millbank Prison Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Act (1868) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Millbank Prison Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Straits Settlements Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill be taken into consideration Tuesday next.

Mr. John Bright presented, by Her Majesty's Lightwood, Command,—Copy of Papers relative to a proposal to substitute Gas for Oil, as an Illuminating Power in Lighthouses. Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mansell presented,—Return to an Address Crown Lands to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of April last, (Colonies.) for Returns relative to Crown Lands (Colonies.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 16th day of June last, for Returns relative to Emigration. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro- National Debt, passed. That, in the opinion of this House, those (Dublin), who are not Members of the Established Church cannot be placed in a position of equality with regard to University Education in Ireland until all the Fellowships and Scholarships of Trinity College, Dublin, are freed from all Religious Disabilities—and the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro- National Debt, passed. That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that steps should be taken gradually to reduce the National Debt—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 in the opinion of this House, a Court of Inquiry should be held at Sierra Leone to investigate the charges against Mr. Horatio James Huggins, the Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone, contained in the Petition from that Settlement sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Papers relating to the charge made by the Police against three young men on the night of the 29th of June last, and tried before Mr. Knae, the Police Magistrate, at Marlborough Street;—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Wednesday, 4th August, 1869:

Orderd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Remuneration of Attorneys and Solicitors:—And that Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Motley, and Mr. George Gregory 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 Copy or Extracts of any Correspondence on the subject of the Extension of Railways in India, and their future Construction and Management, previous to that presented to this House on the 23rd ultimo.

Orderd, 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.

Orderd, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Gallons of Foreign, and Colonial Spirits respectively consumed in each of the Four years ending on or about the 31st day of December 1868, after giving effect to the Quantities measured and exported on Drawback, according to the mode of Exemption adopted in the Third Report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 474, of Session 1846) — Like Return for England and Ireland respectively:—And, Return of the Number of Houses licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Drinks in each of the Four years 1865 to 1868 inclusive, in Scotland, in each Excise Collection and District, distinguishing in each case, Hotels, Grocers' Shops, and Public-houses.

Orderd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the Regulation of Benefit Building Societies:—And that Mr. Gurdon, Sir Roundell Palmer, and Mr. Stevens do prepare, and bring it in.

Orderd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Sanitary Act, 1866," so far as the same relates to Ireland:—And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, and Mr. Chichester Fortescue do prepare, and bring it in.

Orderd, 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 Letter from the Sanitary Commissioners to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated the 30th day of July 1869, and the Answer thereto.

Orderd, That 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 into a Committee on the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 24 (Schools converted into new National Schools shall be managed each). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Eller, Sir Edward Colebrooke: 38. 39.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Adams, Mr. Glyn: 98. 99.]

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adams: 102. 103.]

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Knight, Mr. Ponter: 134. 135.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adams: 100. 101.]

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Inclosure of Lands Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1. 14, by leaving out the word "Piscah" and the Question being put, That the word "Piscah" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adam: 72. 73.]

Tellers for the Noes [Mr. Taylor, Sir Henry Hope: 54. 55.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day going on.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inclosure of Lands Bill (No. 2);—Tellers for the Yeas [Mr. Adam: 100. 101.]

Tellers for the Noes [Mr. Glyn, Mr. Adams: 102. 103.]

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 East India Loan Bill;—and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Third Reading of the Metropolis Board of Works Loan (Loans) Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;—An
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “Bill” be to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “re-committed to a Committee of the whole House to consider of a provision as Clause 27.”

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Harbour of Galle Loan Bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Offices Abolition Bill; ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Stage of the Amendment Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed (Scotland) Bill, on the 28th day of July last, that the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, 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 Presentation of Benefices belonging to Roman Catholics, &c. 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 Contagious Diseases 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 Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 said Order be discharged,” 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Queen Anne's Bounty (Superannuation Allowances) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contagious Diseases 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 Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Scotland) Bill, upon the 28th day of July last, That the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Commons (Ireland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Annuity Tax on East India Revenue Accounts;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Rathbone presented a Bill to amend the Attorney and Law relating to the Remuneration of Attorneys and Solicitors; and the same was read the first Bill, and ordered to be read a second time upon this day month; and to be printed.

Bill 960.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Sanitary Bill to amend “the Sanitary Act, 1866,” so far as relates to Ireland: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of applying the Provisions of the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866, for the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of carrying the said Act into execution to such 3 n Places
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Prayers.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from Mr. Baron Martin, one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, a copy of the Certificate relating to the Election for the Town of Nottingham, which was read, as followeth:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.

To the Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons,

L. S. SEALEY,
Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, and one of the Judges for the trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, certify that an election for the Borough of Nottingham, in the County of Nottingham, was held on the twenty-ninth day of July 1869, and several following days, and did try, the Election Petition for the said Borough of Nottingham, between Lorance and others, Petitioners; and Charles Seely, the younger, Respondent.

And whereas charges were made of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, in further pursuance of the said Act I certify that the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Charles Seely the younger, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of in the said Petition, was duly elected and returned, and I do hereby certify in writing each my determination to you,

And whereas charges were made of corrupt practices having been committed at the said Election, in further pursuance of the said Act I certify as follows,—

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

And that upon the trial of the said Petition there was no evidence before me that any corrupt practices prevailed at the said Election.

Samuel Martin

And the said Certificate was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Parliamentary Elections Bill, second reading, ordered.

The Railway Bill was 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 Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Lady Stanway's consideration Lady Stanway's (Trust) Estate Bill, Lords [n.d.]

The Order was amended in the Committee; and a Motion being made, the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "Bill be, to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "re-committed, with instructions to amended the same, so that Sections 8 and 15, and the Provost to Sections 11 of the Union of Benefices Act, 28 & 24 Vict. c. 144, are not repealed or "affected," 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 taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
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Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Dividends on Public Stocks 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill (No. 2): and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to severals 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Insolvent Debtors and Bankruptcy Repeal Bill, 

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Sanitary Act (1866) 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 Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment (Ireland) Sanitary Act 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords Bill, the Lords to the Jamaica Loans Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to severals 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 Millbank Prison 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Warehouse of Wines and Spirits, &c. Bill, as amended by the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time. 

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Thursday, 5th August, 1869.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Portobello Portcullis Pier Bill [Lords]:

Mr. Secretary Cardwell, 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, 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Commoners Act (1866) Amendment 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A BILL to provide for the Admission thereof into the Dominion of Canada.  Ordered, That 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, Newspapers, a Return of the Registered Newspapers of the United Kingdom, and of the Number, if any, of Stamps at One Penny, issued to such for the year ending the 30th day of June 1869; also Stamps at Three Half-pence, issued to any such Newspaper during each period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 401, of Session 1867-8).

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Plans for New Dine Rooms, &c., have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. Layard 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 Return relative to Contagious Diseases Expenses; to which the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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and other Bills brought before Parliament in the present Session, and the aggregate Amount of such Capital and Loans; together with the gross aggregate Returns for the Four previous years.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of Rates of all Taxes and Imports from which the Imperial Revenue of the United Kingdom was raised, together with the Gross Amount yielded by each Tax or Import, showing the Total Gross Revenue in the year ending the 31st day of March 1869, with the Cost or Charge of collecting the same under each head, these respective Charges being deducted and leaving the Net Amount of Revenue.—And, of the Aggregate Revenue collected in the three previous years.

Colonel French reported from the Standing Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); That they had made further Progress in 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.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Friendly Societies, which was presented upon the 26th day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Private Bills, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Select Committees, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sittings of the House, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Divisions of the House, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Menzies, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Addresses from the Two Houses of the Parliament of Canada, praying for the Admission of the Colony of Newfoundland into the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Menzies also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Bahamas (Church of England Disendowment.)

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of July last, for a Return relative to Queensland (South Sea Islanders).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of July last, for a Return relative to Hong Kong (Gambling Houses).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Gambia (Cholera).

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

Mr. John Bright, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, in the year 1869.

Trade Accounts (Foreign Countries) for the Four Months ended 30th April 1867, 1868, and 1869, Belgium, Holland, France; and for the Twelve Months ended 31st December 1868, United States.

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

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Commissioners on Water Supply, February 1867 to December 1868.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Divisions of the House, which was presented upon the 4th day  of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and that the Trade Accounts (Foreign Countries) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of July last, for a Return relative to Railway Trains (Metropolis).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Trade Accounts (Foreign Countries) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bruce presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Commissioners on Water Supply, February 1867 to December 1868.

Copy of Second Report of the Commissioners on Agriculture, the Employment of Children, Young Persons, and Women in Agriculture; with Appendix.


Copy of Reports for the Irish Government on Landlord the History of the Landlord and Tenant Question and Treaties in Ireland. First, 1835 to 1859; Second, 1860 to 1866; by Whieldon House, L.L.D.

Copy of Forty-seventh Report of the Inspectors General on the general State of the Prisons of Ireland, 1868; with Appendix.

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented, pursuant to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of July last, for a Return relative to Railway Trains (Metropolis).

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

Mr. William Edward Forster presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Commission appointed by the Lords of the Committee on Education, to report on the Warm-
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Commissariat; Royal Carriage Department; Royal Gun Factories; Gun Factory, Royal Arsenal, Woolswich; Royal Small Arms Factories; Royal Labor­ury, Ordnance Factories, Plymouth; Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey; and, Royal Army Clothing Factory, Pimlico and Wool­swich.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by each 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 Annual Accounts of the several Manufacturing Establishments under the War Office, for the year 1868-9 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 17, of Session 1868-9).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by each 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 Bishops Resignation Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “ That ” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “ this House will, upon this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Adam; Mr. Glyn.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Hadfield; Mr. Donald Dalrymple.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Preamble postponed.)

Clauses, N° 1, agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 (Resignation of Bishop).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, to leave out from the word “ is ” to the word “ he ” in l. 16.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 29, to leave out the words “ the retiring Archbishop.”

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out from the words “ Her Majesty may,” to the word “ occupied,” in l. 10, inclusive.

A new Clause for restricting the sale of park lands, instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “ now ” stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Glyn; Mr. Adam.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Monk.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canada ( Rupert’s Land) Loan Bill;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words “ Bill be ” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “ re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a proviso to Clause 22, and a new Clause for restricting the sale of park lands,” instead thereof.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words “ House be ” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “ re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a proviso to Clause 22, and a new Clause for restricting the sale of park lands,” instead thereof.

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed at the end of the Clause to add the words “ and such certificate shall be deemed to be a representation within the second motion.”

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 4, agreed to.

Clause, N° 5 (Relative positions of Bishop Council.

Amendments proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, after the word “ privilege,” to insert the words “ with the exception of his title to a seat in the House of Lords.”

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 6 to N° 14, with Amendments to one of them, agreed to.

A Clause added.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dod­sen reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

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The Bill accordingly reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Bill.

Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time;—and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time;—and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on East India Revenue Accounts.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it appears by the Accounts laid before this House that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1868 was £48,534,412; the total of the direct Claims upon the Revenue, including charges of collection and cost of Salt and Opium was £6,857,454; the Charges in India, including Interest on Debt, and Public Works ordinary, were £22,366,625; the value of Stamps supplied from England was £970,825; the Charges in England were £5,710,880; the Guaranteed Interest on the Capital of Railway and other Companies, in India and in England, deducting net Traffic Receipts, was £1,540,435, making a Total Charge for the same year of £49,542,107; and that the Charge for Public Works extraordinary was £692,462, and that including that charge the excess of Expenditure over Income in that year amounting to £1,007,695; that the total charge for salaries of Members of Council and pensions under this Act for the year ending the 31st day of March 1868 was £48,534,412; the total charge for salaries of Members of Council, arranged for a period of ten years or after some time spent therein, was £5,710,880; the Guaranteed Interest on the Capital of Railway and other Companies, was £1,540,435, making a Total Charge for the same year of £692,462; and that the surplus of Expenditure over Income was £1,007,695; and that the total charge for salaries of Members of Council, arranged for a period of ten years or after some time spent therein, was £48,534,412; the total charge for salaries of Members of Council, arranged for a period of ten years or after some time spent therein, was £5,710,880; the Guaranteed Interest on the Capital of Railway and other Companies, was £1,540,435, making a Total Charge for the same year of £692,462; and that including that charge the excess of Expenditure over Income was £1,007,695.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning.

Friday, 6th August, 1869:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received this day, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Government of India Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Members of the Council of India to be future appointed for a term of ten years).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the word " and " in order to insert the words " determinable on his attaining sixty-five years of age; and every member of Council who has not served ten years before the passing of this Act shall continue in his office for a period of ten years from his appointment, and no such member of Council, whether appointed or continued, shall.

" Question, That the word " and " stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

" Question, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Dickinson; Mr. Kinnaird

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Adam; Mr. Gladstone

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "and," to insert the words " every member of Council who has not served ten years before the passing of this Act shall continue in his office for a period of ten years from his appointment, and no such member of Council, whether appointed continued, shall.

" Question, That the word " and " stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

" Question, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Dickinson; Mr. Kinnaird

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the words "except as hereinafter provided.

" Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (As to retiring pensions of existing members of Council).

CLAUSE, No. 4 (As to retiring pensions of existing members of Council).

CLAUSE, No. 5 (As to retiring pensions of existing members of Council).

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

The Contagious Diseases Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Contagious Diseases [Expenditure.

(In the Committee.)

Preamble postponed.

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 16, with Amendments to three of them, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 the House will, this day, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider of an humble Address to be presented to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Two of the clock.

The Commons agree to the other Amendments pointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed the Clerk to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments) ; And that the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.

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Ordered, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into a Committee on the Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Two of the clock.

The Commons agree to the other Amendments pointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed the Clerk to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments) ; And that the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Turpin Acts Lords to the Turpin Acts Continuance, &c. Bill be considered, &c. Bill, taken into consideration this day, at Two o'clock.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Bankruptcy Lords to the Bankruptcy Acts Continuance, &c. Bill be considered, &c. Bill, taken into consideration this day, at Two o'clock.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Discipline and Management of the Military Prisons, 1868.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell also presented,—Return Riled Guns to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of April last, for Returns relative to Riled Guns.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Army (Copper, &c.) the 6th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Army (Coppering, &c.).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Militia, the 9th day of July last, for Returns relative to the Militia.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Tower of London the 26th day of July last, for Returns relative to the Tower of London.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Army (Manufacturing Establishments) the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Army (Manufacturing Establishments).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated Army the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Army (Materiel in Store).

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Three of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 6th August, 1869.

PRAYERS.

THE SPEAKER presented the Speaker's (Estates) Bill to the Lords.

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.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dublin Freeman Commission Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two o'clock.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fisheries (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two o'clock.

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last, for Returns relative to East India (Engineers’ Establishment).

East India (Railways.)

Resolved, That the said Address do lie upon the Table.

Factories.

Mr. Secretary Bruce 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 1869.

Parochial Schools (Scotland.)

Mr. Secretary Bruce also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of June last, for a Return relative to Parochial Schools (Scotland).

Linen Fabrics.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of July last, for a Return relative to Linen Fabrics. Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 402 6th August.

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

Government Inspectors.

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 Number, Salaries, and General Duties of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors now acting in England and Wales under the several Government Departments, such as those under the Privy Council, whether Educational or Medical; under the Home Department of Prisons and Police; the Inspectors of Factories and Workshops, Artizans’ Dwellings, Alkali or other Works and Mines; under Poor Law Board or Lunacy Commission, and any others, in the Form subjoined:

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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.

New Parishes and Church Building 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, Returns of Parishes divided and Districts assigned to Churches under the provisions of the Church Building Acts and of the Parish of Manchester Division Act, 1850, by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England since the 31st day of October 1866, and of all Districts and new Parishes constituted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England under the New Parishes Acts since the 31st day of October 1866 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 529, of Session 1867):

Of the Total Number of Parishes divided and Districts assigned to Churches under the provisions of the Church Building Acts, and of the Parish of Manchester Division Act, 1850, and of the Total Number of Districts constituted by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England under the New Parishes Acts from the commencement down to the 31st day of October 1868 (the two last Returns to be in the Forms used in the Return (See App. No. 4, Report of Select Committee on Church Building, &c., Bill, 1863)):

—Of Curacies and Parishes which have been erected into Perpetual Curacies through the action of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, showing the full Name of the Church and of the Mother Parish (if any), the County and Diocese, and the Date of first Augmentation by the Governors, and the Statutes or Statute under which such Augmentation was made;—Of Churches or Chapels which have had particular Districts assigned, and also of those which have been erected into separate and distinct Parishes by the Bishop alone under the Private Patronage Acts, showing the Statutes under which each respectively was erected, the full Name of such Church or Chapel and of the Mother Parish, the County and Diocese, and the Date of Assignment or of Erection;—Of Curacies and Parishes which have been erected into Perpetual Curacies, nor into separate and distinct Parishes under the Church Building Acts or New Parishes Acts, or through the action of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, showing the full Name of the Curacy or Chapel and of the Mother Parish, the County, and Diocese; And, of Parishes, Perpetual Curacies, and Chapellaries, united or disunited under the provisions of the Act 1 & 2 Vic. c. 186, or other Statutes or Statute; showing the Statute under, and the authority by which, and the Date when they were united or disunited in each case, whether there is a Church in each such united or disunited Parish or District available for Divine Service, the Name of the Mother Parish (if any), and the County and Diocese.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Excise Licences issued in the year ending the 31st day of March 1869 in England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, so far as relates to the Sale of Spirits, Wine, Beer,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to take into consideration the Governor General of India, and acquaint them, that this House hath resolved, that the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and 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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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Government General of India 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, 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 into consideration the Habitual Criminals Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Streets Settlements Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Treasuary to fix Scale of Fees)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Prevention of Gaming (Scotland) 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Dodson reported from the Committee on Contagious Diseases [Expenses].

That it is expedient to apply the provisions of the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866, for the payment, out of Monies to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of carrying the said Act into execution; and that for that purpose it is expedient to provide any Act of the present Session to amend the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Presentation of Benefices Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Presentation of Benefices Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson 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 Sanitary Act (1866) Amendment (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that She will be graciously pleased to give directions for the carrying out of the Arrangements necessary for observing the Transit of Venus which will take place in the year 1874; and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good any expense that may be incurred thereby.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Committees, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fishing (Ireland) 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Fisheries (Ireland) 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 Committees, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds 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 Committees, to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Turnpike Acts Continuance, &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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Committees, to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds 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, according to Order, proceeded to Committees, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Courts of Justice Salaries and Funds 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.

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

Mr. Childers accordingly presented the said Accounts.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Telegraph Bill, Telegraph Bill, without any Amendment.
Parochial The House, according to Order, resolved itself "school privileges; and in all schools receiving Schools (Scotland) Bill."

The Lords have agreed to the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Military Pay Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Volunteer Act (1863) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Building Act (1865) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Clerk of Assize Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Clerk of Assize Bill, with an Amendment, desired by their Lordships and that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Lords have agreed to the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act (1863) Amendment Bill, to be taken into consideration this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this House will, at the rising of the House on Saturday, 7th August, 1869: The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill. [Lords.]

CLAUSES, N° 49 to N° 56, with Amendments to Four of them, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 57, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 58, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 59 (School Committees to impose Assessment upon Lands and Heritages to maintain new National Schools). Amendment proposed in p. 24, l. 17, after the word "contribute," to insert the words "and in importing such Assessment all Leaseholders entitled in the Valuation Roll as Proprietors under 33. Victoria.

Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill. [Lords.]

CLAUSES, N° 60 to N° 64, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 65 (One-third the Sum required to enlarge, rebuild, or erect any National School shall be paid by the Committee of Council out of Parliamentary Grant).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 4, after the word "any," to insert the word "National."

Question put, that the word "National" be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas. [Mr. Miller; [Mr. Glyn; Mr. Crawford: ]

Tellers for the Noes. [Mr. Adam; ]

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 66 (Grant for Maintenance). Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 15, after the word "any," to insert the word "National."

Question proposed, that the word "National" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 23, to leave out from the words "National School" to the end of the Clause.

Question put, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "National" and in the event of the school being maintained or managed by "members of any one religious denomination, in which their distinctive religious doctrines are taught, the Board shall also ascertain and certify whether the number of children belonging to such denominations might be expected to attend the "school.""

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 67 (Conscience clause). Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 8, after the word "object," to insert the words "without suffering any disability as regards any school privileges; and in all schools receiving the ordinary Rate School Grant under Schedule (A), all teaching of religious doctrine shall be confined to either the first or the last hour of daily school hours." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

CLAUSE, N° 68, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 69 (Conscience clause). Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 8, after the word "object," to insert the words "without suffering any disability as regards any school privileges; and in all schools receiving the ordinary Rate School Grant under Schedule (A), all teaching of religious doctrine shall be confined to either the first or the last hour of daily school hours." Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Question,
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill.

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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Clerk of the Acts 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Annuity Tax Bill; the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Abattoirs (Paris and Brussels), which was presented upon (Paris and Brussels), and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

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

Saturday, 7th August, 1869.

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Abattoirs (Paris and Brussels), which was presented upon the 16th day of July last, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Engineers' Establishment), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. John Bright presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Warden of the Standards on the Proceedings and Business of the Standard Weights and Measures Department of Board of Trade, for 1868, and Accounts of certain Metropolitan Gas Companies for the year 1868, in compliance with the 41st Section of the Metropolitan Gas Act, 1860. Certified Accounts of the "Gas Light and Coke Company," the "City of London Gas Light and Coke Company," and the "Great Central Gas Consumers' Company," for the half year ended 31st December 1868.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the two last be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Cities and Boroughs, or Parishes, if any, that have adopted the Act of 1855, with the Title of the Act and Date of its Adoption; The Amount expended in each year and the per centage of the Rate levied on the Reusable Values, distinguishing Subscriptions and Rates; the Number of Persons attending the Reading Room, divided into two periods, viz. from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September, and from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of March, both inclusive, and, if possible, those who attend in the Day and Evening; the Number of Volumes delivered to Readers, classed, A. Books of Instruction; B. Works of Fiction; C. Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets, and Periodicals; the Return to be for Five years ending the 31st day of December 1868.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Conveyances by the Landed Estates Commissioners, registered in the Registry of Deeds Office, Dublin, since the 1st day of June 1852 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 442, of Session 1862);—And, the Total Arrangements of the Lands sold by Order of the Incumbered Estates Court, and of the Landed Estates Company, from 1850 to the present time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Licences granted by the Board of Inland Revenue for the year ending March 1869 (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 524, of Session 1861, and No. 4, of Session 1864).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Treasury and the Board of Inland Revenue relative to County Distributors of Stamps, with Decision of the Treasury that such Appointments should not in future be filled up:—Return of all Vacancies which have since occurred, with Statement showing what Provision has been made for the discharge of the Duties of the Office in each case:—And, Copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Treasury and the Board of Inland Revenue in relation to the Distribution of the County of Agr.

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 Parochial Schools (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Board meetings), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Vote of Heritors in election of Schoolmasters), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by inserting after the word "Scotland," the words " including religious education according to use and wont." 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, in p. 28, l. 37 and 38, by leaving out the words " beyond the minimum sum fixed by," and inserting the word " under," instead thereof, and the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 45, by inserting, after the word " Parish," the words " or in any Burgh." And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 2, by inserting, after the word " yield," the words " or when the same has not been levied, but would if levied yield." And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—It passed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words " Bill be " to the end of the Question, in order to add the words " re-committed to a Committee of the whole 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Straits Settlements Bill was, according to a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next;

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 take into consideration the Contagious Diseases (Pigs) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now 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. Aggas reported from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider of an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions for the carrying out of the Arrangements necessary for observing the Transit of Venus which will take place in the year 1874; and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good any expense that may be incurred thereby, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions for the carrying out of the Arrangements necessary for observing the Transit of Venus which will take place in the year 1874; and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good any expense that may be incurred thereby.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That 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 Charity Commissioners Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the further Proceeding on consideration of the said Bill be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Endowed Schools (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Presentation of Benefices belonging to Roman Catholics, &c., Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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Ordered, That the Bill be now 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 Lordsships.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 9th August, 1869.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That every Bill originating in either House be considered before it be laid upon the Table, and that the Members of each House do agree in such Bills as are of their common concern.

The Bill, subsequently to the deposit of the Petition for the same, shall be submitted to the Proprietors of such Company at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in a morning newspaper published in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may be, and in a newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor at his last known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address, not less than ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor, and shall be addressed to each proprietor on the back of the form of proxy; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, nor shall intimation be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted, and no other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the Company, or by any director or officer of the Company so describing himself.

Such meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the Company.

At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved of by proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the Company in right of such capital. The votes of proprietors of any paid-up shares or stock other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the Bill, if tendered at the meeting shall be recorded separately.

There shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.

Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 70 was read, and repealed.

Ordered, That in the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords in which provisions shall have been inserted in that House, empowering the promoters thereof being a Company already constituted by Act of Parliament to execute, undertake, or contribute towards any work other than that for which it was originally established, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to amalgamate the same, or any part thereof with any other undertaking, or to abandon their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to dissolve the said Company, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill shall have been materially altered in that House, or by which any such powers are conferred on any Company not being the Promoters of the Bill, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:

The Bill, as introduced or proposed to be introduced into this House, shall be submitted to the proprietors of such promoting Company, and of any other Company on which such powers are so conferred, at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in a morning newspaper published in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may be, and in a
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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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Ordered, That the 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, by each Member 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 the Total Amount of the Votes of Parliament for Civil Services in each year from 1825 to 1866, both inclusive, with Statements exhibiting the several causes of Increase and Decrease in each year; and also the Total Aggregate Amount payable for those Services in each year out of the Consolidated Fund, Votes of Parliament, the growing Revenue, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Joint Stock Companies, the Discipline and Management of Penitentiary, Millbank, and Portland Prisons, and of Portland, Portsmouth, Dartmoor, Chatham, and Brixton Prisons, with Faulham Refuge and the Invalid Prison at Woking, for the year 1868, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Taxation in Ireland, for the Local Taxation years 1866, 1867, and 1868, collected and compiled by direction of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Administration of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, transmitted to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of July last, for Returns relative to East India (Bangkok and Western China), be printed.

Ordered, That an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of January last, for Returns relative to East India (Rangoon) and China). be presented, by Her Majesty's Commissioners, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for the Entry of the Official Journeys.

Ordered, That an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to East India (Guaranteed Interest), be presented, by Her Majesty's Commissioners, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for the Entry of the Official Journeys.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Bangkok), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Rangoon), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Guaranteed Interest), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Bangkok), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 25th day of January last, for Returns relative to Missions and Embassies Abroad, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Copy of further Correspondence respecting the Discipline and Management of Princes in Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions (in continuation of Papers presented by Command in 1868).

Mr. Aytoun presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22d day of July last, on the said Papers relative to Copyright (Colonies).

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

Mr. Aytoun presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of July last, for Returns relative to Dublin Mails.

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

Mr. Childers presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Navy (Lemon, &c. Juice).

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

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Queen Anne's Bounty (Superannuation Allowances) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one Esquire, George Traill, informing them, That a Writ for the electing of a Commissioner to serve in the room of Mr. John George Pier, Esquire, in the County of Durham, had been accepted by the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt, for the Punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, the Punishment of Debtors, for Debtors' Estates Bill, with any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Accounts, for Presentation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Belgrave Market Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Belgravia and South Kensington New Road Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Portobello Pier Bills, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to Lady Slaney's (Trust) Estate Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Shrewsbury (Oxton) Estate Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nitro Glycerine Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Railways Abandonment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resumed the further Proceeding on consideration of the Charity Commissioners Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Parochial Schools (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 from the words "the Bill be " to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of an Amendment" to Schedule (A), instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Royal Assent. Exceeding 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, therefore authorized, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:

An Act for providing the Final Sum necessary for the payment of the Public Schools Investments for Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks.

An Act for amending "The Public School Act, 1868."

An Act for the Abolition of imprisonment for Debt, for the Punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, for Debtors' Estates, and for other purposes.

An Act to alter and amend the Acts enabling Her Majesty to grant Pensions to Persons having held certain high Civil Offices.

An Act to protect the Funds of Trades Unions from Embezzlement and Misappropriation.

An Act to amend "The Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867."

An Act to provide for Uniformity in the Assessment of Rateable Property in the Metropolis.

An Act for the further Amendment of the Law of Evidence.

An Act to provide for the better Liquidation of certain Loans raised under the Guarantee of Her Majesty, for the Service of the Colony of Jamaica.
An Act to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual the Acts for preventing the Introduction or Spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law of Bankruptcy.

An Act to appoint Additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes.

An Act to provide for the winding up of the Business of the late Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in England, and to repeal Provisions relating to Insolvency, Bankruptcy and Imprisonment for Debt, and matters connected therewith.

An Act to alter and amend "The Telegraph Acts, 1866."

An Act to extend the Period for the Repayment of Advances of Public Money for the Construction of certain Public Works in Ireland, and also to incorporate the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for certain purposes, and to vest in the said Commissioners Lands and Premises held on Public Trusts.

An Act to regulate and extend the Jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consular and Consular Offices united thereto, in regard to Vessels captured on suspicion of being engaged in the Slave Trade, and for other purposes relating thereto, and to make Provision for the Erection of a Lighthouse on the Great Barrier Rock, in the Colony of Ceylon, and for other purposes connected therewith.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Criminal Lunatics.

An Act to enable Corporate and other Public Bodies in Ireland to grant Superannuation Allowances to Officers in their Service in certain cases.

An Act to continue and amend an Act to defray the Charge of the Pay, Clothing, and Conspicuous and other Expenses of the Disembodied Militia in Great Britain and Ireland; to grant Allowances in certain Cases to Subalterns 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 amend "The Militia (Ireland) Act, 1849," as to providing Houses or Places for the keeping of the Arms, Accoutrements, Clothing or other Stores of the Militia when not embodied. An Act to amend the Volunteer Act, 1863.

An Act to amend the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855.

An Act to abolish the Office of Curator of the Court of Chancery in the Palatine of Durham.

An Act to continue various Expiring Laws.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Presentation of Accounts, Statements, Returns, and Documents to Parliament.

An Act to provide for the Prevention of Gaming in Public Places in Scotland.

An Act for the separation of the Straits Settlements from the Diocese of Calcutta.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Office of Clerk of Assize, and to enable Officers united thereto, and to certain Fees upon Orders for payment of Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings.

An Act to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1853," and to afford further facilities for the purposes thence.
An Act for authorising the Trustees of the Settled Estates, dated the Fifth day of June 1830, executed in accordance with the directions contained in the Will of William Withers, Esquire, deceased, to pull down part of the Family Mansion called the Pythias, and to rebuild the same, and to make Alterations in the remaining part of the Mansion, and to build cottages on the settled Estates, and for authorising the granting of Building Leases and Sales of parts of the settled Estates, and for obtaining the Enfranchisement of Copyhold, and for other purposes.

And the Question being again 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 Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clauses 13, 16, 21, 23, 25, 65, and the Schedule:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Dodson reported, That the Committee had amended the said Clauses and Schedule of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be, 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, with the Amendments, do pass:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the other House, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Boilers Inspection Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Lords have agreed to the amendments in the Bill:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Lands of any less Quantity than Fifty-one Acres in one occupation appertaining to the Established Church of Ireland, and heretofore to be vested in the Commissioners appointed under the Irish Church Act, 1850, held under any Tenure for a less Term than a Perpetuity, in the annexed Form.

The House was moved, That the Merchant Shipping and Navigation Acts, 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 consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping and Navigation. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Dodson 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 consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping and Navigation:—And he moved the House accordingly.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Bill: And that Mr. Dodson, Mr. Shaw Lefevre, and Mr. John Bright do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the abolition of Compulsory Church Rates in Scotland: And that Mr. M'Laren and Mr. Cruw- (Belfast.)

Resolved, That leave be given to bring in the Bill:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed to the House, a Copy of the Memorial presented to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, praying for special Inquiry into the recent Accidents in Coal Mines:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits, &c. Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dividends on Public Stocks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Harbour of Galle Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the East India Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Incouture of Lands Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sanitary Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Counties Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial Act Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Habitable Criminals Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bishops Recognition Bill.
Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill.

Titled to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act (1868) Amendment Bill.

Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill.

Bills to the Amendment made by the Lords to the Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act (1868) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist upon their Amendment to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment Bill, to which this House hath disagreed; and have made Amendments to the said Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railways Abandonment 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 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nitro Glycerine 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 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sanitary Abolition 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 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hackney and Stage Carriages Law Amendment 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 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act (1868) Amendment 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 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pharmacy Act (1868) Amendment 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 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.

Mr. M'Laren presented a Bill for the abolition of Compulsory Church Rates in Scotland: And an Amendment was moved by Lord Faulkner, praying that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre presented a Bill to consolidate Merchant Shipping and Navigation Acts; and amended the said Bill, by adding a sentence to the effect that the said Bill should be read the second time upon this day month; and to be printed.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre presented a Bill to consolidate Merchant Shipping and Navigation Acts; and the same was read the second time; and ordered to be read a third time upon this day month; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.
Fortifications, &c.

Account of the Moneys raised under the authority of the Acts 23 & 24 Vic. c. 109, 25 & 26 Vic. c. 76, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 89, 27 & 28 Vic. c. 109, 28 & 29 Vic. c. 61, and 30 & 31 Vic. c. 145, to provide for the Expenses of Fortifications, &c.; the Amount of Annuities created in respect of the same; the Moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the said Expenses; and the Sums remaining to be raised and issued, under the authority of the said Acts, on the 1st April 1869.

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

South Sea Islanders (Deportation).

Mr. O'tway presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to the South Sea Islanders (Deportation).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Consular Fees and Allowances.

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

Poor Relief.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Rate in the £. of Rateable Value expended for the Relief of the Poor in each Union of England and Wales, during the Parochial Year 1867-68, and in the following Form:

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

and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one from Mr. Speaker, acquainted the House, That the said Return do lie upon the Table:

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

and be printed.

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and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the different Stations on the 1st day of April and the 1st day of October of the years 1868 and 1869 respectively, and their Total Complements of Seamen, Boys, and Marines; and also the Number of Coastguard Men ashore, and Marines ashore, and Steam Reserve and Supernumeraries, and Boys in Training at the same Dates; and also the Number of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels at the same Dates in Commission or Reserve not included in the list first given, distinguishing the Ports and Places at which they were stationed (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 107, of Session 1867–8).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as shall be appointed for that purpose.

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

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, by such Members of this House as shall be appointed for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the said Bills be now taken into consideration:—

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy or Extracts of Correspondence with Her Majesty's Ministers at Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, and Monte Video, respecting Hostilities on the River Plate (in continuation of Papers presented to Parliament in Sessions 1866, 1867, and 1868).
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 there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Cases of Smuggling detected by the Officers of the Coast Guard, the Customs, Excise, and Police for Twelve Months, with the Total Value thereof.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns showing the Number of Inland Letters and Packages estimated to be carried in the course of the year (arranged according to the Proportions of Weight), and the Gross Amount derived from each several Weight, whether carried at the Letter or at the Pattern Rate:—Showing the Amount that would be received if on all such Packages reaching Sixteen Ounces the Charge shall not exceed Fourpence, and if all other Packages, whether Letters, Pattern, or Books, exceeding Sixteen Ounces, were charged at the Book Rate:—And, showing the Amount that would be received if on the several Weights, subject to reduction, the reduction should lead to double the Number being transmitted, and the same if it should lead to treble the Number being transmitted.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report of a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the present state of Military Education, and into the Training of Candidates for Commissions in the Army.

Mr. Secretary Cardwell also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Army (Ordinance, Sec. Services, 1867-8.)

Wimbledon Review.

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

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Prayers.

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

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Navy, which were presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Expenses, &c., which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Harbour Loans, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Spirits, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Taxes and Imports, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Registry of Deeds (Dublin), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Licences, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fortifications, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Ordinance, Sec. Services, 1867-8.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Harbour Loans, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Wine-Wimbledon Review, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Poort Law Poor Law (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Consular Fees and Allowances, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poort Law Poor Law (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the House of Commons, on the 31st day of January 1869, for a Return relative to the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Licences, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fortifications, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Ordinance, Sec. Services, 1867-8.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Harbour Loans, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Wine-Wimbledon Review, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Poort Law Poor Law (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Consular Fees and Allowances, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poort Law Poor Law (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Consular Fees and Allowances, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of the House of Commons, on the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Licences, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fortifications, &c., which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Ordinance, Sec. Services, 1867-8.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Harbour Loans, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Wine-Wimbledon Review, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Poort Law Poor Law (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Metropolitan Local Management Act, &c., the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Local Government Act (1858), &c., be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolitan Clerks in the Town Hall be printed.

Mr. John Bright presented—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of July last, for Returns relative to Foreign Seamen and Apprentices.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House of Commons, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1868-9, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto. 20th Parliament, 1st Session, 32nd and 33rd Vict., 10th December 1868 to 11th August 1869.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corn and Grain Measurement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day month.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Turnpike Roads Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day month.

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 Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railways Abandonment Bill, without any Amendment.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Colonel Clifford, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commissions, for declaring Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for procuring the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorized, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:

An Act to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund, and the Surplus of Ways and Means, to the Service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy, of the sum of one hundred and seventy, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

An Act to amend the New Parish Acts and Church Building Acts.

An Act to enable Militia Officers to be confined in Millbank Prison.

An Act to amend the Contagious Diseases Act, 1866.

An Act to amend in certain respects the Act for the better Government of India.

An Act to define the powers of the Governor General of India in Council at meetings for making Laws and Regulations for certain purposes.

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An Act for the more effectual prevention of Crime.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Warehousing of Wines and Spirits in Customs and Excise Warehouses, and for other purposes.

An Act for facilitating the payment of Dividends on the Public Stocks, and for making Regulations with respect thereto.

An Act for empowering the Public Works Loan Commission to advance a Sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, for the Improvement of the Harbour of Guilt, in the Colony of Ceylon.

An Act to enable the Secretary of State in Council in India to raise Money in the United Kingdom, for the Service of the Government of India.

An Act to facilitate the borrowing Money in Sanitary Act certain cases, for the purpose of the Sanitary Act, 1866, and the Acts amending the same, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend "The Sanitary Act, 1866," so far as the same relates to Ireland.

An Act to amend the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866.

An Act for repealing part of an Act of the first Presentation year of the reign of their Majesties King William IV. and Queen Mary, intituled, "An Act to vest in the two Universities the Presentations of Benefices belonging to Papists," and for securing uniformity (Lords) in the Law relating to the Residence of Spiritual Persons upon their Benefices, and to the Penalties and Forfeitures consequent on Non-residence.

An Act for authorizing a Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Canada, for a payment in respect of the transfer of Rupert's Land.

An Act for making further provision respecting the borrowing of Money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes connected therewith.


An Act for the Relief of Archbishops and Bishops when incapacitated by Infirmity.

An Act to prevent the Adulteration of Seeds.

An Act to prohibit, for a limited period, the importation, and to restrict and regulate the carriage of Nitro Glycerine.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Railways Abandonment of Railways, and the Dissolution of Railway Companies.

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An Act to authorize the inclusion of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales.

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 dispense with your further attendance in Parliament.
Her Majesty announces to you with pleasure that She continues to receive from all Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition, and that Her confidence in the preservation of Peace has been continued and confirmed during the present year.

The negotiations in which Her Majesty was engaged with the United States of North America have by mutual consent been suspended; and Her Majesty earnestly hopes that this delay may tend to maintain the relations between the two Countries on a durable basis of friendship.

Her Majesty has a lively satisfaction in acknowledging the untiring zeal and activity with which you have prosecuted the arduous labours of the year.

In the Act for putting an end to the Establishment of the Irish Church, you carefully kept in view the several considerations which, at the opening of the Session, were commended to your notice.

It is the hope of Her Majesty that this important measure may hereafter be remembered as a conclusive proof of the paramount anxiety of Parliament to pay reasonable regard, in legislating for each of the three Kingdoms, to the special circumstances by which it may be distinguished, and to deal on principles of impartial justice with all interests and all portions of the Nation.

Her Majesty firmly trusts that the Act may promote the work of peace in Ireland, and may help to unite all classes of its people in that fraternal concord with their English and Scottish fellow subjects which must ever form the chief source of strength to Her extended Empire.

Her Majesty has observed with pleasure your general and cordial readiness to unite in the removal, through the Assessed Rates Act, of a practical grievance which was widely felt.

Her Majesty congratulates you on having brought your protracted labours on the subjects of Bankruptcy and of Imprisonment for Debt to a practical conclusion, which is regarded with just satisfaction by the Trading Classes and by the General Public.

The Law which you have framed for the better government of Endowed Schools in England will render the large resources of these Establishments more accessible to the community, and more efficient for their important purpose.

It may reasonably be expected that the Act for the supervision of Habitual Criminals will contribute farther to the security of life and property.

The measure which has been passed with respect to the Contagious Diseases of Animals will, as Her Majesty believes, add confidence and safety to the important trades of breeding and feeding cattle at home, without unnecessarily impeding the freedom of import from abroad.

By the repeal of the Tax on Fire Insurance you have met a long-cherished wish of the community; and in the removal of the Duty on Corn Her Majesty sees new evidence of your desire to extend industry and commerce, and to enlarge to the utmost those supplies of food which our insular position in a peculiar degree both encourages and requires.

Her Majesty trusts that the measure for the purchase and management of the Electric Telegraphs by the State may be found to facilitate the great commercial and social object of rapid, easy, and certain communication, and may prove no unworthy sequel to that system of cheap postage which has passed with much advantage into so many countries of the civilized world.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded to state that Her Majesty thanks you for the liberal Supplies which you have granted for the service of the year, and for the measures by which you have enabled Her at once to liquidate the charge of the Abyssinian Expedition.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty reflects with pleasure that, in returning to your several homes, you may contemplate with thankfulness the fruit of your exertions in the passing of many important laws, a portion of which we have now had in command to notice.

During the Recess you will continue to gather that practical knowledge and experience which form the solid basis of legislative aptitude; and Her Majesty invokes the blessing of the Almighty alike upon your recent and your future labours for the public weal.

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, prorogued; and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the 28th day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 28th day of October next.

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 purpose;" I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorize, the Right Honourable Colonel John Wilson Patten, the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, John Blenheim-Carter, Esquire, Samuel Whitbread, Esquire, and Thomas Dyke Acland, 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 to the Clerk of the Crown, in cases as in the said Act specified.

Given under my hand and seal, this eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

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That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 127,866 Men (including 9,595, all ranks, to be employed with the Depots in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of Regiments serving in Her Majesty's Indian Possessions), be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, from 1st April 1869 to 31st March 1870:

That a Number, not exceeding 1,760, of Native Indian Troops, belonging to Her Majesty's Native Indian Army, be maintained beyond the limits of Her Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the Year ending 31st March 1870:

Charge of Land Forces: £5,313,800

Commissariat Establishment, &c.: £1,185,600

13 April:

Clothing Establishments: £460,800

Barrack Establishments: £212,900

Divine Service: £43,800

Martial Law: £2,000

Hospital Establishment: £366,800

Military Store Departments: £1,149,000

Works, Buildings, and Repairs: £884,000

11 June:

Militia, and Inspection of Reserve Forces: £927,700

Yeomanry Cavalry: £89,300

Volunteer Corps: £414,000

Army Reserve Force (including Enrolled Pensioners): £81,800

18 June:

Military Education: £158,200

Surveys: £118,500

Miscellaneous Services: £90,500

Administration of the Army: £923,400

Rewards for Distinguished Services: £27,000

Pay of General Officers: £73,000

Pay of Reduced and Retired Officers: £480,500

Widows' Pensions: £195,400

Pensions for Wounds: £82,300

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8 March:
- To make good an Excess on the Grant for the Post Office Packet Service for year ended 31st March 1868.

69. 3,600,000

### ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION:

5 March:
- Towards defraying the Expenses of the Expedition to Abyssinia, beyond the ordinary Grants for Army and Navy Services.

3,600,000

### EXCHEQUER BONDS:

31 July:
- To pay off and discharge Exchequer Bonds.

3,300,000

### REVENUE DEPARTMENTS:

31 July:
- Customs Department.
- Revenue Department.
- Post Office Services, Post Office Savings Banks, Government Annuities and Insurances, and Collection of Post Office Revenue.
- Telegraph Service.

1,108,343
1,604,616
2,859,841
90,000

### POST OFFICE PACKET SERVICE:

24 June:
- Post Office Packet Service.

380,000

31 July:
- Post Office Packet Service (to complete).

709,780
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11 June:
To make necessary Advances for Purchase of a Site and other Expenses for the New Courts of Justice and Offices.

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11 June:
To defray Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools for half-year ending 30th September 1869.

30th June:
To defray Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools, for half-year ending 30th September 1869.

31 July:
To defray Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and Schools, during six months ending 31st March 1870.

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