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A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday the Eighteenth day of November next: We, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Monday the Twenty-third day of December One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-five.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Third day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Fifty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

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Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twelfth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Fifty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
Tuesday, 11th February, 1896.

Prayers at half an hour after One of the clock.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, 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, to hear the Commission read.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at Four of the clock.

Members take the Oath.

Several Members took and subscribed the Oath.

New Members sworn.

Robert Bannatyne Finlay, Esquire, Q.C., Member for the Inverness District of Burghs, was sworn.

William Kenny, Esquire, Q.C., Member for the Borough of Dublin (Saint Stephen's Green Division), was sworn.

William Ambrose, Esquire, Q.C., Member for Middlesex County (Harrow Division), was sworn.

Henry Algernon George Percy, commonly called Lord Wantworth, Member for the Borough of Kensington (South Division), was sworn.

William Edward Hartpole Lecky, Esquire, Member for Dublin University, was sworn.

Thomas Joseph Farrell, Esquire, Member for Kerry County (South Kerry Division), was sworn.

James John Ske, Esquire, Member for Waterford County (West Waterford Division), was sworn.

Lieutenant Herbert Merton Jessel, Member for the Borough of Saint Pancras (South Division), was sworn.

Evelyn Hubbard, commonly called the Honourable Evelyn Hubbard, Member for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Montrose Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Montrose District of Burghs, in the room of John Shires Will, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, who since his Election for the said District of Burghs, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. — (Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That, in Writs issued in pursuance of the directions of the Acts passed in the 24th year of His Majesty King George the Third, c. 26, and in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 110, and in the 26th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 20, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,

For the Borough of Kensington (South Division), in the room of Sir Algernon Borthwick, Baronet, now Lord Glenesk, called up to the House of Peers.

For the City of Liverpool (East Toxteth Division), in the room of Sir Julian Goldsmid, Baronet, deceased.

For the County of Middlesex (Harrow Division), in the room of William Ambrose, Esquire, Q.C., Attorney General of the Duchy of Lancaster.

For the Borough of Saint Pancras (South Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Julian Goldsmid, Baronet, deceased.
For the Borough of Lambeth (Drizton Division), in the room of George Godolphin Osborne, commonly called the Marquess of Carmouthen, now Duke of Leeds. And also Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament.

For Dublin University, in the room of the Right Honourable David Robert Piminet, now Lord Rathmore, called up to the House of Peers.

For the Borough of Belfast (North Belfast Division), in the room of Sir Edward James Harland, Baronet, deceased.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Michael Davitt, returned for East Kerry and South Mayo, stating that he made his election to serve for South Mayo, as followeth:—

The Right Honourable The Speaker.

Sir,

11th February 1896.

Having been returned as the General Election for the Divisions of East Kerry and South Mayo, I wish to intimate that I intend to represent the latter constituency in the present Parliament.

I remain,
Your obedient Servant,
Michael Davitt.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Judges for the time being on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions, Certificates and Reports relating to the following Elections:

In the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1865.

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

Election for the Borough of Durham, holden on the 15th day of July 1895.

In the Matter of an Election Petition from the said Borough, presented to the High Court of Justice on the 8th day of August 1895.

Arthur Ralph Douglas Eliot, Petitioner.

Matthew Fowler, M.P., Respondent.

We, the Honourable Mr. Justice Wright and the Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce, Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice selected to be placed on the Rota of Judges and additional Judges for the Trial of Parliamentary Election Petitions in England and Wales for the year ending the 24th day of October 1896.

Do hereby Report that an application for liberty to withdraw this Petition was heard before us on the 19th day of November 1895, after we had heard Counsel on both sides, and read the Affidavits made by the respective parties to this Petition and others, pursuant to the Statute, we ordered that the Petitioner should have liberty to withdraw his Petition.

We further Report that in our opinion the withdrawal of such Petition was not the result of any agreement, terms, or undertaking, or in consideration of any payment, or in consideration that the seat should at any time be vacated, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other Election Petition, or for any other consideration.

Dated this 21st day of November 1895.

R. S. Wright.

Gainsford Bruce.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1888, and

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

We, the Honourable Mr. Justice Wright and the Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce, Judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and two of the Judges on the Rota for the time being for the Trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Acts, certify that, upon the 29th day of November 1895, we duly held a Court at the Hartley Institution, in the Borough of the County of the Town of Southampton, for the trial of, and did on the said day and following days try, the Election Petition for the said Borough, between Walter Cross Austen and John Bowland, Petitioners, and Tankerville Chamberlayne, Esquire, and Sir John Stephen Barrington Simoon, Baronet, and in further pursuance of the said Acts we report:—

1. That, at the conclusion of the said trial, we determined that the said Sir John Stephen Barrington Simoon, Baronet, being one of the Members whose Election and Return were complained of, was duly elected and returned, and that the said Tankerville Chamberlayne, the other Member whose Election and return were complained of, was not duly elected and returned, and that his Election was void, on the ground that the said Tankerville...
Tankerville Chamberlayne was, by his Agent, Albert James Blackman, guilty of an illegal practice at the said Election, namely, a payment knowingly made by the said Albert James Blackman during the said Election for the purpose of procuring and encouraging Petitioners to vote for the City of Edinburgh, Petitioners in a Petition against the said Albert James Blackman and Sir John Stephen Barrington Simeon on account of the conveyance of a voter to and from the poll of the said Election.

And whereas charges were made of corrupt and illegal practices having been committed at the said Election, we in further pursuance of the said Acts report as follows:—

2. That no corrupt or illegal practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate at such Election.

3. That Albert James Blackman was proved at the Trial to have been guilty of the illegal practice aforesaid.

4. That there is not reason to believe that corrupt or illegal practices have extensively prevailed at such Election.

5. That both the aforesaid Candidates were guilty by the said Albert James Blackman, who was an Agent in their behalf, of the illegal practice aforesaid, and that he, nor has either of them, nor has any Candidate at the said Election been guilty by any Agent or Agents of any illegal practice at the said Election.

6. That the said Albert James Blackman has been furnished with a certificate of indemnity in respect of the illegal practice aforesaid.

7. That the said Candidate, Sir John Stephen Barrington Simeon, has been proved at the Court that no corrupt or illegal practice was committed at the said Election by the said Candidate, or his Election Agent, and that the said offence mentioned in this report was committed contrary to the orders, and without the sanction or connivance of him, the said Candidate, or his Election Agent, and that he, the said Candidate, and his Election Agent took all reasonable means for preventing the commission of corrupt and illegal practices at the said Election, and that the said offence mentioned in the said report was of a trivial, unimportant, and limited character, and that in all other respects the Election was free from any corrupt or illegal practice on the part of such Candidate and of his Agents.

8. That the said Tankerville Chamberlayne failed to prove to the Court that he took all reasonable means for preventing the commission of corrupt and illegal practices at the said Election.

Dated the 30th day of December 1895.

R. S. Wright.
Grindstaff Bruce.

Edinburgh (South) Election.

Court of Session, First Division, Edinburgh, 31st October 1895.

We, the Honourable Lord Adam and the Honourable Lord Storinmonth Darling, being two of the Judges upon the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions, certify to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons that at an Election for the City of Edinburgh, held by us at Edinburgh upon the twenty-sixth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, we, on the motion of Robert Barr, 62, Blenheim Place, Edinburgh, and Joseph Truscott Gere, publisher, 48, Minto Street, Edinburgh, Petitioners in a Petition against the Election of Robert Cox as Member of Parliament for the City of Edinburgh (South Division), granted leave to the said Petitioners to withdraw their Petition; and, no persons having appeared to adopt the Petition, after due notice, we held the same withdrawn in terms of the Statute; and we have further to report that, in our 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.

Given under our hand at Edinburgh this thirty-first day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, we, on the motion of Robert Barr, 62, Blenheim Place, Edinburgh, and Joseph Truscott Gere, publisher, 48, Minto Street, Edinburgh, Petitioners in a Petition against the Election of Robert Cox as Member of Parliament for the City of Edinburgh, held by us at Edinburgh upon the twenty-sixth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, we, on the motion of Robert Barr, 62, Blenheim Place, Edinburgh, and Joseph Truscott Gere, publisher, 48, Minto Street, Edinburgh, Petitioners in a Petition against the Election of Robert Cox as Member of Parliament for the City of Edinburgh (South Division), granted leave to the said Petitioners to withdraw their Petition; and, no persons having appeared to adopt the Petition, after due notice, we held the same withdrawn in terms of the Statute; and we have further to report that, in our 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.

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been guilty by his said Election Agent of the illegal practice aforesaid, but save as aforesaid the said Henry Charles Fulford has not been guilty by any agent or agents of any illegal practice at the said Election.

5. That we have furnished the said Arthur William Barnes with a certificate of indemnity.

Dated this 24th day of January 1896.

C. E. Pollock.

Glasgow Bruce.

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

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 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 during 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 Peers of Ireland as shall for the time being be elected or returned a Member of Parliament, or any other Peer or Peer of Parliament, not being a Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer, or Peer of Parliament, 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, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve 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.

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Outlaws and Clandestine Outlawries was read the first time; Bill, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, Journal, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That 750 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Reginald Francis D告es Palgrave, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be presented to each Person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other Person do presume to print the same.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Commission and Indexes of the Returns of Judgments and County Courts in Ireland during the Months of July and August 1895, specifying Dates and Amounts respectively of the last Increases of Rent where ascertained; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Return according to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commisions, and Civil Bill Courts, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Months of July and August 1895, specifying Dates and Amounts respectively of the last Increases of Rent where ascertained; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.


Copies of Returns under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of (Ireland) Acts, 1887 (Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarters ended 30th September and 31st December 1895.}

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Time Table of Intermediate Examinations in Ireland for 1896, dated 31st October 1895.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 17th December 1895, amending Rules made under the Local Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1888.
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Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 8th November 1895, made by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council of Ireland, for the holding of Winter Assizes at certain places in Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council approving of Rules made by the General Prisons Board, dated 4th August 1895, for the Government of Convict Prisons in Ireland.

Copy of the University under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the Management of the Kilimeague School and Perpetual Endowment.

Copy of Scheme under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the Management of the Viscount Limerick's Endowment, Dundalk.

Copy of Order returned to the Secretary for Scotland, dated 11th February, stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the Purpose or Service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University of Edinburgh, to the Secretary for Scotland, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 30th September 1895.

Copy of Annual Report as to Statistics by the University of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year from the 1st October 1894 to 30th September 1895.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—East India Return to an Address by Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of March 1895, for a Return of the Number of Sailors and Soldiers killed or wounded in War or Warlike Operations carried on by the Government of India during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated East India in the last Session of 1895, for a Return of Correspondence between the Governor General of India and the Honourable the Court of Directors or other Home Authorities, and of such Reports of the Agents of the Cis-Sutlej States and Local Authorities relating to the succession of the Chiefs of Kythal from the death of Bhai Lal Singh in 1819 to the death of Bhai Golab Singh in 1843, and of such Memorials of Bhai Golab Singh; and of the Guardians of his Son, Bhai Jaswant Singh, and of Bhai Jaswant Singh himself, as are in the possession of the India Office, together with the Correspondence relating thereto:

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under "The Diseases of Animals Act, 1884," dated 27th November 1895, entitled, The Foreign Animals Amendment Order of 1895.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Army Medical Department for the Year 1894, Vol. XLVIII.

Copy of Return showing the Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; and the Numbers Present, Absent, and Wounded; and the Number of Militia Reserve Men Enrolled and Effective at the Training of 1895.

Copy of Training Return of the Yeomanry Cavalry for 1895.

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

Copy of Scheme under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the Management of the Kilimeague School and Perpetual Endowment.

Copy of Scheme under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the Management of the Viscount Limerick's Endowment, Dundalk.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of General Rule, dated 11th November 1895, made pursuant to Section 127 of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883."

Copy of General Rules, dated 26th November 1895, made pursuant to the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.

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

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen to the Secretary for Scotland under the provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year from 1st October 1894 to 30th September 1895.

Copy of Report as to Statistics by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh to the Secretary for Scotland under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the Academic Year 1894-95.

Copy of Report on the State of the Finances of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Court of the said University to the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of the 30th section of "The Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," for the year ending 31st August 1895.

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Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes by the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council on Education, under "The Technical Instruction Act, 1889," sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Act for the following Counties, &c.—

County Borough of Saint Helens (2nd Minute), dated 27th August 1895;
County of Cambridge (4th Minute), dated 22nd September 1895;
County of Scarborough (7th Minute), dated 10th September 1895;
County Borough of Grimsby (4th Minute), dated 11th September 1895;
County of Norfolk (4th Minute), dated 19th October 1895;
County of Wilt (9th Minute), dated 31st October 1895;
County of Derby (4th Minute), dated 31st October 1895;
County of Sussex (5th Minute), dated 5th November 1895;
County of the Isle of Wight (3rd Minute), dated 19th November 1895;
Clarenmorris Union (County Mayo), dated 14th November 1895;
City of Belfast (3rd Minute), dated 22nd November 1895;
City of Limerick (2nd Minute), dated 26th November 1895;
City of Cork, dated 27th November 1895;
County of West Suffolk (3rd Minute), dated 28th November 1895;
County of Buckingham (6th Minute), dated 28th November 1895;
County of Surrey (7th Minute), dated 20th December 1895;
Portumi Union (County Galway), dated 22nd January 1896;
Town of Kilburny (Ireland), dated 28th January 1896.

Copies of Minutes by the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, under the Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Section 4 of the Act for the following Counties:—
County of Fife, dated 20th September 1895;
County of Argyll, dated 16th October 1895;
Copy of Scheme under the Enforced Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, for the Management of the Foundation known as D'agurth Meurick's Charity (Schools Account) applicable in the Parish of Llansainffraid, County of Denbigh, &c.;
Copy of Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, for the Management of the Funds applicable to the Intermediate and Technical Education of the Inhabitants of the County of Glamorgan, in the matter of the Foundation of Edward Lewis for a School at Gelligaer, &c., Alabothwa's Foundation at Eglwysilan, and the Ceyn Bridge Grammar School, &c.;
Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd October Colonial Probates Act, 1895, applying the provisions of the Colonial Probates Acts, 1893, to the Colony of the Falkland Islands, 1892.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 10th December 1895, allowing a Table of Ecclesiastical Fees and Payments settled by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, and the Archbishop of York, in pursuance of the Acts 2 & 3 Vic. c. 196, and 30 & 31 Vic. c. 135.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 21st November 1895, directing that the Extradition (India) Acts, 1895, shall have effect in British India, without modification or alteration, as if it were part of the Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd October Colonial Probates Act, 1895, dealing with the validity of certain Marriages solemnised within the limits of the Matabeleland Order in Council, 1894.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd October Colonial Probates Act, 1895, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, intituled, "The Persian Coast and Islands Order in Council, 1895."

Copy of Order in Council, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 12th December 1895, defining certain expressions contained in "The Cyprus Extradition Orders in Council, 1881 and 1885," and entitled "The Cyprus Extradition Order in Council, 1895, No. 23."

Copy of Order in Council, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 10th December 1895, approving a Statement of a revised Appointment and alteration of Salary in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 3rd October 1895, approving certain Rates, Bye-laws, and Regulations made by the Pilotage Board for the Port of Newport, Monmouthshire, in lieu of those hitherto in force.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 3rd October 1895, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Trinity House in Kingston-upon-Hull relating to Pilotage between the Ports of Hull and Goole.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 21st November 1895, exempting from re-measurement in this Country Ships belonging to the United States of America, the measurement whereof after 1st April 1895 have been ascertained and denoted in the Registers and other National Papers of such Ships.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 21st November 1895, exempting from re-measurement in this Country Ships belonging to Denmark, the measurement whereof shall be of the same force as if they had been for the first time made in accordance with the Registers and other National Papers of such Ships.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 21st November 1895, approving and confirming certain Bye-laws made by the Pilotage Board for the Port of Manchester relating to Pilotage in the Manchester Ship Canal.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, dated 21st November 1895, declaring that Certificates granted by the Legislature of Tasmania for Sea-going Passenger Steamers shall be of the same force as if they had been granted for the same purpose in the United Kingdom. 

Technical Instruction Act, 1889.
Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892.
Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889.
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United Kingdom under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.


Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 21st February 1888, altering the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of the House of Christ Church, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 3rd May 1895, altering Statute VIII. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 8th May 1895, altering Statute XXVI. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 23rd July 1895, altering Statute A., Chapters II. and VII. of the Statutes of the University.

Copy of Return of the Amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England, and the Balance of the Receipts received and expended on account of the Telegraph Service during the year ended 31st March 1895, and the Balance of the Receipts over the Expenditure ; prepared in pursuance of Section 4 of the 39th Vic. c. 5 ; and a Statement additional to the above Account prepared in pursuance of the same Section.

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Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 14th January 1896, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of Assistant Engineer, Inspector, under the Irish Local Government Board, professional qualifications not ordinarily acquired in the Public Service are necessary.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th October 1895, declaring that the Office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, so far as relates to any person appointed thereto before the 30th November 1898, is one to which the right to an addition of 10 years is attached over and above the period of actual service therein.

Copy of Return of the Amount of Notes issued more than forty years which have not England, been presented for payment, and which have been written off from the Total Amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England, pursuant to "The Bank Act, 1892."

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 5th September 1895, directing that the Accounts of the Uganda Protectorate, British Central Africa, and British East Africa Protectorates shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

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for the year ended 31st March 1895; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and certain Reports upon Store Accounts.

Account prepared under the provisions of Part I. of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1889." (Naval Section) (Australasian Agreement), showing the Money raised and issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the said Act, up to 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Account prepared under the Provisions of Part II. of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1889." (Military Localisation Act) (Australasian Agreement), showing the Money raised and issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the said Act to the 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Court of Judicature, in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the Funds of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the Funds of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing the Money raised and issued under the Barracks Act, 1890, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the Act to the 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing the Money raised and issued under the Provisions of the Military Forces Localisation Act, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the Act to the 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in the year ended on the 31st December 1895.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the Funds of the Counties of the Suitsors of the Court in the year ending 28th February 1895, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the Transfer of British Bechuanaland to the Cape Colony.

Copies of Annual Reports for 1894 and 1894-5; Nos. 148 (Hong Kongs); 149 (Strait Settlements); 150 (Laos); 151 (Seychelles); 152 (Bautil; 153 (Fiji); 154 (Saint Elents); 155 (Ceylon); 156 (Mauritius); 157 (Jamaica); 158 (Gold Coast); 159 (British Guiana); 160 (Nyasaland); 161 (Janetie); 162 (British Homer) and 163 (British Bechuanaland).

Copy of Report on the Locust Campaign of 1895.

Copy of further Correspondence relating to Affairs in Ashanti.

Copy of further Correspondence relative to Affairs in Ashanti.

Copy of Correspondence on the subject of the recent Disturbances in the South African Republic.

Copy of further Papers relating to the South African Republic.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented,—Divorce Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of July 1894, for a Return of the Number of Divorces granted in each of the Colonies. Orders by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Correspondence on the subject of the recent Divorce Returns.

Copy of Account prepared under the Provisions of Part II. of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1889," showing the Money raised and issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the said Act to the 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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Name of the Loxworth Polling District to Boxworth.

Copy of Order of the County Council for the re-arrangement of Polling Districts in the County of Denbigh.

Copy of Order made by the Town Council with respect to the re-arrangement of the Polling Districts of the Borough of Harlow.

Copy of Order made by the County Council dividing the County of Middlesex into Parliamentary Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council altering certain Polling Districts in the County of Montgomery.

Copies of Orders of the County Council of Southampton (1) constituting Bramshaw Parish a separate Polling District, and (2) constituting the Swanmore and Hook with Warsash Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the Town Council of Southampton for dividing the Borough into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council for the alteration of the Polling Districts of the seven Parliamentary Divisions of the County of Stafford.

Copy of Order of the County Council of Warwickshire constituting the Parish of Baddesley Ensor a separate Polling District.

Copy of Rule for the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Liverpool Prison.

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

Lunacy.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House;—(1.) Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor under the Lunacy Act, 1890, by the Visitors of Lunatics, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the said Visitors, between the 1st day of July and 31st day of December 1895.

(2.) Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ending 1st July 1895.

(3.) Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court under the Finance Act, 1894, and other Acts, dated November 1895.

(4.) Copy of General Rules of the Supreme Court under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, and the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, dated 26th November 1895.

(5.) Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court under the Law of Distress (Amendment) Act, 1895, dated 29th November 1895.

(6.) Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the account of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland in the year ended 31st March 1895.


(8.) Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year ended 31st December 1894, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Return of the Number of Aliens that arrived from the Continent at Ports in the United Kingdom in each Month of the Year 1896, Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had received and the Gross Amount expended in respect of the Telegraph Service, from the 1st to the 31st of December, 1895, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 92 of Session 1895.

Mr. Hanbury 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 Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation, during the Year 1896, the sum of £1,026,827, being a Return of the Expenditure on account of the United Kingdom for each Month during the Year 1896.

Mr. Ritchie 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 Accounts showing the Gross Amount Telegraphs received and the Gross Amount expended in respect of the Telegraph Service, from the 1st to the 31st of March, 1895.

Mr. Hanbury 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 Accounts showing,—

1. The Receipts and Payments in connection with the Civil Contingencies Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1895.

2. The Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal for 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 Commands, and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I continue to receive from other Powers assurances of their friendly sentiments.

An Agreement has been concluded between My Government and that of the French Republic, having for its principal object the more secure establishment of the independence of the Kingdom of Morocco.
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Kingdom of Siam. A copy of it will be laid before you.

The Commissioners for the delimitation of the frontier separating My Indian Empire and the Territory of Afghanistan from the dominions of the Emperor of Russia have agreed upon a line which has been accepted by Myself and by the Emperor.

The Government of the United States have expressed a wish to co-operate in terminating differences which have existed for many years between My Government and the Republic of Venezuela upon the boundary between that country and My Colony of British Guiana. I have expressed My sympathy with the desire to come to an equitable arrangement, and trust that further negotiation will lead to a satisfactory settlement.

The Sultan of Turkey has sanctioned the principal reforms in the government of the Armenian provinces, for which, in conjunction with the Emperor of Russia and the President of the French Republic, I have felt it My duty to press. I deeply regret that a fanatical outburst on the part of a section of the Turkish population has resulted in a series of massacres in those provinces which have caused the deepest indignation in this Country. Papers on these transactions will be laid before you.

A sudden incursion into the South African Republic by an armed force from the territories under the control of the British South Africa Company resulted in a deplorable collision with the Burgher forces.

My Ministers, at the earliest possible moment, intervened to prohibit, through the High Commissioner, this hostile action, and to warn all My subjects throughout South Africa against taking part in aid thereof.

The origin and circumstances of these proceedings will form the subject of a searching inquiry.

The President of the Republic, acting in this matter with moderation and wisdom, agreed to place the prisoners in the hands of My High Commissioner, and I have undertaken to bring to trial the leaders of the expedition.

The conduct of the President on this occasion, and the assurances which he has voluntarily given, lead Me to believe that he recognises the importance of redressing the legitimate grievances of which complaint has been made by a majority of the persons now inhabiting the Transvaal.

The condition of affairs in Ashanti, and the violation by the King of Kumassi of the provisions of the Treaty of 1874 in regard to the suppression of human sacrifices, the freedom of trade, and the maintenance of communications, have for some years past engaged the serious attention of My Government. All endeavours to induce the King to observe his engagements having proved fruitless, it became necessary to send an armed expedition to Kumassi to enforce the conditions which he had been called upon to fulfil.

While I rejoice to be able to announce that the objects of the expedition have been achieved without bloodshed, I have to deplore the loss from the severities of the climate of some valuable lives, including that of My beloved Son-in-law, His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, who voluntarily placed his services at the disposal of Myself and his adopted Country.

I and My dear Daughter are greatly touched and comforted in this heavy bereavement by the widespread sympathy that has been shown by My subjects throughout the Empire at Home and Abroad.

I trust that the establishment of an efficient British control at Kumassi will put an end to the barbarous customs which have hitherto prevailed there, and, by preventing the inter-tribal conflicts which have interfered with the development of the country, will tend to the benefit of the people, and to the interests of peace and commerce.

Papers on the above subjects will shortly be laid before you.

On the north-west frontier of My Indian Empire the measures taken last year to secure an effective control over Chitral have been successful, and the engagements entered into by the border tribes for the maintenance and protection of the road from Peshawur have been loyally carried out without molestation or disturbance.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have directed the Estimates for the service of the year to be laid before you. They have been prepared with the utmost regard to economy; but the exigencies of the time require an increased expenditure.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The extension and improvement of the Naval Defence of the Empire is the most important subject to which your efforts can be directed, and will undoubtedly occupy your most earnest attention.

I regret to say that the condition of agriculture is disastrous beyond any recent experience. Measures will be laid before you, of which the object will be to mitigate the distress under which the classes labour who are engaged in that industry.

Elementary schools under voluntary management are a valuable portion of our educational system, and their condition, which is in many places precarious, requires further assistance from public resources.

The compensation to workmen for injuries received in the course of their ordinary employment has been under the consideration of Parliament upon several occasions. A measure dealing with the subject will be laid before you.

Legislation will be submitted to you for the amendment of the defects which experience has shown to exist in the provisions of the various Land Acts which have been passed in respect to Ireland.

A measure for amending and consolidating the Law relating to public health in Scotland will be laid before you.

Measures have also been prepared for the avoidance of any difficulty in the present of trade disputes, for facilitating the construction of light railways in the United Kingdom, for the regulation of public companies, for checking the importation of destitute aliens, for amending the Law with respect to the supply of water to the metropolis, for the institution of a board of agriculture in Ireland, and for amending the Law of evidence.

I commend these weighty matters to your experienced judgment, and pray that your labours may be blessed by the guidance and favour of Almighty God.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—

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 offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament:

We take this first opportunity of expressing to Your Majesty our deep concern at the sad affiction
affliction with which Your Majesty has been visited in the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg:

We desire to assure Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg of our sincere participation in the general feeling of sorrow for the heavy bereavement which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's family have sustained by the loss of a Prince who was regarded with universal affection and esteem by Your Majesty's subjects—(Mr. George Groves):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 12th February, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Expense of the Ordnance Factories, the Productions of which have been charged to other Votes, for the year ending 31st March 1895, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from the Judges for the time being on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Sunderland:

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, and


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

We, the Honourable Baron Pollock and the Honourable Mr. Justice Lawrence, Judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and two of the Judges on the Rota for the time being for the Trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Acts, certify that upon the 27th day of January 1896, we duly held a Court at the Town Hall, in the Borough of Sunderland, in the County of Durham, for the Trial of, and did on the said day and three following days, try the Election of Samuel Storey, Esquire, Petitioner, and William Theodore Doxford, Respondent.

And, in further pursuance of the said Acts, we report:

That, at the conclusion of the said Trial we determined that the said William Theodore Doxford, being the Member whose Election and Return were complained of was duly elected and returned, and we hereby certify such our determination to you.

And whereas charges were made of illegal practices having been committed at the said Election we, in further pursuance of the said Acts, report as follows:

1. That no illegal practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at the said Election.

2. That there is no reason to believe the illegal practices have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

3. That no Candidate has been proved to be guilty of any illegal practice.

C. E. Pollock.
J. C. Lawrence.

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

Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the ballot, and that all Members who desire to ballot, whether for Bills, or Motions for the first motion, have arisen from their Foreign and Colonial Offices, be taken on the third four Tuesdays of the Session, do hand in their names at the Table during the sitting of the House on the first or second day of the Session, and that a copy of such Notices be handed in at the latest during the sitting of the House on the third day of the Session.

Ordered, That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session at a convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament:

We take this first opportunity of expressing to Your Majesty our deep concern at the sad affliction with which Your Majesty has been visited in the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg:

We desire to assure Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg of our sincere participation in the general feeling of sorrow for the heavy bereavement which Your Majesty and Your Majesty’s family have sustained by the loss of a Prince who was regarded with universal affection and esteem by Your Majesty’s subjects—(Mr. George Groves):—And the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words, “And we humbly represent to Your majesty for Ireland have aroused feelings of the deepest discontent and resentment in the minds of Irishmen; and that they have thereby added to the complications and difficulties which have arisen from their Foreign and Colonial policy.”—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till 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, a Return showing with the United Kingdom the Total Number, and, as far as could be the consent of any candidate at the said Election.

Ordered, That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session at a convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker.—(Mr. Balfour.)

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far as possible, the Number in each class of Electors on the Register now in force; and also
showing the Population and inhabited Houses in each Constituency.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Estimates for Civil Ser-
vice and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1897, together with a Copy
of the Memorandum by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating thereto.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till half-an-hour after Five of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 13th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Several Members took and subscribed the Oath.

Private Bills.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order No. 79, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz. —

1. Aldershot Gas and Water.
3. Amoundale and Douglas Railway.
4. Amoundale and Sorn Railway.
5. Barry Railway.
17. Caledonian Railway.
18. Callander and Oban Railway.
20. Caerphilly and Harrington Bridges Trust.
22. Cheltenham Corporation Gas.
23. Cheltenham Gas.
25. Cowes Gas.
27. Customs’ Annuity and Benevolent Fund.
29. Dublin Corporation.
30. Dundee Harbour.
31. Dunver Suburban Railway (Extension of Time).
32. East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (South Leeds Junction Railway of the Whole).
33. East Surrey Water.
34. English, Scottish, and Australian Bank.
35. Falkirk and District Water.
36. Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway.

37. Glasgow and South Western Railway.
38. Glasgow and South Western and North British Railway Companies.
39. Glasgow Railway (General Powers).
40. Glasgow Corporation (Sewage).
41. Glasgow Juvenile Delinquency.
42. Great Northern London Cemetery Company.
43. Great Western Railway (Additional Powers).
44. Great Western Railway (Devonshire Railways).
45. Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway).
46. Inverary and Fort Augustus Railway.
47. Iverne Brough Improvement.
49. Leeds Hydraulic Power.
50. Liverpool Warehousing Company.
51. Llandudno Harbour.
52. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
53. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital).
54. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers).
55. Midland Link.
56. Manchester Corporation.
57. Marth-orough and Grafton Railway.
58. Millwall Dock.
59. North, Pontardore, and Brynmarn Railway.
60. Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas.
61. Newcastle up on Tyne Tramways and Improvement.
63. North Cornwall Railway.
64. Nutbrook Canal.
65. Ogilvie Meal Charity.
66. Paddington Urban District Council (Water) (Extension of Time).
67. Portsmouth, Basingstoke, and Gudalming Railway.
68. Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension).
69. Port Talbot Railway and Docks (South Wales Mineral Railway).
70. Post Office (Parcels Act, 1882 (Amendment).
71. Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation).
72. Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland.
73. Redheugh Bridge.
74. Ryhme Railway.
75. Rocker Valley (Light) Railway.
76. South Eastern Railway.
77. Sutton Bridge Dock.
78. Swansea Corporation Tramways.
79. Swansea Harbour.
80. Taff and Rhydndd Junction Railway.
81. Taff Vale Railway.
82. Teetered Railway.
83. Trust Association.
84. Wallasey Urban District Council.
85. Waver Navigation.
86. West Grinstead and Haywards Heath Railway.
87. West Highland Railway.
88. Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company.
89. Wolver’s Patents.
90. Witham Dock, Cardiff.
91. Wyrac and District Water.
92. Woodford Urban District Council (Gas and Water).

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.
The Orders made upon the 2nd and 3rd days of September, in the last Session of Parliament, That the Return relative to Government Property (County of London) do lie upon the Table, and that the said Return be printed, were severally read, and discharged.—(Mr. Haukby.)

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the University of Aberdeen, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Service and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts), which were presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Imperial Defence Act, 1888 (Naval Section) (Australasian Agreement), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Account relative to Chelsea Hospital, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Military Forces Localisation (Appropriation Account), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Duchy of Cornwall, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to a Public Trustee (Colonies), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Army (Ordnance Factories) (Appropriation Account), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1662 and 1663.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing (1) the Name of each Parish in which the Government occupies Property; (2) the Extent and Character of such Property; (3) the Valuation put upon such Property for Local Rating; (4) the Amount of Contribution paid, or to be paid, to each Parish in the last Financial Year; and (5) Special Acts of Parliament (if any) applicable to the case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 124, of Session 1894).

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

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Account, showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, in the Financial Year ended 31st March 1895, for the Interest and Management of the Public Funded and Unfunded Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the Financial Year, for Services charged directly on the said Fund; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Moneys 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 the Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st December 1895.

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 & 19 Vict. c. 17, and 19 and 20 Vict. c. 32, and also the Sums received to the 31st December 1895, for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885 (Viscount Limerick's Endowment, Dundalk), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Copy of Order of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1895, allowing separate Branches of Work to be treated as separate Branches of Factories or Workshops.

Copy of Order of Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1895, with regard to Lists of Outworkers.

Copy of Order of Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1895, granting Special Exception (Lime-washing, &c.)

Copy of Rule made by the Lord Chancellor, prescribing Forms for use in cases of Summary Proceedings under the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Acts and Elementary Education Act, 1876.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Regulations for the Examination for the Civil Service of India, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Account, showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce thereof in the ten years 1885–94, also Bee-keeping Statistics for the Season 1894.

Copy of Report on the Banking and Railway Statistics of Ireland, for the half year ended 31st December 1895.

Copy of Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports received from Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions on Bounties, other than those on Shipping and Navigation, granted by the Governments of the various Colonies.

Copy of Circular from the Board of Trade to Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on (under the subject of Bridges under their line of Rail- way, and Correspondence ensuing thereon.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Buckingham (Southern or Wycombe Division), in the room of George Richard Penn Curzon, commonly called Viscount Curzon, who, since his election for the said Division of the said County, hath accepted the Office of Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had countermanded a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Buckingham (Southern or Wycombe Division), in the room of George Richard Penn Curzon, commonly called Viscount Curzon, who, since his election for the said Division of the said County, hath accepted the Office of Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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Election.

Division) Lancashire

sufficient showed that the said acts of the said Election we, in further pursuance of the said Acts of Parliament, determined that the said Henry Foster, Respondent.

and Alfred Wilkes Kaye, Petitioners, and William Henry Foster, Election Agent, as aforesaid, was guilty of the illegal hiring as committee

and exhibited as aforesaid, was guilty of the illegal hiring as committee-messengers and for the purpose of promoting Election of the said William Henry Foster, of the premises of two public elementary schools in receipt of an annual Parliamentary grant. And the said William Henry Foster and James Henry Bottomley applied to us sitting as an Election Court, and by such evidence as seemed to us sufficient, showed that the said acts of the said James Henry Bottomley in hiring the said school premises arose from inadvertence, and did not arise from any want of good faith. We, after due notice of the said application given in the said Division, made an order allowing such acts to be an exception from the provisions of the said Act, 1883.

We, the Honourable Baron Pollock and the Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce, Judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and two of the Judges on the Rota for the time being for the Trial of Election Petitions in England, do hereby, in pursuance of the said Acts, certify that upon the 14th day of January 1896, we duly held a Court at the Shire Hall, Lancaster Castle, in the County of Lancaster, for the Trial of, and did, on the said and following days, try the Election Petition for the Lancaster Division of the County of Lancashire, between Thomas Bradshaw and Alfred Wilkes Kaye, Petitioners, and William Henry Foster, Respondent.

And, in further pursuance of the said Acts, we report, that at the conclusion of the said Trial, we determined that the said William Henry Foster, the Member whose Election was complained of, was duly elected.

And whereas charges were made of corrupt and illegal practices having been committed at the said Election we, in further pursuance of the said Acts, report as follows:

1. That no corrupt or illegal practice was proved to have been committed by us with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate.

2. And whereas we found that the return transmitted by James Henry Bottomley, the Election Agent of the said William Henry Foster, to the Returning Officer of the Election expenses of the said William Henry Foster did not duly comply with the form set forth in the second Schedule of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883. And whereas the said William Henry Foster and the said James Henry Bottomley applied to us sitting as an Election Court, and showed that the failure to transmit the said return in due form arose by reason of inadvertence and not by reason of any want of good faith on the part of the said William Henry Foster or the said James Henry Bottomley. We, after due notice of the said application in the said division of the said county, and on the production of evidence before us of the grounds stated in the said application and of the good faith thereof, did make an order allowing an authorised excuse for the said failure to transmit in due form the required return.

And did further order that the amended return and declarations handed to us in Court, together with the receipts in respect of items numbered 72, 73, 74, and 76, respectively, in the Petitioners' detailed particulars, filed the 23rd November 1895, should be delivered by the said Election Agent, James Henry Bottomley, to the Returning Officer within three days from the 24th January 1896.

3. And whereas we found that the said James Henry Bottomley, Election Agent as aforesaid, was guilty of the illegal hiring as committee-

rooms for the purpose of promoting Election of the said William Henry Foster, of the premises of two public elementary schools in receipt of an annual Parliamentary grant. And the said William Henry Foster and James Henry Bottomley applied to us sitting as an Election Court, and by such evidence as seemed to us sufficient, showed that the said acts of the said James Henry Bottomley in hiring the said school
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following cases, viz.:—

**Private Bills (Lords).**

**MR. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Private Bill.**

Friday, 14th February, 1896.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

**Burry Port and Gwendreath Valley Railway Bill.**

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Portsmouth, Basingstoke, and Goolaming Railway Bill.
Rother Valley (Light) 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, That, in the case of the Petition for a Bill for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Ending and South Harrow Railway Bill.
Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members:—Mr. Bucknoin, Sir William Coddington, Mr. John Ellis, Sir Thomas Ernouette, Sir Edward Gourley, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. James Loether, Sir John Lushock, Sir John Monbouy, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Mark Stewart, and Mr. Whitham were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Sir John Monbouy.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do consist of Eleven Members:—Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Derington, Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. Forster, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Easton, Sir George Osborne Morgan, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wodehouse, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Sir John Monbouy.)

Provisional Order Bills.

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the House of the 2nd day of July 1895, as amended by the Order of the House of the 16th day of August 1895 relating to Provisional Order Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 14th day of May 1895, for leave to bring in the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

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The House was moved, That the Order was read the first and second time; and committed.

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

Greek Loan.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Greek Loan, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant February, be printed.

Sardinian Loan.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Sardinian Loan, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended on the 31st December 1895, also a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same Date.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st January 1896, directing the further appropriation of Receipts in aid of Moneys provided by Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—

(1.) An Account of the Amount of all Exchequer 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 Sum have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending 5th January 1896, 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 other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1896 aforesaid:—And, an Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due, and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on certain 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 of the year ending 3rd January 1896.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of Mr. C. S. Bagot and Mr. F. Needham to the Lunacy Commissioners, dated the 30th day of October 1895, in respect of their Investigation into certain Occurrences at the Holloway Sanatorium.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

One other Member took and subscribed the Oath.

Resolved, That this House, at the rising of the Adjournment, House this day, do adjourn until Monday next.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

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 Member to sit in this present Parliament for the County of Stafford (Lichfield Division) in the room of Henry Charles Selforde, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Ordered, That this day the Introduction of Bills have precedence of the Order of the Day:—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Liverpool Court of Passage. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, for the Adoption of the Bill to amend the Procedure of the Liverpool Court of Passage: And that Mr. Bigham, Sir George Baden-Powell, Mr. Wodehouse, Mr. Stock, Mr. Honson, Mr. Warr, Dr. Commins, and Sir John Brunner do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Transfer and Exercise of Church Patronage and the Admission to and Avoidance of Benefices, and to further amend the Pluralities Acts Amendment Act, 1885: And that Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Stewart-Wortley, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir John Kenyon, Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Working Men's Dwelling Act, 1885, to provide Facilities for the Acquisition by Working Men of their own Dwellings: And that Mr. Alfred Hickman, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Heath, Mr. Byron Reed, and Mr. Faithfull Begg do prepare, and bring it in.

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14th February.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the restoration of certain Evicted Tenants in Ireland to their former Holdings: And that Mr. Charles Dilke, Sir John Redmond, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Hoyden, and Mr. William Redmond do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Law relating to the Employment and Rating of Merchant Seamen: And that Mr. Howorth Wilson, Mr. Abery-Jones, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Dalziel, and Major RASCH do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the purpose of marking certain Articles of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Mildmay, Mr. Jeffreys, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. AUSTER, and Mr. PLUNKETT do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the working Hours in Mines to Eight Hours per Day, from Bank to Bank: And that Mr. Keppel, Mr. Mr. John Logan, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Sir William Allen, Mr. Birrell, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Hatch, Mr. NUSSEY, Sir Albert BOLLI, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Jacoby do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, Mercantile Marine, and Fishermen, to record their Votes, when by reason of their calling, they will be at Sea on the Day of the Poll: And that Mr. Richardson, Sir John Colombe, Sir Cameron Gill, Mr. Edwin Lawrence, Mr. Elliott LEE, and Mr. Joseph Pease do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Debret Bill for the better reporting of Floating Derelicts: And that Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Peterson Fitzgerald, Mr. Hazier, Mr. Wolff, Mr. Round, Mr. Pena, Mr. Edward Gourley, Mr. Howorth Wilson, and Mr. William Allen do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Superannuation Allocations to Poor Law Officers and Servants, and for Contributions towards such Allocations by such Officers and Servants, and to make other relative provisions: And that Mr. James Bailey, Viscount Cranborne, Sir Frederick FitzWygam, Captain Norton, Mr. Llewellyn, and Mr. Atherley Jones do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for providing a superannuation fund for the Guardians in Ireland, and to extend their Powers in Ireland to prevent the common Sale of Inimical Goods, and in Scotland to prevent the common Sale of Inimical Liquors, or otherwise to have effectual Control over the Traffic in such Liquors within such areas: And that Mr. Colville, Mr. John BAXTER, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Birrell, Mr. Soutar, Sir Leonard Lyell, Sir William Duns, and Dr. Clark do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers in Burghs, Wards of Burghs, Baronies, and Districts in Scotland to prevent the common Sale of Inimical Liquors, or otherwise to have effectual Control over the Traffic in such Liquors within such areas: And that Mr. Colville, Mr. John Baxter, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Birrell, Mr. Soutar, Sir Leonard Lyell, Sir William Duns, and Dr. Clark do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Inimical Liquors on Sunday: And that Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Arthur Pease, Mr. Perks, Mr. Coo-per Hardy, Mr. Fowick, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Fitzbank, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Hazell 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 Tenure and Occupancy of Land, and to provide for the Reinstatement of Rents of Agricultural Land in England and Wales: And that Mr. Price, Mr. Channing, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Logan, Mr. Rockhill, Mr. Beca Duce, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Local Authorities to value and purchase Land: And that Mr. Logan, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Channing, Mr. Howorth, Mr. Price, and Mr. Broadhurst do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the purpose of marking certain Articles of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Mildmay, Mr. Jeffreys, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Auster, and Mr. Plunkett do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, Mercantile Marine, and Fishermen, to record their Votes, when by reason of their calling, they will be at Sea on the Day of the Poll: And that Mr. Richardson, Sir John Colombe, Sir Cameron Gill, Mr. Edwin Lawrence, Mr. Elliott LEE, and Mr. Joseph Pease 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 Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Saturdays and Sundays, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Arthur Pease, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Jordon, Colonel Sanderson, Mr. Parkinson, and Mr. Arnold-Foster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Rating of Midwives: And that Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Mark Stewart, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Mildmay, and Mr. Richardson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1886, in respect of Public Health Rating: And that Mr. James Campbell, Sir Mark Stewart, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Mildmay, and Mr. Richardson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the Constitution of the Church of Scotland: And that Captain Donelan, Mr. Doogan, Mr. Fagan, Mr. Patrick McHugh, Mr. Donal Sullivan, and Dr. Tanner do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for preventing the Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And that Mr. Thorburn, Mr. Ernest Grey, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Hare, and Mr. Pym do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Franchise in Ireland: And that Mr. Power, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. John Redmond, Sir Thomas Lee, Mr. Horace Plunkett, and Mr. Rentoul do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Midwives: And that Mr. Kenneth Cox and Mr. Bonsor do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Franchise in Ireland: And that Mr. Patrick O'Brien do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Labourers Acts: And that Mr. Harrington, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. William Corbet, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Field, and Dr. Kenny do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for making Statutes respecting Deans of Churches.
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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Law Agents and Notaries Public practising in Scotland: And that Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Renton, Mr. Alexander Cross, Dr. Farquharson, and Mr. Flynn do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Labour of Children and Young Persons working in factories andWorkshops: And that Mr. Darling, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to the Counties of Banff, Aberdeen, Kincardine, Elgin, and Nairn, certain Provisions of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and any Acts amending the same: And that Mr. Atherley-Jones, Sir James Joicey, Mr. Joseph Pease, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Burial Laws: And that Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Darling, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Accused Persons and their Wives to give Evidence in all cases determinable by Justices: And that Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Darling, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Importation of Prison-made Goods: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Sir Frederick Soager Hunt, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Maitte, Mr. Harlock-Wilson, Mr. Macleure, Mr. Boutwell, Mr. Field, Major Rasch, Sir Benjamin Stone, and Sir Henry Howorth do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enfore Arbitration in controversial Matters relating to Mines within the Jurisdiction of the Summary Court: And that Mr. Strauss, Mr. Bullock, and Mr. Edwin Lawrence do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as Guardians and Members of Poor Law Guardians in Ireland: And that Mr. Pickersgill, Sir Albert Rollit, and Mr. Harrison do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Taxation of Land Values by Local Authorities: And that Mr. Harrison, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Keayle, Mr. Lough, and Mr. Pickersgill do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enact and extend the Law affecting the Inheritance of Wives to provide for the Taxation of Land Values by Local Authorities: And that Mr. procurement, Mr. Francois, Sir John Kenway, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Spier, Mr. William F. D. Smith, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Whittaker, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enact and extend the Law relating to Assistant Country Surveyors and their Assistants, and to provide for Superannuation and Travelling Expenses, and other purposes: And that Mr. Rentoul, Sir Thomas Lea, Mr. William Johnston, and Mr. Duns do prepare, and bring it in.

and Chapters and Cathedral Churches in England, and for other purposes relating thereto: And that Sir Charles Delaprange, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, and Mr. Samuel Hoare do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the creation of a Court of Criminal Appeal for the Trial of Criminal Cases; And that Mr. Pickersgill, Sir Albert Rollit, and Mr. Harrison do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885: And that Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Forwick, Mr. Heath, Sir John Kenway, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Spier, Mr. William F. D. Smith, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Whittaker, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the existing Laws in Ireland relating to Mines within the Jurisdiction of the Stannary Court: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Sir Frederick Soager Hunt, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Maitte, Mr. Harlock-Wilson, Mr. Macleure, Mr. Boutwell, Mr. Field, Major Rasch, Sir Benjamin Stone, and Sir Henry Howorth do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881, and to make further provisions respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And that Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Spicer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and control Street Noises: And that Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Arnold-Forster, Mr. Bowden, Mr. General Goldsworthy, Colonel Sundys, and Mr. J. W. Sidebotham do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887: And that Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. William Abraham, Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Mr. Hury, Mr. Frowick, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Roundell, and Mr. Yoxall do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections and thereby to abolish University Representation, and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And that Mr. D. Dilke, Mr. William Allen, Mr. John Butes, and Mr. Clark do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Prevention of Fraud by the Sale of Foreign Goods as British: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Macleure, Mr. Godson, Major Rausch, Mr. Field, Mr. Howelock Wilson, and Mr. Spencer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Facilities for the Acquisition by Working Men of their own Dwellings: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Cuyper, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Goulding, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Coleson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Ground Game Act, 1880: And that Mr. Channing and Mr. Brampton Beach do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bigham presented a Bill to amend the Procedure of the Liverpool Court of Passage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Alfred Hickman presented a Bill to provide facilities for the Acquisition by Working Men of their own Dwellings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Bailey presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation Allowances to Poor Law Officers and Servants, and for Contributions towards such Allowances by such Officers and Servants, and to make other relative Provisions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Price presented a Bill to amend the Law Land Tenure relating to the Tenure and Occupancy of Land, and to provide for the Reversion of Rights of Agricultural Land in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Quilter presented a Bill for better securing the Purity of Beer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Couch presented a Bill to make better Evicted Tenants provision for the Reinstatement of Evicted Tenants in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Dr. Tanner presented a Bill to amend the Constitution of Boards of Guardians in Ireland, and to extend their Powers under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, and in other respects: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Coleville presented a Bill to enable Owners Liquor Traffic and Occupiers in Burghs, Wards of Burghs, Parishes, and Districts in Scotland to prevent the common Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or otherwise to have effectual Control over the Traffic in such Liquors within such Areas: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Wilson presented a Bill to pro-Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph Pease presented a Bill to grant Steam Engines Certificates to Persons in Charge of Steam Engines; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Faithfull Begg presented a Bill for extending Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to facilitate the Restoration of certain Evicted Tenants in Ire-land to their former Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Havelock Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Employment and Rating of Merchant Seamen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant February; and to be printed.
Mr. Power presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Municipal Franchise in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Campbell presented a Bill to declare the Constitution of the Church of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wyville presented a Bill to make more effectual provision for Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sidebotham presented a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation and Control of Cemeteries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Tomlinson presented a Bill to amend the Rating of Machinery: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Field presented a Bill to repeal the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1867; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Brennan presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, in respect of Public Health Rating: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sheeney-Cox presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of Midwives: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Patrick O’Brien presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Hill presented a Bill to amend the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1866: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harrington presented a Bill to amend and extend the Labours (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Coroner's Law relating to Coroner's Inquests in the case of Fatal Accidents on Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.
Mr. Duncane presented a Bill to amend the Jurors (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherley-Jones presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining Easements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Colonel Waring presented a Bill to amend the Ballot Act 1872: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Carew Williams presented a Bill to further amend the Burial Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haldane presented a Bill to restrict the Evidence in all Cases determinable by Justices: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Howard Vincent presented a Bill to restrict the Importation of Prison-made Goods: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Strang presented a Bill to enforce Arbitration in controversial matters relating to Mines within the jurisdiction of the Stannary Court: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Patrick McHugh presented a Bill to dispense with the Appointment of Members of Dispensary Committees in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill for the creation of a Court of Criminal Appeal in certain cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson presented a Bill Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.
Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Ground Game Ground Game Act, 1880: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Mr. Channing’s Amendment, which, upon the 13th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question, which was proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament:

We take this first opportunity of expressing to Your Majesty our deep concern at the sad affliction which Your Majesty has been visited in the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg:

We desire to assure Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg of our sincere participation in the general feeling of sorrow for the heavy bereavement which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's family have sustained by the loss of a Prince who was regarded with universal affection and esteem by Your Majesty's subjects—(Mr. George Goschen);

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And we south Africa humbly represent to Your Majesty that no Chartered company investigation into recent events in South Company, "Africa will be complete unless it extends to the financial and political action of the Chartered Company of South Africa, since Your Majesty granted to certain persons the Royal Charter under which the Company is incorporated—(Mr. Labouchere);

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words:—And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that no Chartered company has come when the Felony Acts cases of all prisoners convicted under the Treason Felony Act who are, and have been for many years, undergoing punishment for offences against the law and in the administration of justice, has come when the Felony Acts cases of all prisoners convicted under the Treason Felony Act who are, and have been for many years, undergoing punishment for offences arising out of insurrectionary movements connected with Ireland, may be advanced, or otherwise reconsidered.—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir William Walbrand):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before twelve of the clock, adjourned until Monday next.
Monday, 17th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen to purchase and acquire the Tramways, Works, and Undertakings of the Aberdeen District Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bryce and Mr. Hunter.

A Petition of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heath and Mr. Murieloth.

A Petition of the Barry Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Barry Urban District Council to acquire Common, and to maintain and regulate the same; to construct new Waterworks; to extend the Limits of Gas and Water Supply; for conferring further Powers in relation to Buildings, Streets, and Sanitary matters; for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Samuel Evans and Major Wyndham-Quin.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Londonderry, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Reduction of the Municipal Franchise in the City of Londonderry; for the Alteration and Increase in the Number of the Municipal Wards and of the Number of Aldermen and Councillors elected for the said City; for the Extension of the Municipal Limits and Improvement of the City; for the raising of further Moneys, the Issue of Stock, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Arnold Forster, Mr. Woff, and Sir James Haslett.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Belfast, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the City of Belfast, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Arnold Forster, Mr. Woff, and Sir James Haslett.

A Petition of the Belfast Street Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Belfast Street Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Woff and Mr. Arnold Forster.

A Petition of the Bexhill Water and Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Bexhill Water and Gas Company to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Alfred Lyttelton.

A Petition of George Mill, Frederick Molesworth, Bilsford, and George James Taylor, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Bilsford, Westward Hele, and Appledore Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lambert and Mr. Luttrell.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Bilton, for leave to bring in a Bill for making further and better Provision for the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the Urban District of Bilton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Villiers and Sir Alfred Hickman.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Blackpool, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the North Shore Works authorised to be constructed by the Blackpool Improvement Act, 1895, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Maitin.

A Petition of the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, Lytham Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Baldock and Mr. George Whiteley.

A Petition of the Bournemouth Gas and Bournemouth Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Limits for the Supply of Gas and Water of the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company, and for authorising that Company to construct new Gasworks and Waterworks, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bartley and Mr. Codicell.

A Petition of the Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to complete and opening the Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Loder and Mr. Wentworth.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Shoreham and District Waterworks Company to and to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Loder, Mr. Westworth, and Sir Henry Fletcher.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Loder, Mr. Westworth, and Sir Henry Fletcher.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend some of the Powers of the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for completing and opening the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier.
Marine Palace and Pier Company; to make further Provision with respect to their unissued Capital, and the Completion of the Pier and Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Reginald Hanson and Sir Richard Cavendish.

Burton-upon-Trent Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Burton-upon-Trent, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer Burton Bridge to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Burton-upon-Trent, in the County of Stafford; to enable them to widen Little Burton Bridge; to make further Provision for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Evershed and Mr. Gretton.

Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Railway.

A Petition of the then-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Guater and Mr. Grant Lawson.

Chester Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chester, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Chester to construct a Weir or Tidal Dam across the River Dee, and other Works; to enlarge the Powers of the Corporation for preventing Pollution of the River Dee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Yerburgh and Mr. Tollemache.

City and South London Railway.

A Petition of the City and South London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the purchase of Lands for the purposes of the City and South London Railway Act, 1893, and for the completion of the Underground Railway and Works thereby authorised, and to empower the Company to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kimber and Mr. Brodie Hoare.

Colwyn Bay and District Gas.

A Petition of the Colwyn Bay and District Gas and Lighting Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Colwyn Bay and District Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Osborne Morgan and Mr. John Roberts.

Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway.

A Petition of the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Company to extend their Railway to Crosshaven; to change the name of the Company, and to confer further Powers on the Company in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Dr. Commin, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Penrose Furlong, and Mr. Smith-Boyer.

Corporation of London (Metropolitan Boroughs and Tramways).

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Metropolitan Market Acts, 1857, and 1865, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Reginald Hanson and Sir Joseph Savory.

A Petition of the Here-undersigned, for leave to incorporate the Forth and Clyde Canal Company, Gogar, and Barnton Railway Company, and to empower the Company to construct Railways in the County of Midlothian, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael and Mr. Robert Cor.

A Petition of the Donegal Railway Company, Donegal for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Railway.

Donegal Railway Company to extend their Railway from Strabane to Londonderry, and from Donegal to Ballyshannon; to make Agreements with the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners, and the Londonderry Bridge Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Knox and Mr. Horace Plunkett.

A Petition of the Eastbourne Waterworks Eastbourne Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Eastbourne Waterworks Company, and for conferring further Powers on the Company for the construction of Works, the raising of Capital, and otherwise in connexion with the purposes of the Eastbourne Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fickerigill, Sir Samuel Montagu, and Mr. Harry Samuel.

A Petition of the Easton and Church Hope Easton and Church Hope Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Completion of the authorised Railways of the Easton and Church Hope Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Arel and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, for leave to bring in a Bill to amalgamate the Burghs of Leith and Portobello with the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, and to extend the Boundaries of the City and Royal Burgh and the County of the City of Edinburgh; to amalgamate Parishes; to transfer to and vest in the amalgamated Corporation the respective Undertakings of the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Commissioners; to transfer to the Corporation all the Powers and Authorities of the Corporation of Edinburgh and the Corporation of Leith under the Water of Leith Purification and Sewerage Act; to extend the Limits of compulsory Water Supply; to extend the Limits of Gas Supply; to enable the Corporation to purchase by Agreement the Gasworks and Undertaking of the Portobello Gas Lighting Company; to amend and extend the Edinburgh Municipal and Police and other Acts, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. M`her, Mr. Robert Wallace (Edinburgh), and Mr. M`over.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and
Council of the City of Edinburgh to widen, alter, and improve certain Streets, Places, and Districts within the said City; to make new Works; to construct Tramways; to purchase Tramway Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company, to provide for an additional Accommodation for the conduct of Corporation Business; to acquire Lands; to amend Acts, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. M'Leod, Mr. Robert Wallace (Edinburgh), and Mr. M'teer.

A Petition of the Society of the Governor and Assistants, London, of the New Plantation in Ulster, within the Realm of Ireland, commonly called the Honourable the Irish Society, and of the Governors of the Londonderry Academical Institution, and of the undersigned Members of the Governing Body of Foyle College, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amalgamation of Foyle College and the Londonderry Academical Institution, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Reginald Hanson and Sir Charles Hall.

A Petition of the Fydy Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Fydy Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Horany.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Penn, Mr. Round, and Mr. Coven-Hardy.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company, to empower the Great Eastern Railway Company to grant a further Lease of their Ramsey Railway to that Company; to vest in the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Committee the Undertaking of the Ramsey and Sommerset Junction Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Finon.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for transferring to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company the Powers of the Drumcondra and North Dublin Link Railway Company, incorporated by the Drumcondra and North Dublin Railway Act, 1884; to empower the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to abandon the Construction of Railway No. 2, authorised by that Act, and to construct another Railway in lieu thereof; to stop up certain Streets and Roads; to enter into Agreements with other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dunbar Burton and Mr. Carson.

A Petition of the Guildford Gaslight and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Guildford Gaslight and Coke Company; to provide additional and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brodrick and Mr. Cubitt.

A Petition of the Highland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to revive the Powers and extend the Time limited by the Highland Railway (New Lines) Act, 1869, for the Completion of Railway No. 2, authorised by that Act, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Brittle and Mr. M'tead.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Huddersfield Burgesses of the County Borough of Huddersfield, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Huddersfield to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Woodhouse, Sir Albert Bolton, and Sir James Kitson.

A Petition of the here-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining new Railways in the County of Essex, to be called the Iford, Barkerside, and Chigwell Row railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major Houch, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Wigram.

A Petition of the Ilfracombe Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Gas Powers on the Ilfracombe Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. G. Lambert and Sir William Gull.

A Petition of the here-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of certain Street Improvements, and the taking of Lands in the Parish of Saint Mary Abbotts, Kensington, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Warkworth and Mr. Rudolf Cooke.

A Petition of the Urban District Councils of Kent Water to the Urban Districts of Breckenhain, Bromley, Dartford, and Sevenoaks, all in the County of Kent, for leave to bring in a Bill to constitute and incorporate a Water Board for the Urban District of Breckenhain, Bromley, Dartford, and the Rural Districts of Bromley and Dartford, and part of the Rural District of Sevenoaks, all in the County of Kent; to transfer to and vest in such Board the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Kent Waterworks, and of the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Lambeth Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henry W. Forster, Sir William Hart Dyke, and Mr. Pulmar.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of King's Lynn, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of King's Lynn to cover over a portion of the Mill Fleet, to connect their Sewers with the River Great and Gaywood and Middleton Stop Drains, and to use portions thereof as Storm Overflows, and to raise additional Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Gibson Bowles and Mr. Hare.
Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water.

A Petition of the Waterworks Commissioners of Kirkcaldy and Dysart, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Waterworks Commissioners of Kirkcaldy and Dysart to make and maintain additional Works for providing an increased Water Supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dale and Mr. Birrell.

Lancashire (Middle Ward District) Water.

A Petition of the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lancashire, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lancashire to abandon certain Works authorised by the Lancashire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1892, and to construct additional Waterworks; to amend the provisions of that Act; to authorise and require the County Council of the County of Lancashire to levy Assessments, and to borrow Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Coakley, Mr. Holt, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. John Wilson (Govan).

Lancashire and Yorkshire, and London and North Western Railway Companies.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company with regard to their respective Undertakings, and with regard to the North Union, Preston, and Longridge Districts and Prestations and their Undertakings of those Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horbury, Mr. Fildes, and Sir William Houldsworth.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horbury and Mr. Fildes.

Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway.

A Petition of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company to construct certain Branch Railways, and acquire additional Lands in connection with their Chesterfield and Lincoln separate Undertakings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bambridge, Mr. Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. Perks, and Mr. Thomas Bagley.

Leamington Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leamington Spa, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further and better provision in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough of Leamington Spa, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Lyttleton and Colonel Mitward.

London and North Western Railway.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking and other Undertakings in which they are interested jointly with other Companies, and also for conferring Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company and the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Holdsworth and Mr. Murdoch.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County Council leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the raising and provision of Money by the London County Council for Expenditure of the Capital Account, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cohen and Mr. James Stuart.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County Council leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to purchase Lands for various purposes; to extend the Time for Purchase of Lands at York Water Gate; to confer further Powers on the Council with respect to Main Roads; to confer further Powers on Vestries and District Boards of Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County Council leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to construct Tramways over Parnall Bridge, as about to be re-constructed, and the Approaches thereto, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Burns and Mr. Lionel Holland.

A Petition of the London Sea-Water Supply Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Construction of Works for supplying Sea Water to certain parts of London and other places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bartley and Mr. Maclure.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, the Manchester South Junction and Attrincham Railway Company, Cheshire Lines Committee, and the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies Committee, and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, and the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Company, on behalf of the Dee and Birkenhead Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, the Cheshire Lines Committee, and the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Company; to incorporate the Dee and Birkenhead Committee by the Name of the North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Maclure, and Mr. Tom Harrop Shulbrooke.

A Petition of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manchester Ship Canal Company to alter certain Works authorised by “The Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885,” and “The Manchester Ship Canal (Tidal Openings, &c.) Act, 1890”; to make a Railway at Salford, and other Works; to amend the former Acts of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Mr. de Tatton Brown, Sir William Holdsworth, Sir Henry Howorth, Mr. Schwann, and Mr. Scott.

A Petition of the Matlock Bath and Scarthin Matlock Bath Nick Urban District Council, for leave to bring Gas.
in a Bill to authorise the Matlock Bath and Scarthill Nick Urban District Council to supply Gas, and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Matlock Bath Gaslight and Coke Company, Limited, to the said Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Victor Cavendish, Mr. Berenose, and Mr. Jacoby.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Metropolitan District Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Dalrymple and Mr. Aired.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Metropolitan Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company, and the Great Western and London and North Western Railway Companies, in relation to undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Melton and Mr. M' Lauren.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Midland Railway Company to construct a Harbour at Heysham, in Morecambe Bay; to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company, and the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin, Sir William Codding- ton, and Mr. Allison.

A Petition of the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, commonly called the New River Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Governor and Company of the New River Company, and the Governor and Company of Chadwell and Amwell to London, commonly called the New River Company; for the execution of new Works; the purchase of additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major Bowles, Mr. Mount, and Sir Joseph Savory.

A Petition of the North British Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the North British Railway Company to acquire additional lands; to extend the time limited by certain Acts for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and completion of Works; to legalise and sanction a widening of a portion of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway near Buchlyvie Station; to authorise the said Company to raise a Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Baird and Mr. Parker Smith.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the construction of New Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Pouse, Sir Henry Mesty-Thompson, and Mr. Wharton.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Company to make a new Street in, and to stop up certain Highways in or near Ratcliff, and to make Alterations and Improvements in their Canal, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Albert Rollitt and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Committee of Visitors of the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum to execute Works for supplying the said Asylum with Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Howell and Mr. Thomas Ellil.

A Petition of Charles Edmund Webbon, of 17, Peterham and Eaton Gardens, in the County of London, a Major General in Her Majesty's Army and Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and George Townsay Biddulph, of 43, Charing Cross, in the City of Westminster, to empower the Visiting Committee of the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum to execute Works for supplying the said Asylum with Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Baker and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Borough of Portsmouth Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the transfer of the Borough of Portsmouth Waterworks Company to the Construction of Works, to extend their Limits for the Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Baker and Mr. Clough.
A Petition of the Portsmouth Street Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Portsmouth Street Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Russell and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition of the Ratho Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of the Ratho Railway, in the County of Midlothian, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Denby and Mr. Wyte.

A Petition of the Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Periods limited for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands for, and for the Completion of the authorised Railways of the Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. A. H. Dyke Acland and Sir Francis Powell.

A Petition of the Roeburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Roeburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy to construct Works for the Supply of Water to their Asylum; to make Provision for the Cost of such Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Earl of Dalkeith, Mr. Thorburn, and Mr. Tennant.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Sheffield to construct Works for impounding the River Don, or Little Don, and its Tributaries; and to supply Water to the Corporations of Barnsley, Rotherham, and Doncaster; and to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Stocksbridge Urban District Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Mundella, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, Sir Howard Vincnet, and Mr. Langley.

A Petition of the Sheffield Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Sheffield to construct Works for impounding the Waters of the River Porter or Little Don, and its Tributaries; and to supply Water to the Corporation of the Borough of Waterford; to make further Provision as to the Establishment and Regulation of new Reservoirs at Staines and other Works for affording an additional Supply of Water for certain Districts north of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Sir Frederick Mappin.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Sheffield to construct Works for impounding the Waters of the River Porter or Little Don, and its Tributaries; and to supply Water to the Corporation of the Borough of Waterford; to make further Provision as to the Establishment and Regulation of new Reservoirs at Staines and other Works for affording an additional Supply of Water for certain Districts north of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Sir Frederick Mappin.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Waterford Burgesses of the Borough of Waterford, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Waterford; to transfer to the Corporation the Powers for Fiscal purposes of the Grand Jury of the County of the City of Waterford; to make further Provision as to Buildings, Streets, and Sanitary matters, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Patrick J. Power, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. James Farrell.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of Staines West Middlesex Waterworks, the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, and the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, commonly called "The New River Company," for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of new Reservoirs at Staines and other Works for affording an additional Supply of Water for certain Districts north of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Sir Frederick Mappin.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Waterford Burgesses of the Borough of Waterford, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Waterford; to transfer to the Corporation the Powers for Fiscal purposes of the Grand Jury of the County of the City of Waterford; to make further Provision as to Buildings, Streets, and Sanitary matters, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Patrick J. Power, Mr. Sexton, and Mr. James Farrell.

A Petition of the Master, Brethren, and Sisters of the Leper Hospital of Saint Stephen, in the City of Waterford, and of the thereundersigned Persons, for leave to bring in a Bill for appropriating the Lepers Hospital of Saint Stephen, in the City of Waterford, and converting the same into a Public Infirmary for the County of Waterford and the County of the City of Waterford; and to make Provision for the Establishment, Management, and Maintenance of the said Infirmary, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Redmond and Mr. Dunbar Bartron.

A Petition of the thereundersigned Persons, Waterford, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill.
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A Petition of the Edinburgh Street Tramways Company, for leave to bring in to the House of Commons an Act to acquire the Undertaking of the Edinburgh Street Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Halsey and Mr. Robert Grant Webster.

A Petition of the Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council.

A Petition of the Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council to construct Marine Lakes and a Pier and other Works; and for making further provisions for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the Urban District of Weston-super-Mare, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonham and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Whittington Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Whittington District Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Perks and Mr. Faltisfield Bigge.

A Petition of the Ealing and South Harrow Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Ealing and South Harrow Railway Company to extend their Railway to Uxbridge and Beaconsfield, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Hill, Sir William Wills, and Mr. Jolliffe.

A Petition of the Edinburgh Street Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend their Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and the same being read; and Provisional Order Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read; and the said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Chelsea Water, the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Dover Undercliff Reclamation Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Lambeth the Lambeth Water Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Chelsea Water the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for East London the East London Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for West London the West London Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Windsor the Windsor Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Grand Junction the Grand Junction Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Petition for Kent the Kent Water (Transfer) Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read; and that the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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The House was moved, That the Petition for the Strand Improvement Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read:

The said Bill was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House was moved, That the Petition for the South Shields Corporation Bill, which was presented upon the 11th day of February 1895; and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made upon the same day, might be read; and the same being read:

The said Bill was read the first and second time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 9th day of April 1895, for leave to bring in the Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Provisional Order Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

The said Bill was read the first, second, and third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Duchy of Lancaster, which were presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Bank of England, which were presented upon the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of further (Military) Regulations relating to the Militia.

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

Mr. Halsbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for Military Savings Banks," pursuant to 22 & 23 Vic. c. 20, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1896.
National Debts, 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 the 1st August 1867 to the 20th November 1895. An Account of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1895, in the Investment of all Moneys which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1895, &c.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the year ended 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Returns of the Number of Agrarian Outrages committed in Ireland which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarters ended 30th September and 31st December 1895 respectively.

Copies of Rules issued by the Irish Land Commissioners, dated 30th October and 13th November 1895.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Correspondence, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Correspondence relative to the Visit to this Country of the Chiefs of Khamas, Sebele, and Bathoen, and the Future of Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Third Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Documents removed from the Admiralty Office, Vol. 151.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Judges for the time being, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Borough of Shoreditch (Haggerston Division), and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

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

The Orders made upon the 4th day of August 1891, That there be laid before this House an Return relative to the Purchase of Land (Ireland); and that the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed, were severally read, and discharged.

One other Member took and subscribed the Oath.

Francis Arthur O'Keefe, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Limerick, was sworn.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Charity Commissioners' Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of the National Debt, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1895.

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And, in further pursuance of the said Acts, we hereby certify:

That we differ as to whether John Lockes, the Member whose Election is complained of, was duly elected.

And whereas charges were made of corrupt and illegal practices having been committed at the said Election for the Huygerton Division of the Borough of Shorethich, we, in further pursuance of the said Acts, report as follows:

For the Lords desire on the question as to whether any corrupt or illegal practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of the said John Lockes, and also on the question whether the said William Boudan Cremor has been guilty by his agents of any corrupt or illegal practices; we differ.

We have given a Certificate of Indemnity to James Wheeler.

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 offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which was proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

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And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put."

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Debate arising to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words " Highlands and words be there added:And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Sir William Wedderburn):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

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

Tuesday, 18th February, 1896:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Payment of Jurors in Jurors (Ire land): And that Mr. Dane, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Sir Thomas Lea, Mr. Horace Plunkett, and Mr. Restout do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer additional Powers on Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration: And that Sir Albert Rollit, Sir John Imboc, Mr. Charles Fenwick, Mr. Flower, Sir Samuel Montagu, and Sir Francis Powell do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Albert Rollit presented a Bill to confer Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration: And the same was read the first time; and to be printed.

Mr. Dane presented a Bill to provide for the Payment of Jurors in Ireland: And the same Jurors (Ireland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Reduction of the Municipal Franchise in the City of Londonderry; for the Alteration and Increase in the Number of the Municipal Wards, and of the Number of Aldermen and Councillors elected for the said City; for the Extension of the Municipal Limits and Improvement of the City; for the raising of further Moneys, the Issue of Stock, and for other purposes.—(Dr. Farquharson); Ordered, That the Further Proceeding be resumed upon Tuesday next.

A Bill to authorise the Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen to purchase Tramways, Works, and Undertaking of the Aberdeen District Tramways Company, and to be printed.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Oxford Street and Waterloo Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to extend the City of Belfast, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Belfast Street Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for authorising the Bexhill Water and Gas Company to acquire additional Lands and to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health and local Government of the Urban District of Bilston, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to alter the North Shore Works authorised to be constructed by the Blackpool Improvement Act, 1883, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to revive the Powers and extend the Period for Construction of the Blackpool, Saint Anne’s, and Lytham Tramways in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for altering the Limits for the Supply of Gas and Water of the Bournemouth Gas and Water Company, and for authorising that Company to construct new Gasworks and Waterworks and to raise additional Capital, 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 completing and opening the Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Shoreham and District Waterworks Company to and to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Brighton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Brighton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend some of the Powers of the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company; to make further provision with respect to their undertaking; and to enable them to widen Little Burton Bridge; to make further provision for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Chester to construct a Weir or Tidal Dam across the Dee, and other Works; to enlarge the Powers of the Corporation for preventing Pollution of the River Dee; 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 Lands for the purposes of the City and South London Railway Act, 1883, and for the Completion of the Underground Railway and Works thereby authorised; and to empower the Company to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Colwyn Bay and District Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Cork, Blackrock, and Cork, Blackrock Passage Railway Company to extend their Railway to Crosshaven; to change the Name of the Company; and to confer further Powers on the Company in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for amending the Metropolitan Market Corporation Acts, 1857 and 1885, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the Corstorphine, Gogar, and bushes Railway Company, and for authorising the Company to construct Railways in the County of Midlothian, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Drogheda Railway Company to extend their Railway from Strabane to Crosshaven, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of Water to the Eastbourne Waterworks 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 Completion of the authorised Railways of the Easton and Church Hope Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amalgamate the Bursghs of Leith and Portobello with the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, the County of Leith, and the City of Edinburgh; to transfer to and vest in the amalgamated Corporation the respective Undertakings of the Edinburgh and District Water Trustees and the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Commissioners; to transfer to the Corporation all the Powers and Authorities of the Corporation of Edinburgh and the Corporation of Leith under the Water of Leith Purification and Sewerage Act; to extend the Limits of Compulsory Water Supply; to extend the Limits of Gas Supply; to enable the Corporation to purchase by Agreement the Gasworks and Undertaking of the Portobello Gas Light Company; to amend and extend the Edinburgh Municipal and Police and other Acts, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, to widen, alter, and improve certain Streets, Places, and Districts within the said City; to make New Works; to construct Tramways; to purchase Tramways by Agreement; to provide additional Accommodation for the conduct of Corporation Business; to acquire Lands; to amend Acts, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Fylde Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company; to empower the Great Eastern Railway Company to grant a further Lease of their Ramsey Railway to that Company; to vest in the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Committee the Undertaking of the Ramsey and Somersham Junction Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for transferring to the Great Southern and Western Railway Company the Powers of the Drumcree and North Dublin Link Railway Company, incorporated by the Drumcree and North Dublin Link Railway Act, 1894, to empower the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to abandon certain Works authorised by that Act, and to construct another Railway in lieu thereof, to stop up certain Streets and Roads, to enter into Agreements with other Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Guildford Gaslight and Coke Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to revive the Powers and extend the Time limited by the Highland Railway (New Lines) Act, 1890, for the Completion of Railway No. 2 authorised by that Act, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, Holdersfield, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Holdersfield to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining new Railways in the County of Essex to be called the Ilford, Barkingside, and Chadwell Row Railway Bill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Ilfracombe Ullscroome Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Construction of certain Kensington Street Improvements and the taking of Lands, the Parish of St Mary Abbot's, Kensington, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute and incorporate a Water Kent Water Board for the Urban Districts of Beckenham, Board Bill, Bromley, Erith, Bexley, and Dartford, and the Rural Districts of Bromley and Dartford, and part of the Rural District of Sevenoaks, all in the County of Kent; to transfer to and vest in such Board the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Kent Waterworks, and part of the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Lambeth Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Waterworks Commissioners of Kirkcaldy and Dysart to make and maintain additional Works for providing an increased Water Supply, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to abandon certain Works authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1892, and to construct additional Waterworks; to amend the provisions of that Act; to authorise and require the County Council of the County of Lanark to levy Assessments and to borrow Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company with regard to their respective Undertakings, and with regard to the North Union, Preston, and Lyndyke and Preston and Wyre Undertakings of those Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to authorise the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company to construct certain Branch Railways and acquire additional Lands in connection with their Chesterfield and Lincoln separate Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make further and better provision in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough of Royal Leamington Spa, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking and other Undertakings in which they are interested jointly with other Companies, and also for conferring Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company and the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make a new and more effectual provision for the improvement of several Public Roads and bridges in the County of Gloucester, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the raising and provision of Money by the London County Council for Expenditure on Capital Account, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to purchase Lands for various purposes; to extend the Time for purchase of Lands at York Water Gate; to confer further Powers on the Council with respect to Main Roads; to confer further Powers on Vestries and District Board of Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Manchester Ship Canal Company to alter certain Works authorised by the Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1885, and the Manchester Ship Canal (Tidal Openings, &c.) Act, 1890; to make a Railway at Salford and other Works; to amend the former Acts of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate the Dee and Mersey Union Canal Company, and to make Alterations and Additions in their Canal, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Bill to authorize the North British Railway Company to acquire additional Lands, to extend the Time limited by certain Acts for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands and Completion of Works for the Raising of Water, to make Alterations and Additions in their Canal, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the Construction of New Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of additional Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Company to make a New Railway and Canal, to be called the New River Railway near Buchlyvie Station, to authorize the said Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Visiting Committee North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum to execute Works for supplying the said Asylum with Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Borough of Portsmouth Waterworks Company as respects the construction of Works; to extend their Limits for the supply of Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Portsmouth Street Tramways 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 Construction of the Rotha Railway in the County of Midlothian, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill to extend the Periods limited for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of the authorised Railways of the Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley District Board of Lunacy to construct Reservoirs at Staines and other Works for the purpose of securing an additional Supply of Water for certain Districts North of the River Thames, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield to work and use their Sheffield Tramways Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the working and use by means of Electrical or Mechanical Power of the Tramways constructed under the Provisions of the Sheffield Corporation Act, 1872, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make Provision with respect to the Establishment and Regulation by the Shipping Federation, Limited, of a Benefit Fund for Seamen and others, and with respect to other Powers of the Shipping Federation, Limited, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to convert the Capital of the South Metropolitan Gas 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 Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company to acquire Lands, construct additional Works, and raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring and conferring Powers on the Sheffield District Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council, to acquire the Wolverhampton Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Urban Sanitary District of Armagh: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

A Bill for amending the Westminster Waterworks Acts, 1887, 1889, and 1892; for further extending the Periods limited for the compulsory Purchase of certain Lands and for the Completion of certain Works; for the Abandonment of the New Streets, Nos. 1 and 2, and the widening of Delahay Street, authorised by the Act of 1887; for empowering the Undertakers to purchase additional Lands; to stop up Delahay Street and make a new Street in substitution therefor, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for empowering the Urban District Council of Weston-super-Mare to acquire the Undertaking of Knightstone, Weston-super-Mare, Limited, to construct Marine Lakes and a Pier and other Works; and for making further Provisions for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the Urban District of Weston-super-Mare, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Waddington District Gas Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Armagh: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board, relating to the Borough of Bridgwater, and to the Counties of Cambridge and Hertford; And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Local Government Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Armagh: 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. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board, relating to the Borough of Bridgewater, and to the Counties of Cambridge and Hertford;
Hertford: 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.

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the House of the 2nd day of July 1895, as extended by the Order of the House of the 16th day of August 1895, relating to Private Bills and Provisional Order Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read:

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 14th day of May 1895, for leave to bring in the Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Caledonian and Crinan Canals) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:—The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

The House was moved, That the Order made upon the 14th day of May 1895, for leave to bring in the Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order (River Ouse, Leeds and Hunter, &c.) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:—The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, A Certificate from the Chief Clerk of the Private Bill Office, That the Declarations required by the Standing Orders of the 2nd day of July 1895, in respect thereof have been duly deposited in respect of the following Private Bills brought from the House of Lords upon the 17th day of this instant February, viz.:—

Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill.
Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Bill.
Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill.
National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill.
Rotherham Corporation Bill.
Stroud and Painswick (Light) Railway Bill.

The Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time; and the Examiners having reported in Session 1, 1894-95, non-compliance with the Standing Orders; the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill was read the first time.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Stroud and Painswick (Light) Railway Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the University of Aberdeen, which were presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Further House Regulations relating to the Pension of Soldiers.

Ordered, That the Account of the sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ending 31st March 1895, for Civil, Naval and Military Services and Revenue Departments, in addition to the sums provided in the Estimates presented in the current year.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1895; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Army Services, for the year ended 31st March 1895, showing all cases in which the War Department has obtained the sanction of the Treasury to Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year, together with Copies of the Representations made to the Treasury by that Department; also the Balance Sheet, showing the Ledger Balances on the 30th September 1895, the Date on which the Account of Army Receipt and Expenditure for the year 1894-95 was closed; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; including also the Ninth Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended 31st March 1895; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Navy Services for the year ended 31st March 1895, showing all cases in which the Navy Department has obtained the sanction of the Treasury to Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year, together with Copies of the Representations made to the Treasury by the Board of Admiralty; also the Balance Sheet, showing the Ledger Balances on the 30th September 1895, the Date on which the Account of Naval Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1894-95 was closed; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, including also the Ninth Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Navy.

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Annual Account of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund (Ireland) (Non-congested Districts) for the year ending 31st December 1895.

Copies of Treasury Minutes under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that the undermentioned Persons were appointed without the Grant of a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Departments, viz.:—

James Williams, Labourer, Ordnance Store Department, Saint Helena, War Department, dated 31st January 1896.
John Henry Stockfisch, Postmaster, Hfrocome, Post Office Department, dated 8th February 1896.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 3rd February 1896, declaring that, for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Superintendent of the Royal Small Arms Factory, War Department, Professional or other peculiar Qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are necessary.

Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, for the year 1895, prepared under the Act 18 and 19 Vic. c. 99, s. 3.

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

Mr. Goshen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and of the Income derived from the Lands and other Property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation of Samuel Taverner, Esquire, for the year ended on 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Aherne-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Rules for Hyde Park, dated 12th August 1895.

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

Mr. Ritchie 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 Report by the Board of Trade upon all the Railway, Gas, Electric Lighting, and Water Bills and Provisional Orders of Session 1896.

Mr. Sligo Post Office (Transfer of Mr. Sampson.)

Controversy Elected.

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, and the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, certify that upon the 19th day of November 1895, and following days, we duly held a Court within the City of Elgin for the trial of, and did try, the Election Petition for the Counties of Elgin and Nairn, between James Hood, Carpenter, Forres in the County of Elgin, and Andrew Gilsden, Tailor, Auldearn, in the County of Nairn, Petitioners, and John Edward Gordon, of 61, Princess Gate, London, Respondent.

And, in further pursuance of said Acts, we certify:

That, at the conclusion of the said trial, we determined that the said John Edward Gordon was duly elected and returned.

And whereas charges were made in the Petition of corrupt practices and illegal practices having been committed at the Election to which the Petition refers, we, in further pursuance of the said Acts, report:

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice or illegal practice was proved to have been committed at the said Election, and that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

Given at Edinburgh this twenty-seventh day of November, Eighteen hundred and ninety-five years.

John McLaren, W. Macintosh.

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, Westminster.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords:

That the Lords have come to the following Resolution:

That, upon the trial of the said Petition, no corrupt practice or illegal practice was proved to have been committed at the said Election, and that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Ten of the Clock; and the Question being put, That it is desirable that all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which Resolution they desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Ten of the Clock:—

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left;

Tellers for the [Sir William Walread]—

276. Yeas, [Mr. Austruther:]

108. Tellers for the [Mr. Luttrell, Noses,]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Address in answer to Her Majesty’s Speech have precedence this day of the Notices of Motions, and Address.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Licensing Bill to amend the Licensing Acts: And that Mr. Act Amend.

Broadhurst, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Logan, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Hazell, and Mr. Thomas Bayley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Colonial Bill to legalize certain Colonial Marriages: And Marriages.
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Query Speech (Motion for Address.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question which was proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament:

We take this first opportunity of expressing to Your Majesty our deep concern at the sad affliction with which Your Majesty has been visited in the death of His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg.

We desire to assure Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg of our sincere participation in the general feeling of sorrow for the heavy bereavement which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's family have sustained by the loss of a Prince who was regarded with universal affection and esteem by Your Majesty's subjects.

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "And we humbly express the regret of this House that no reference is made in Your Majesty's Speech to questions of an over-seas character:—

"the Fishing Populations in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland,"—(Mr. Weir);

And the Question being again proposed, Those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Weir, 143. Sir William Webber;

Mr. Armstrong; 267.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question was again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the demands made on Government to concede the demands made on Government with reference to the Law of Ballot for that Force:—

"the Christian Brothers and other denominational schools in Ireland has inflicted a great injustice on these schools, and disappointments of an overwhelming majority of the Irish people."—(Major Jameson.)

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

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly request Your Majesty that no measure tending to mitigate the agricultural distress decried in Your Majesty's Speech will be effected unless the existing Laws against the importation of adulterated food products are rigorously enforced by Your Majesty's present advisers, so that British and Irish agriculturalists may be protected from unfair and nefarious competition."—(Mr. Kearley.)

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

And the Main Question being put; Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

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And the Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—(323,648),(497,662)

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So it passed in the Negative.

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"the Fishing Populations in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland,"—(Mr. Weir);

And the Question being again proposed, Those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
A Bill for authorising the Construction of Works for supplying the Sea Water to certain parts of London and other places, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to settle certain questions between the Owners of the Dalyston Surrey Estate, in the Parishes of Petersham and Ham, and the Company, Limited, for dissolving the Portheawl Water Company, limited, and reincorporating the same, for supplying the Sea Water within the Parishes of Neeton, Nottage and Sker, in the County of Glamorgan, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the Construction of a Public Park or Recreation Ground to be vested in the Crown, without consideration and freed from all Municipal Rights, in the Ham Urban District Council, and provide for the Management and Regulation of that Common, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Annual Report of the Director Gallery, of the Trustees of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation, which were presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.
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of the National Gallery to the Treasury for the year 1805. Mr. Blandford 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 of the Shorthand Writers' Notes of the Evidence which has been or may be taken at the Trial of Election Petitions under the Acts relating thereto, since the last General Election and during the present Session of Parliament; together with a Copy of the Shorthand Writers' Notes of the Judgments delivered by the Judges selected for the Trial of Election Petitions, in pursuance of the said Acts; and Copies of Special Cases Reserved, and of all Election Petitions.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next, the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Extension Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Coroners (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 19th day of March next.

The Boards of Conciliation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Guardians (Ireland) Bill, (Women) Bill, (In the Committee.) CLAUSES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and that Mr. Kearley, Mr. MacArthur, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Field, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Hizzell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Facilities to Industrial and Provident Societies for the Purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. Channing, Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Fennoch, Mr. Law, Mr. Learmonth, and Mr. Creily do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Owners of Sporting Rights from letting of Sporting Rights without first offering them to the Occupiers of the Land: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Sir George Osborne Morgan, and Mr. Alfred Thomas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Owners of Sporting Rights from letting of Sporting Rights without first offering them to the Occupiers of the Land: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Philip Stanhope, and Mr. Logan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the making of Public Abattoirs: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Philip Stanhope, and Mr. Logan do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Barley presented a Bill to provide Pensions in Old Age to the Provident Poor: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Mr. John Burnes, General Goldsworthy, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Scheunau do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Barley presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Out-door Relief in Sickness and Widowhood to the Provident Poor: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Mr. John Burnes, General Goldsworthy, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Scheunau do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to give Facilities to Leasholders for the Purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Out-door Relief in Sickness and Widowhood to the Provident Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kearley presented a Bill to give Facilities to Leas-holders for the Purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. Kearley, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Maclean, and Sir Frederick Seger Hunt do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Appointment, Qualification, and Removal of Justices of the Peace: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Channing, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Sir George Osborne Morgan, and Mr. Alfred Thomas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the making of Public Abattoirs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.
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Mr. Lutrill presented a Bill to prohibit the Hunting, Shooting, and Coursing of Animals kept in Confinement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

**Controverted Elections.**

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Controverted Elections, containing the Judgments and Minutes of Evidence in the Cases of the Southampton Election Trial, Lichfield Election Trial, Sunderland Election Trial, Lancaster (Lancaster Division) Election Trial, and Shorelitch (Hoggerston Division) Election Trial.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

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**House of Commons.**

In pursuance of Standing Order, No. 1, "Sittings of the House;"

I hereby nominate—

Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. John Edward Ellis, The Right Honourable Charles Beilby Stuart-Wortley, Mr. John Grant Lawson, and Mr. Edmund Robert Wodehouse, to act during this Session as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

WILLIAM COURT GULLY, Speaker.

18th February 1896.

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**Thursday, 20th February, 1896.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**Private BillPrayers.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

The Derby and Ashbourne Tramways Bill.

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

The Central Ireland Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Dublin United Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The London County Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Muirkirk, Mauchline, and Dalmellington Railways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Norden Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The South Shields Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House was moved, That the Standing Provisional Orders of the House of the 2nd day of July 1895, as extended by the Order of the House of the 16th day of August 1895, relating to Provisional Order Bills suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

The House was moved, That the Order of this day be made to bring in the Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order Bills, and the same being read;—The said Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.

A Petition of the London County Council, for Willesden leave to bring in a Bill to make provision as to the admission to the Metropolitan Main Drainage System of Sewage from part of the District of Willesden, in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Horace Farquhar and Mr. Evelyn Hubbard.

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1. Where a Chamber of Agriculture, Commerce, or Shipping, sufficiently representing the Agriculture, trade, or commerce in any district &c. may, by a Petition, request the House to which any Bill relates, Petition against the injurious effect of that agriculture, trade, or commerce will be injuriously affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard on such allegations against the Bill, or any part thereof.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Standing Order in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "Shipping," the words "or a Mining Association."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Bankey Drainage District, in the Counties of Limerick and Tipperary: And that Mr. Handbury and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Handbury accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Bankey Drainage District, in the Counties of Limerick and Tipperary: 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.

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

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Ordered, That the Account relative to the Treasury Chest, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Trustee Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland of the Number of Persons committed for Trial in the year 1895.

Copies of Six General Orders issued by the Local Government Board for Ireland between the 22nd April and 13th September 1895.

Copies of Presentments made by Grand Juries in Ireland, and stated by the Court of Assizes, during the year 1895.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 12th February 1896, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)," 1875 and 1890, approving of Regulations made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Copy of a Licence granted to a Convict under the Penal Servitude Acts, with a Special Condition attached thereto.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,--Copy of Report on the Emigrants' Information Office for the year ended 31st December 1895.

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

The following Paper, in pursuance of Standing Order, No. 88, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,--Copy of Rules for the practice and procedure of the Referees on Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That Copies of all the Shorthand Writers' Notes of the Judgments of the Election Judges on Petitions against the Return of Members of the House since the last General Election, and during the present Session of Parliament, be printed.--(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 28th day of this instant February, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker put the Question (pursuant to O. No. 16.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,—

(1) That so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed, and Estimates have been presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it be disposed of) be the first Order of the Day on Friday, unless the House otherwise order, on the Motion of a Minister of the Crown moved at the commencement of Public Business, to be decided without Amendment or Debate.

Not more than twenty days, being days when the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, counting from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day.

On the nineteenth of such allotted days, at 10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the twentieth of such allotted days, the Speaker shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

Provided always, that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days.

Provided also, That two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Sitting at other time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the construction of Light Railways in ways Bill.

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the construction of Light Railways. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the execution of Military Manoeuvres: And that Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Powell-Williams, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Brodrick accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the execution of Military Manœuvres: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the settlement of Trade Disputes: And that Mr. Banbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Banbury accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the Construction of Small Piers and Harbours in the Counties of Orkney and Zetland: And that Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. James Ballie, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Leonard Lyell accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the Construction of Small Piers and Harbours in the Counties of Orkney and Zetland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 21st February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ONE other Member took and subscribed the Member takes Oath.

A Bill to make Provision as to the Admission of Mercers, or Shipping, sufficiently representing the Agriculture, trade, or Shipping, in any district, to which any Bill relates, petition against the injuriously affected, in their opinion desirable. And which Amendment was, in 1. 2 of the Standing Order which, upon the 20th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to Standing Order No. 1336;.

1335. Where a Chamber of Agriculture, Com. Chambers of Agriculture, may be merce, or Shipping, sufficiently representing the agriculture, trade, or commerce in any district, to which any Bill relates, petition against the injuriously affected, in their opinion desirable. And which Amendment was, in 1. 2 of the Standing Order which, upon the 20th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to Standing Order No. 1336;.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Margarine adulteration Act, 1887, and the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and any Acts amending the same, and report whether any, and if so, what amendments of the Law relating to Adulteration are in their opinion desirable.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Nineteen Members.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the administration of the Royal Patriotic Fund, and financial position of the several funds controlled by the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund, and of such other Funds as may be administered by other bodies or persons for the relief of Widows, Orphans, and dependent Relatives of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines.—(Mr. Keorley.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the settlement of Trade Disputes: And that Mr. Banbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

A Bill to facilitate the Construction of Small Piers and Harbours in the Counties of Orkney and Zetland: And that Mr. Banbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Construction of Small Piers and Harbours in the Counties of Orkney and Zetland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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the word "Mining," the words "or Miners."—
(Mr. Tomlinson.)
And the Question being put, That those words be inserted in the proposed Amendment:—
It was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, That the words "or a Mining or Miners Association" be inserted in l. 2 in the said Standing Order:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to the said Standing Order in ls. 3 and 5, by inserting after the word "trade," the word "mining."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)
And the Question being put, That the word "mining" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That it is desirable that all Bills of the present Session to confirm Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, containing the Classification of Merchandize Traffic and the Schedule of Maximum Rates, Tolls, and Charges applicable thereto, be referred to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution, and desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Mr. Ritchie.)
The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the House of the 2nd day of July 1895, as extended by the Order of the House of the 10th day of August 1895, relating to Provisional Orders Bill, might be read; and the same being read;
The Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Bill was read the first and second time; and committed.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute, dated 15th December 1895, by the Secretary of State for India, extending the term of Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart's office as Member of the Council of India, under Act 32 and 33 Vict. c. 97, s. 3.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report by the Inspector General of Recruiting, being for 1895.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of amended Rules and Conditions on which the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, Defenders; that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Pursuer, to prove at the trial of the said Action, that certain Rules and Regulations relating to the Woodside Lunatic Asylum, near Glasgow, were not laid on the Table of your Honourable House as required by the Lunacy Act, 1857; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court on the trial of the said Action, and to give such Evidence touching the matters aforesaid as may be necessary to further the ends of Justice.
Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for shortening the Duration of Speeches in the Commons House of Parliament.—(Major Rasch.)

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 Return to the Lord Chancellor, under the 53rd Vic. c. 5, s. 162, of the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen, by the several Commissioners in Lunacy, during the Six Months ending on the 31st December 1895.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Petition of Messrs. Grahames, Currey and Beattie e. Spens, of 30, Great George Street, Westminster, Carmichael, Parliamentary Agents, was presented, and read; setting forth that an Action is pending in the Court of Session in Scotland, before Lord Low, between Peter Beattie, Inspector of Poor for the Barony Parish of Glassop, Pursuer, and Sir T. D. Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, and others, the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, Defenders; that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Pursuer, to prove at the trial of the said Action, that certain Rules and Regulations relating to the Woodside Lunatic Asylum, near Glasgow, were not laid on the Table of your Honourable House as required by the Lunacy Act, 1857; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court on the trial of the said Action, and to give such Evidence touching the matters aforesaid as may be necessary to further the ends of Justice.
Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.
Ordered, That Major Rosach, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Barnum, Mr. Redcliffe Cooke, and Major Baines do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give compensation to Occupying Tenants of Town Holdings for beneficial Improvements: And that Mr. Hazell, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Field, Earl Compton, Mr. Keay, and Mr. Channing do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend, with Amendments, to the Counties of Banff, Aberdeenshire, Kincardine, Elgin, and Nairn the Provisions of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and the Acts amending the same: And that Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Forquharson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Breyg, and Mr. Aker do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Western Highlands and Islands (Scotland) Works Act, 1891: And that Mr. Weir, Mr. James E. B. Baillie, Mr. Clyke, Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Niel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend Relief in Income Tax to Married Persons with Small Industrial Incomes, however earned, which do not exceed Five hundred Pounds a year: And that Mr. Bartley and Mr. Loder do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses and Places of Business to purchase the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. Hazell, General Goldsworthy, Sir Frederick Seager Hunt, and Mr. William Johnston do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of Old Age Pensions to Members of Friendly Societies: And that Mr. Strachey, Mr. Thomas Bayley, and Mr. Nussey do prepare, and bring it in.

Major Rosach presented a Bill for shortening the Duration of Speeches in the Commons House of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hazell presented a Bill to give Compensation to Occupying Tenants of Town Holdings for beneficial Improvements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir William Wedderburn presented a Bill to extend, with Amendments, to the Counties of Banff, Aberdeenshire, Kincardine, Elgin, and Nairn the Provisions of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and the Acts amending the same: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Western Highlands and Islands (Scotland) Works Act, 1891: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to extend Relief in Income Tax to Married Persons with Small Industrial Incomes, however earned, which do not exceed Five hundred Pounds a year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses and Places of Business to purchase the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And the same was read the first time: Bill 105, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Strachey presented a Bill to provide for the payment of Old Age Pensions to Members of Friendly Societies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House it is unjust that Wales should receive no share of the Museum Grants of the United Kingdom, and that it is expedient to make provision "similar to that made for Scotland and Ireland for the expenditure of a due share of the Museum Grants in Wales."—(Mr. Alfred Thomas), 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 Sir William Walpole, Yeas, Mr. Austruther : || 185. Tellers for the Mr. Alfred Thomas, Noes, Mr. Maclean : || 118.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. William Allen);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. William Allen, Yeas, Mr. Dalziel : || 32. Tellers for the Mr. Plyn, Noes, Captain Dawson : || 68.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Saturday, 22nd February, 1896:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday supply next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

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 Prison-made Goods Importation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of March next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 24th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill.
Brighton and Rottingdon Seashore Electric Tramroad Bill.
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill.
Fylde Water Bill.
Great Eastern Railway Bill.
Great Northern Railway Bill.
Guildford Gas Bill.
Highland Railway Bill.
Metropolitan District Railway Bill.
North British Railway Bill.
Redford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
South Metropolitan Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Staines Reservoirs Bill.
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 following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 65 has been complied with, viz.:—

New River Company Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 following 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, viz.:—

National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

The Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Beevor Undercliff Reclamation Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of March next.
Ordered, That the East London Water (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.
Ordered, That the Grand Junction Water (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Kent Water (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.
Ordered, That the New River Water (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the West Middlesex (Transfer) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

The Barry Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The Blilton Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The Blackpool Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Corporation of London (Metropolitan Market) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Coastpshire, Gogar, and Burnton Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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Ordered, That the Kent Water Board Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of March next.

The Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Laxmer (James Street Area) Improvements Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Leamington Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Finance) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of March next.

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The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London County Council (Vauxhall Bridge Tramways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London Sea Water Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rother railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Roxburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Orders made upon the 17th day of this instant February, That the Lambeth Water (Transfer) Bill and the Southwark and Vauxhall Water (Transfer) Bill be committed, be read and discharged, and that the Bills be committed to a Select Committee of Nine Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Five by the Committee of Selection: That, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Procedings of this House, all Petitions against the said Bills be referred to the Committee; and such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses, be heard on their Petitions against the Bills, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in support of the said Bills against such Petitions: That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records: And, that Seven be the Quorum.

And, Objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

A Petition of Sir Henry Wilmot, V.C., C.B., Baronet, of Chaddesden Hall, Derby, in the County of Derby; the Honourable Frederick Strutt, of Milford House, in the said County; Alfred Charles Duncombe, of Calwich Abbey, in the County of Stafford, Gentleman; Godfrey Francis Meynell, of Meynell Langley, Derby, aforesaid, Gentleman; and John Shaw, of the College, All Saints, Derby, aforesaid, Gentleman, for leave to bring in a Bill for making Tramways from Derby to Ashbourne, in the County of Derby, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Cupar Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Cupar Water Provisional Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Hospital Sanatorium, which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty dated the 27th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing (1) the Number of Officials employed as Meat Inspectors in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Bolton, Birkenhead, Bradford, Blackpool, Hull, Nottingham, Derby, Portsmouth, Gloucester, Edinburgh, Dundee, Paisley, Perth, and Greenock; (2) Date of their Appointment; (3) Qualifications for Appointment; (4) Vocation prior to receiving Appointment; and (5) Whether such Officials act as Meat Inspectors only, or hold any Office of Emolument in a Department other than that supervised by the Medical Officer of Health.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Account of the Sums received and paid by the Board of Trade for the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen from the 1st April 1894 to the 31st March 1895.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy Harbour, Ramsgate Harbour, in the possession of the Board of Trade, containing an Account of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade on account of Ramsgate Harbour, for the year ended 31st March 1895, together with an Account of the Receipts of that Harbour, and of the Expenditure incurred, in the Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1894-95.

Account showing the Dues received, and Expenditure incurred, in the Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1894-95.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade, under the authority of the Seamen's Savings Bank Act, 1856, during the year ended 29th November 1894, and of the Interest thereon:— Also, Statement showing the Number and Amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom.
Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Local Government (Elections) Bill to continue temporarily certain Powers for the Removal of Difficulties at Elections under the Local Government Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time:—and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Business of Supply, an adjourned Debate upon the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February (1) was resumed.

Not more than twenty days, being days when the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, counting from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 52, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day:

On the nineteenth of such allotted days, at 10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the twentieth of such allotted days the Speaker shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such Business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

Provided always, that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to the Votes of last year, or by the consideration of any Votes of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also, That two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting; and that, except in the case of a dissolution of Parliament or other emergency, the said twenty days shall be allotted so that the Business of Supply be concluded before the 5th of August. (Mr. Balfour):

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1896:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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 Second Reading of the Light Railways 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 Reading of the Diseases of Animals 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 Military Manoeuvres 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 Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Buchanan, Sir John Colombo, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Gillint, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Liddell, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Power, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Thornton, and Mr. Woodall.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. James Bailey be a Member of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond) ; And a Debate arising thereupon; And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Tuesday, 25th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.—

Ilfracombe Gas Bill.
Maidland Railway Bill.
North Eastern Railway Bill.
North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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The Comptroller of the Household reported Queen's Speech to the House, That Her Majesty having been attended with their Address of the 18th day of this instant February, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I return you My sincere thanks for your loyal and dutiful Address and for your sympathy with Me and My dear Daughter Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, in the loss which We have sustained by the death of My beloved Son-in-Law Prince Henry of Battenberg. Your sincere participation in the general feeling of sorrow for Our heavy bereavement has afforded Me much consolation.

The Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Corporation of London (Metropolitan Market) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, 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."—(Mr. Power.)

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. Patrick O'Brien : 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roche : 57.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put :

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Public Health in Ireland.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour) ; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Eastern Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Petition for the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Noes to the Left.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put :

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the reduction of the Municipal Franchise in the City of Londonderry, for the alteration and increase in the number of the Municipal Wards, and of the number of Aldermen and Councillors elected for the said City, for the extension of the Municipal Limits and Improvement of the City, for the raising of farther Money in the issue of Stock, and for other purposes.—(Dr. Farquharson) ; And the Question being put :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be brought in by Sir Thomas Lee, Mr. Dow, and Mr. Arnold Forster.

The Order made upon the 24th day of this instant February, That the Petition for the Derby and Ashbourne Tramways Bill be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.
to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Petition for the Bill be withdrawn.

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented—(Sir John Lubbock);

Sir John Lubbock, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, that the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of Thirty thousand pounds Two and three quarters per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount to Eight hundred and twenty-five pounds; of a Bequest of the late Lord Elgin; of a Bequest of the late Lord Fullbrook, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred pounds; and of a Bequest of the late Lord Fullbrook, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Eighty pounds; 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 be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Ramsgate Harbour, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Light-houses Abroad, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Seamen's Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmissions of Wages), which were presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Inspectors of Meat, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th August 1892, relative to the Validity of Mixed and Unmixed Marriages in Malta.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fourteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom).
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25th February.

Standing Orders.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That in the case of the East and South Harrow Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers relating to Railways Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with on the Report of the Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Edinburgh Street Tramways 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 Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Improvement Petition, for leaving out a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

4. That, in the case of the Leeds Corporation Tramways 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 Strand Improvement Bill, Petition of "Joshua Moses Jones, Isiah Henry Jones, and Alfred Ernest Barren Jones (as Trustees under the Will of Alexander Jones, deceased)," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report lie upon the Table.

New Member makes the Affirmation required by Law.


A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the consideration of the proposed new Rules of Procedure have precedence of the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion, on every day for which they may be appointed—

(Mr. Balfour):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ] 336,

Mr. Austruther;

Tellers for the [Mr. William Allen, ] 125,

Mr. M'Kenna;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Royal Patriotic Fund.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Fund do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Thomas Boylge, Commander Bettsell, Mr. Brodrich, Captain Chalmers, Mr. Hare, Mr. Sleightly, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Lettrel, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Colonel Hyamdata Morning, Captain Norton, Commander Philpotts, Lord Edmund Talbot, Viscount Valbrina, Mr. Powell-Williams, and Mr. Woodall.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum. (Mr. Kearley.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend certain Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894: And that Mr. Hobhouse, Sir John Dearington, Mr. Wheaton, and Mr. Bill do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hobhouse accordingly presented a Bill to amend certain Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February,—

(1). That so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and Estimates thereon presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it be disposed of) be the first Order of the Day on Friday, unless the House otherwise order on the Motion of a Minister of the Crown moved at the commencement of Public Business to be decided without Amendment or Debate:

Not more than twenty days, being days when the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, coming from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day:

On the nineteenth of such allotted days, at 10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the twentieth of such allotted days the Speaker shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply;

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

Provided always, that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also, That two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting; and that, except in the case of a dissolution of Parliament or other emergency, the said twenty days shall be allotted so that the Business of Supply be concluded before the 5th of August—(Mr. Balfour):

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That," to the words "the business," in l. 2, and inserting the words "after Easter the “House do meet on Fridays at Two o'clock, "and that."—(Mr. Labouchere)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Questions:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ] 191.

Mr. Austruther;

Tellers for the [Mr. Labouchere, ] 84.

Mr. Lloyd-George;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 4, by inserting, after the word "Motion," the words "after two "days' previous notice."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided 

I. The Business of the House (Supply).
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire whether the present System of issuing invitations for Tenders, and of making Contracts for Government Printing and Binding sufficiently accords with the terms and spirit of the Resolution of the House of Commons of the 15th day of February 1891, and whether any, and, if so, what improvements of the System are called for.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Michael Austin, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Henshler Heslet, Mr. Lopes, Mr. Laugh, Mr. Maudes, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Scudder, Mr. Stephens, and Sir Howard Vincent.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five he the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justice of the Peace 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 Letting of Sporting Rights 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 Abattoirs 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 Spurious Sports Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Elections) 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 upon the 24th day of this instant February, and that Mr. James Bailey be a Member of the Committee of the Peace Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Yebergh presented a Bill to amend the Agricultural Law relating to Agricultural Tenancies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Yebergh presented a Bill to regulate the Sale of Foreign and Colonial Meat; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.
Mr. Tully presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

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

Wednesday, 26th February, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee (Title changed from Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Bill); and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Belfast Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That the East London Water (Height of Supply) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Westminster Improvements Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Elementary Schools (England and Wales) (Grants Refused), was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Cases in which Annual Grants have been refused to Schools in England and Wales, from the 1st day of January 1871 to the 31st day of December 1895, under Section 98 of the Public Elementary Education Act, 1870, in the following Form:

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(Mr. Field.)

The Liverpool Court of Passage Bill was, on Liverpool

Ordered 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 Evicted Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Tenants 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."—(Mr. Rentoul.)

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. Patrick O'Brien: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wolff: 271.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question,—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Edinburgh Street Tramways Company to extend their Tramways, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Haldane and Mr. McKillop do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Edinburgh Street Tramways Company to extend their Tramways to Leithbridge and Beaconsfield, and for other purposes; And that Sir Frederick Dixon Dixon-Hartland and Mr. Perks do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) 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 Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) 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 Vehicles (Lights) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Old Age Provident Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 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 Local Government (Elections) 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 Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare Abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth the Number of Signatures to each Petition only in respect to those Signatures to which Addresses are affixed—And that such Committee have Power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it.—And that such Committee have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Baldwijn, Major Beynon, Colonel Cottrell, Jodrell, Sir Thomas Corncoble, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Mr. Doughty, Dr. Fox, Colonel Kenyon-Stanley, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, Mr. T. P. O'Conor, Mr. William F. D. Smith, Mr. Tottonespecially, and Mr. Henry J. Wilson. Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Sir Charles Dalrymple.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Hours, Days, and Minutes occupied in the Transit of Her Majesty's Mails, both Outward and Inward, carried during the year 1895 by Steamships between Queenstown and New York, and also between Southampton and New York; the Return to specify the Names of the Steamers, and to indicate by asterisks or otherwise those not carrying the Mails under Contract (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 184, of Session 1895).—(Sir John Leyce.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Dealers' or Grocers' Certificates in Scotland: And that Sir John Leng, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Crombie, and Mr. Dalziel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Accountants: And that Mr. Arthur-Jones, Mr. Bigham, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Lightton, and Mr. Schwann do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Leng presented a Bill to abolish Grocers' Dealers' or Grocers' Certificates in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur-Jones presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Accountants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 27th February, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :-

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Foyle College and Londonderry Academical Institution (Amalgamation) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the King's Lynn Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Petersham and Ham Lands and Footpaths Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of March next.

A Bill to authorise the Ealing and South Harrow Line Company to extend their Railway to Uxbridge and Becontree, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to authorise the Edinburgh Street Tramways Company to extend their Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Edinburgh Corporation Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Agricultural Depressions.

Copy of Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1894 of the Governors of Wel- lington College, with an Account.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Order made by the County Council of Denbighshire assigning a separate Polling District for the Parish of Esclusham Above.

Copy of Additional Rule, under the Public Record Office Act, 1877, for the Disposal of Documents (Documents of Foreign Office, Board of Agriculture, Registry of Friendly Societies).

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


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Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1896-97.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme for the Management of the Foundation of the College of Eslington, with Accounts.

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

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum showing the Duties of the Principal Officers and Departments of the War Office, and Details of Office Procedure under the Order in Council dated 21st November 1895.

Mr. Redgrave, Mr. Brodrich, and Mr. Anstruther.—Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement regulating the Commercial Relations between Canada and France in respect of Customs Tariff. Signed at Paris, 6th February 1895; Ratiﬁcations exchanged at Paris, 4th October 1895.

Copy of Convention between Great Britain and Egypt for the Suppression of Slavery and the Slave Trade. Signed at Cairo, 22nd July 1895; Ratiﬁcations exchanged at Cairo, 27th February 1896.

Copy of additional Articles to the Parcel Post Convention of 26th June 1889, between Great Britain and Japan for the Suppression of Slavery and the Slave Trade. Signed at Yedo, 21st November 1895.

Copy of additional Articles to the Parcel Post Convention of 26th June 1889, between Great Britain and Japan for the Suppression of Slavery and the Slave Trade. Signed at Yedo, 21st November 1895.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade Reports Trade and Finance, No. 1895.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill (Lords.), might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the, Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Brodrich; Mr. Curzon; Mr. Jacoby; Mr. Morley; Mr. Mottershead; Mr. Whitbread; Mr. W. W. Tooke.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions for the issue of the following Paper, which was laid before this House, a Return showing the Names and Addresses of National Teachers who committed Suicide in each of the years 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895, who were not at the time living long enough for the Lord Lieutenant to have approved of their Applications; and (3) the Amount to which the Teacher in each case would have been entitled. (Mr. Macaleese.)

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was proposed on the 25th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February, and then amended,—

A. The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 10, by leaving out the words "before the 5th of August," on which—(Mr. Hanbury)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "before the 5th of August, on which," be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 11, by inserting after the word "day," the words "Provided always, that the days occupied by the Proceedings on the outstanding Votes of Supply without Question put, counting from the commencement of Public Business to be decided without Amendment or Debate; and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 shall be extended to Friday:

Not more than twenty days, being days when the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply during a Division or Question, put, counting from the day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the setting down of such Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day:

On the nineteenth of such allotted days, at 10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Votes of Supply in Committee of Supply; and on the twentieth of such allotted days the Speaker shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such Business as may be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

Provided always, that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also, That two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting; and that, except in the case of a dissolution of Parliament or an emergency, the said twenty days shall be allotted so that the Business of Supply be concluded before the 5th of August.—(Mr. Balfour):

And which Amendment was, to leave out all the words from the word "Debate," in line 12, to the end of the Question.—(Mr. Labouchere):

And the Question being again proposed, That those words "Not more than" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;—The House divided.


Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 6, by leaving out the word "twenty," and inserting the word "twenty-five"—(Mr. Dalziel)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "twenty" 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 Main Question, as amended, in l. 6, by leaving out the word "when," and inserting the words "before the 5th of August, on which"—(Mr. Hanbury)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "before the 5th of August, on which," be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 9, by leaving out the words "shall be," and inserting the words "having been"—(Mr. M. Keane)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "shall be" 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 Main Question, as amended, in l. 10, by leaving out the words "including Votes on Account,"—(Mr. John Ellis:)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "including Votes on Account" 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 Main Question, as amended, in l. 11, by inserting after the word "days," the words "Provided always, that on Motion made after Notice by a Minister of the Crown, to be decided without Amendment or Debate, additional time not exceeding three days may be allotted for the business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August."—(Mr. Balfour:)

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 Main Question, as amended, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "nineteen of such," and inserting the words "last but one of the"—(Mr. Balfour:)

And the Question being put, That the words "nineteen of such" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 12, by inserting after the word "days," the words "but not before the 1st of August in any year,"—(Mr. Balfour:)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "10 o'clock p.m.,"—(Mr. Lough:)

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 Question being put:—The House divided.

The Yeas for the Right; The Noes for the Left.


Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 6, by inserting after the word "day," the words "provided always, that on Motion made after Notice by a Minister of the Crown, to be decided without Amendment or Debate, additional time not exceeding three days may be allotted for the business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August."—(Mr. Balfour:)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "at 10 o'clock p.m.,"—(Mr. Lough:)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Friday, 28th February, 1896:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 12, by leaving out the words "10 o'clock p.m.,"—(Mr. Lough:)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Friday, 28th February, 1896:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 14, by leaving out the word "twentieth of such," and inserting the words "last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the,"—(Mr. Balfour),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "twentieth of such" stand part of the Question:

—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, in l. 17, by leaving out from the word "Supply" to the word "dilatory," in l. 19, and inserting the word "no"—(Mr. Gibson Bowles)—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 Main Question, as amended, in l. 21, by inserting, after the word "House," the words "Parliament shall not come into force before the Government have proposed a scheme for allotting a due proportion of the said twenty-six days to each of the different classes of Estimates, and that such scheme has been adopted by the House."—(Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, by leaving out all the words after the word "Sitting:" in l. 25, to the end of the Question.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Main Question, as amended, by adding at the end of the said words before the said last day no Bill, if opposed, shall be proceeded with "unless it has reached the Report stage."—(Mr. Legh.)

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

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

The House divided.
The Yeas, 65.
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Knox.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lloyd-George.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Supply.

Resolved, That so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and Estimates have been presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it be disposed of) be the First Order of the Day on Friday: the House otherwise order on the Motion of a Minister of the Crown moved at the commencement of Public Business to be decided without Amendment or Debate; and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 shall be extended to Friday.

Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August on which the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, counting from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day.

Provided always, that no Motion made after Notice by a Minister of the Crown to be decided without Amendment or Debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the Business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August.

On the last but one of the allotted days, at 10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the allotted days the Speaker shall, at 10 o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply.

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

Provided always, That the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also, That two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one three o'clock Sitting.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Withdrawal of Clauses of a Bill after Second Reading.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That whenever any Member in charge of a Bill in Committee, or on Report, desires to withdraw from the Bill any Clause, or Clauses, he may, after Notice given, either at the conclusion of any Sitting before such Clause, or the first of such Clauses, is reached, or when such Clause, or the first of such Clauses, comes on for consideration, move:—That the said Clause, or Clauses, cease to form part of the Bill: and such Clause shall be put forthwith (Mr. Balfour):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Dalziel):—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by inserting, in l. 1, after the word "Committee," the words "of the whole House."—(Sir Francis Powell.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 2, by inserting after the word "after," the words "two days previous."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

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 Question, in l. 3, by inserting after the word "of" the words "public business at":—(Sir Albert Ballitt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

**Clause, No. 1.**

Whereupon, Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Bigham)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lawson 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 Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of the Registration of the Registered Voters (Ireland) Bill:

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

Ordered, That Mr. Jonathan Samuel be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Standing Orders Contracts.

Ordered, That Captain Norton be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

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

**Friday, 28th February, 1896.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, Standing Orders referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads.

Cork Junction Tramways.

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

The Willenham Sewerage Bill was read a second time; and committed. The
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are therein subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramways Company, and empowering them to construct Tramways and a Tramroad between Blackpool and Fleetwood, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Cork Junction Tramways.

A Petition of the there-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in the City of Cork, for effecting Junctions between the Stations in Cork of the Cork, Banole, and South-Coast Railway Company, the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Company, and the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Public Petitions.

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

Vide First Report-Endowed Charities (Lancaster), No. 80.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of further Papers regarding the present working of the "Liquor Laws" in Canada, the Australian Colonies, and New Zealand (in continuation of [C. 7415], June 1894).

Copy of Return showing the Amount of Sugar produced in and exported from British Sugar-producing Colonies for each of the years beginning January 1889 to 1894, inclusive.

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

Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House of Deptford Straw, the Commissioners of Northern Light-houses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 230, of Session 1895),

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," and "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act."

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

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders)

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners, under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, Regulations for Degrees in Arts, Supplementary to Ordinances, Nos. 11 and 44 (Ordinance, No. 148; General, No. 33).

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

Death Duties.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to the Death Duties.

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

Parliamentary Elections (Iloriterate Voters) (General Election, 1890.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Number of Persons who voted as Iliterate at the General Election of 1895 in the United Kingdom (in continuation of and in the same form as Parliamentary Paper, No. 76, of Session 1895).

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between Great Britain and Portugal, prolonging the "Mutus Vivendi" of 1895, respecting the Boundaries of their respective Spheres of Influence to the North of the Zambezi. Dated at London, 20th January 1896.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, Naval Works upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of making Provision for the construction of Works and acquisition of Land in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and of authorising the Payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes—(Mr. Gougeon).— Mr. Gougeon, 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 House was moved, That the Message from the Lords of the 18th day of this instant February, which communicates to this House the following Resolution: That it is desirable that all Statute Law Revision Bills of the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to which Resolution the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, might be read; and the same being read;

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them, that this House doth concur with their Lordships in the Resolution communicated to this House in their Lordships' Message of the 18th day of this instant February, on the subject of Statute Law Revision Bills, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law of Evidence; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. (Lords.)

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution, "That it is desirable that all Bills of the present Session to confirm Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Railway Bills. K and
and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, containing the Classification of Merchandise Traffic, and the Schedule of Maximum Rates, Tolls, and Charges applicable thereto, be referred to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons, as desired by this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Solicitors of the High Court to act as County Justices: And that Sir Robert Reid and Mr. M'Arthur doprepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act, 1887: And that Sir George Trevelyan, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir William Dunn, Mr. Mauro Ferguson, Mr. John Wilson (Glen), and Mr. Edward Robertson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in the Counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, and Orkney and Shetland, all Persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election for the said Counties; And that Mr. Weir, Mr. James Evans Bruce Baillie, Dr. Clerk, Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. M'Leod, and Mr. Nicoll do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Robert Reid presented a Bill to enable Solicitors of the High Court to act as County Justices: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sir George Trevelyan presented a Bill to amend the Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates, 1895-96).

Class I.

1. £ 3,400 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for Expenses in respect of Royal Palaces.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 92,000, 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 1896, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government property: — Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 91,000, be granted for the said Service—(Sir Albert Holst): — Motion, by leave, withdrawn. — Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

3. £ 2,800 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Home Office and Subordinate Departments.

4. £ 2,570 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

5. £ 2,370 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Expense of providing Stationery, Printing, Paper, &c., for the Public Service.

Class III.

6. £ 2,200 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

7. £ 10 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

8. £ 1,500 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

Class IV.

9. £ 150,719 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for Public Education in England and Wales.

10. £ 20,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Expenses of the Department of Science and Art in respect of Instruction in Public Elementary Schools and Training Colleges.

11. £ 10,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain.

12. £ 4 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Expenses of the University of London.

13. £ 9,281 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

Class V.

14. £ 33,366 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for certain Expenditure chargeable on the Diplomatic and Consular Vote.

15. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 17,000, 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 1896, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid: — Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Labouchere): — Tellers for the Mr. Labouchere, Yeas, (Mr. M'Kenna: 72. Tellers for the Sir William Wedron, Noes, (Mr. Austruther: 250. Original Question put, and agreed to.

16. £ 20,975 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Salaries and Expenses of Administration in British East Africa.

17. £ 18,725, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Treasury Chest in the year 1894-55.
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Class VI.
18. £7,500 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for Superannuation and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury.

Class VII.
19. £116,557 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896 for a Grant in Aid to make good a certain Amount written off for the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.
20. £5,859 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Funds of the Congested Districts Board, Ireland, in respect of Relief of Distress in Ireland.

Revenue Departments.
21. £7,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question upon the Motion of Mr. Gerald Balfour, Attorney General, on the 20th day of this February, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Public Health in Ireland: And the same was read the first time: The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Colonel Denman.)

Ordered, That the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

New Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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 Main Question be put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 27th day of March next.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the objections which have been raised to the adoption by Order in Council of Rule 12 of the revised International Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, dealing with Sound Signals in Fog, as suggested by the Washington Conference, and considered by the Maritime Powers (including any objections which may be taken to that Rule having regard to the Sound Signals prescribed by Rule 28.)

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Sir George Rodden, Powell, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Mr. Blake, Mr. Cunynge, Sir Francis Evans, Admiral Field, Mr. Pearson Fitzgerald, Mr. Robert Price, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Hueck Wilson.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Select Committee on Food Products; and the Royal Patriotic Fund.

Ordered, That Mr. Hare be discharged from Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That further attendance on the Select Committee on Food Products; and the Royal Patriotic Fund.

Ordered, That Colonel Lockwood be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Military Lands Act, 1892: Act (1899).
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Bill (changed from Metropolitan District Railway Bill).
- National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill.
- Bournemouth, Weymouth, and Portland Water Bill.
- Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad Bill.
- Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Bournemouth, Weymouth, and Portland Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway 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 North Metropolitan Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dover Undercliff Reservoirs 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."—(Mr. Schwann.)

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.

And the Main Question being put:

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the London Committee to whom the London County Council (Vauxhall Bridge Tramways) Bill is referred to take the Evidence of the Police upon the ad- visability of constructing Tramways over the proposed New Bridge, and the probable effect the Working of such Tramways would have upon the traffic.—(Mr. Bartley.)

A Motion
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. Bartley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands 
(Ireland) Pro-

Prior to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 

A Petition of John Smith Raworth and Emily 

were presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Martin and Mr. Godson.

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

Mr. Rowlnd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates for 1896-97. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Amount provided for each Arm of the Service, and for various Miscellaneous Establishments; and that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Amount which will be required during the year ending 31st March 1896 beyond the Sum already provided in the Grants for Navy Services for the year to meet additional Expenditure arising on certain Votes. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Huskborough presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents of the High Court of Chancery which are now in, but are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents of the High Court of Chancery which are now in, but are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Order in Council under the Extradition Act, 1879, dated the 22nd Feb-

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on Estimates of the Loan Fund (Ireland.) Board of Ireland, 1895. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Godson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence regarding the Report by the Royal Commission on Opium. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report (Opium.) National Education in Ireland, with Extracts from Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners, in relation to certain proposed changes in the Rules under which Grants are made by Parliament for Elementary Education in Ireland. Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Return showing, according to the Accounts (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894 (Accounts for the 12 Months preceding the 31st March 1895), furnished to the Local Government under the Act, March 1895, furnished to the Local Government under Section 1 (7) of the London (7) of the Act. (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London 
a copy of a Further Correspondence between the Irish Government and the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, with Extracts from Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners, in relation to certain proposed changes in the Rules under which Grants are made by Parliament for Elementary Education in Ireland.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the Return be left to be printed. Ordered, That the said Return be left to be printed; and be printed.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to annul an Order in Council confirming a Scheme relating to the Foundation known as the Berriew School; And that Sir John Gorst and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Macartney presented a Bill to amend the Naval Reserve Bill 120.

Sir John Gorst presented a Bill to annul an Order in Council confirming a Scheme relating to the Foundation known as the Berriew School; 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 of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
And a Motion being made, and the Question thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Naval Works [Consolidated Fund].

Resolved, That it is expedient to make Provision for the construction of Works and acquisition of Land in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorize the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £2,750,000 for such purposes; and to authorize the application of the Surplus of Income above Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, towards the repayment of Expenses incurred for Naval Works, and the payment of Sums to be expended for Naval Works.—(Mr. Goschen).

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Elections) Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, and passed.

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 Light Railways Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
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2nd—3rd March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Enfranchisement of Leasehold Sites of Places of Worship: And that Mr. Samuel Evans accordingly presented a Bill for the Enfranchisement of Leasehold Sites of Places of Worship: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And it being twenty minutes before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Committee of Supply (Standing Order No. 63 complied with.)

Colwyn Bay and District Gas Bill.

Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:—An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the Acton Junction Railway of [New Title.] the Metropolitan District Railway Company.

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

The Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill was Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.] read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the New River Company Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan District Railway 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."—(Mr. Richards.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

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

The National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
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The Coper Water Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to incorporate the Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway Company, and to empower the Company to construct Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Amount required during the year ending 31st March 1896, for the Service of the Ordnance Factories. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis, Parts II. and III. (Evidence and Appendices). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretaries Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated the 28th February 1896, subject to the Prisons Acts, 1845 to 1877, with respect to the Dicts of Prisoners on Remand, or awaiting Trial, in England and Wales. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary for Scotland, under the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877; and the Secretary for Scotland Acts, 1885 to 1889, dated 2nd March 1896, relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacture: Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Blake, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Burns, Mr. Burt, Mr. Cayzer, Mr. Channing, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Cocks, Mr. Jesse Collings, Sir John Colvile, Mr. Crundall, Sir Charles Dilgrypsley, Mr. Duval, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Fellow, Mr. Pearson Fitzgerald, Mr. Gilliat, Sir Edward Gourley, Mr. Ralph, Mr. Harrison, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Edward Hill, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jeffreys, Sir James Joyce, Mr. William Kenny, Mr. Kerwick, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Walter Long, Sir John Long, Mr. Macaulay, Dr. McDonald, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Graham Murray, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. Power, Mr. Ranwell, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Reickaw, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Rocha, Sir Charles Rollett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scoulargh-Kerr, Mr. Thomas Stone, Mr. Tom Hargreaves-Sidellbottom, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Strode, Mr. T. D. Sullivan, Mr. Iewad, Mr. Turtley, Mr. Webster, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. John Wilson (Gwynedd), Mr. Woff, Mr. George Wyndham, and Mr. Young. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions: which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Portsmouth, Bismarkstoke, and Godalming Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; and the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill. [Lords.] 
2. That, in the case of the Rothe Valley Bill (Light) Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party be permitted to proceed with their Bill. [Lords.] 
3. That, in the case of the William Hancock and Company (Increase of Capital), Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party be permitted to proceed with their Petition for a Bill. [Lords.] 
4. That, in the case of the Berry Port and Gwendeafth Valley Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party be permitted to proceed with their Bill. [Lords.] 

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. The
The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. 

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords Commissioners for the purpose of suggesting to the Committee of the Whole House, to consider the Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session; and they request that this House will be pleased to appoint an equal number of its Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: And that Mr. Bigwood and Mr. Howard do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trustee Savings Bank Act, 1863: And that Mr. Holland, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Goulding, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and Mr. Butcher do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent certain Disqualifications for Elections to Parish Councils of 1896: And that Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Newdigate do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bigwood presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Holland presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888, in regard to the Qualification of Voters for the Election of Members to County Councils: And that Mr. Holland, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Goulding, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and Mr. Butcher do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Byron Reed presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Savings Bank Act, 1863: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to prevent certain Disqualifications for Elections to Parish Councils of 1896: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House expresses its deep Sympathy with the sufferers of the Christian Population in Asiatic Turkey, but trusts that further endeavours will be made to ameliorate their lot.—(Mr. Samuel Smith.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Laws relating to the use of Traction Engines on Roads.—(Mr. Griffith-Bussaun.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provision with respect to the Arrangement of Polling Districts in the Administrative County of London: And that Mr. Bond, Mr. Harrison, and Colonel Hughes do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Protection of Fish other than Salmon, Trout, and Char in Fresh Waters: And that Mr. Butcher, Sir Frank Lockwood, Mr. Fielden, and Mr. Joseph A. Pease do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Royal Tuberculosis Commission on Tuberculosis (Royal Commission.) be re-appointed and have the scope of its Inquiry extended, so that it may further inquire and report on Administrative Procedures available for reducing the Amount of Tuberculous Material in the Fluid supplied by Animals to Man.—(Mr. Knowles.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the sufficiency of the Law relating to the keeping, selling, using, and conveying of Petroleum and other Inflammable Liquids; and the precautions to be adopted for the prevention of Accidents with Petroleum Lamps.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walworth.)

Mr. Bond presented a Bill to make further Provision with respect to the Arrangement of Polling Districts in the Administrative County of London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Butcher presented a Bill for the better protection of Fish other than Salmon, Trout, and Char in Fresh Waters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned. Wednesday, 4th March, 1896: Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Holdings Second Reading of the Town Holdings 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 Married Persons' Small Industrial Income Tax Relief Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Letting of Sporting Rights Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Letting of Sporting Rights Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Abattoirs Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abattoirs Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Spurious Sports Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Spurious Sports Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Naval Works [Consolidated Fund.]
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Naval Works [Consolidated Fund]; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Light Railways Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant March, That the Light Railways Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c.; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons.)
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That Mr. James Bailey be a Member of the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates), 1895-96.

Class I.

Royal Palaces.
1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 3,400, 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 1896, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces.

Government Property (Rates, &c.)
2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 92,000, 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 1896, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property.

Class II.

Home Office.
3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 2,800, 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 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Home Office and Subordinate Departments.

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Foreign Office £ 2,870, 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 1896, for the Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Stationery, £ 25,900, 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 1896, for the Expense of providing Stationery, Printing, Paper, &c., for the Public Service.

Class III.

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Supreme Court £ 2,200, 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 1896, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding County Courts £ 10, 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 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding General Register House, Edinburgh £ 1,500, 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 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Officers in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

Class IV.

9. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 139,719, 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 1896, for Public Education in England and Wales.

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 20,000, 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 1896, for the Expenses of the Department of Science and Art in respect of Instruction in Public Elementary Schools and Training Colleges.

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000, 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 1896, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain.

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding London £ 4, 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 1896, for the Expenses of the University of London.

13. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding National £ 9,281, 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 1896, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

Class V.

14. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Diplomatic £ 38,366, 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 1896, for certain Expenditure chargeable on the Diplomatic and Consular Vote.

15. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Colonial Office £ 17,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray
domay the CHARGE which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

16. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £90,752, 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 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenditures of Administration in British East Africa.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,725, 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 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Treasury Chest in the year 1894-95.

Class VI.

18. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £7,000, 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 1896, for Superannuation and Com-}

19. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £116,557, 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 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Loans Fund.

20. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £5,859, 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 1896, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Loans Fund.

Relief of Distress in Ireland.

21. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £7,000, 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 1896, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) 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-made Goods Importation 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 Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock, adjourned till this day.

THE House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

GED, That the "Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prison's (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant March, be printed.

No. 95.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prison's (Scotland), which was presented upon the 3rd March, be printed.

No. 96.

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No. 97.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Vaccination by Her Majesty's Command,--Copy of Ninth (Royal Com-
Mr. Speaker proceeds to interrupt the business.

Whereupon Sir Alfred Hickman rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Main Question be now put":—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put, It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee—(Sir Alfred Hickman):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plumbers' Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (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 Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) 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 Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Judicial Trustees Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates):—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

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.

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Trout Fishing to provide a Close Time for Trout: in Scotland: And that Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Hozier, Mr. Malcolm, and Mr. Vernon-Wentworth do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Public Buildings to enable London Local Authorities to acquire Freehold Land for Public Buildings: And that Colonel Hughes, Sir John Lubbock, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Bousfield, and Mr. Kimber do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Metropolitan Sewers and Drains: And that Colonel Hughes, Sir Charles Hall, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Kimber do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Districts to provide for the Abolition of the Right of Distress by a Landlord against a Tenant, and to substitute for it a better and simpler system for the Recovery of Possession of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments when Rent is in Arrear: And that Mr. Bartley and Mr. Maclean do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Trout Fishing to amend the Metropolitan Management Acts with respect to Sewers and Drainage: And that Colonel Hughes, Sir Charles Hall, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Kimber do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) to amend the Local Government Acts with respect to Sewers and Drainage: And that Colonel Hughes, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Hozier, Mr. Malcolm, and Mr. Vernon-Wentworth do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) 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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Naval Works (Consolidated Fund.);

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres 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 Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works (Consolidated Fund.);

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Scotland.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Navy Estimates;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Trent and Arun.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Army Estimates;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Significant.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Revenue and Customs;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Scotland, and Edinburgh.)

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Agricultural Industries.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture (Trade Aid) Bill;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill	(Agricultural Employees.)

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Colonel Hughes presented a Bill to enable London Local Authorities to acquire Freehold Land for Public Buildings; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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Colonel Cotton-Jodrell presented a Bill to give greater Facilities to District Councils to dispose of the Water to their Estates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. James William Leech reported from the Committee on the Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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 therunto.

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

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented between the 2nd August and 5th September in the last Session of Parliament, and upon the 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of February last, and the 2nd day of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. Speaker, the House adjourned till To-morrow.

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

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

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

The Foyle College and Londonderry Aca
demic Institution (Amalgamation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Blackpool, Saint Anne’s, and Lytham Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Saint Anne’s-on-the-Sea, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Urban District Council of Saint Anne’s-on-the-Sea, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, for the Improvement of their District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sligo Post Office (Transfer of Mr. Sampson), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Brewers’ Accounts of the Number of Persons in each Class of the several Collections of the United Kingdom, licensed as Brewers for Sale, Brewers not for Sale, Victuallers, to sell Beer to be drunk on the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drunk on the Premises; stating also the Quantity of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the equivalent of Syrups consumed by them, particularly each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of July 1894 to the 30th day of September 1895:—Of the Number of Barrels of Beer exported from the United Kingdom, and the declared Value thereof, and where exported to, from the 1st day of October 1894 to the 1st day of October 1895; distinguishing England, Scotland, and Ireland:—Of the Amount of Licence and Beer Duty charged from the 1st day of October 1894 to the 30th day of September 1895, distinguishing Brewers for Sale from other Brewers:—Of the Number of Common Brewers paying for Licences, from the 1st day of October 1894 to the 30th day of September 1895, separating them into Classes: under 1,000 Barrels, at 1.057° gravity; 1,000 and under 10,000; 10,000 and under 20,000; 20,000 and under 30,000; 30,000 and under 50,000; 50,000 and under 100,000; 100,000 and under 150,000; 150,000 and under 200,000; 200,000 and
The Order for reading a second time, To- morrow, the Polling Arrangements (London) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant March.

The Order for reading a second time, To- morrow, the Solicitors’ Magistracy Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant March.

The Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill was Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Order for reading a second time] put, read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for Re- Supply Conti- nued the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee of Supply (Navy Estimates).

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Mr. Holjman rose in his place, and claimed to put, “That the Question be now put”; and the Question being put, “That the Question be now put”;

The House divided.

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The Order of the day being read, for Re- Supply Com- mittee may have leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker rose in his place, and claimed to put, “That the Question be now put”;

The House divided.

And the Question being accordingly put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Commoners:—

Mr. Anstruther : 183.

Mr. Austruther : 47.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday, 6th March, 1896:

And the Question being accordingly put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas:—

Mr. Austruther. 186.

Mr. Talbot. 41.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That 93,750 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, including 16,005 Royal Marines—[Mr. Goschen]. Whereupon Question, That the Committee do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—[Mr. Gauchen],—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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.

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Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for Re- Supply Com-
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Light Railways Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c.;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manœuvre 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 Military Lands Act Amendment 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 Land Tax Commissioners’ Names 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 Boyne Navigation Transfer 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 Naval Reserve 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 Diseases of Animals 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 upon the 24th day of February last, That Mr. James Bailey be a Member of the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Sir William Wardrope.)
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order for the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men’s Dwellings (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order for the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Payment of Jurors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Working Men’s Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Bill.
(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.
Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. John Ellis 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 Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 6th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer upon the Earl of Wolverton, his Estate Bill [Lords.]

and the Trustees of the Property settled by a Deed of Arrangement, dated the 31st day of December 1888, in relation to the Residuary Real and Personal Estates of the late George Grenfell, Lord Wolverton, respectively, Powers to raise Money for the more speedy carrying out of certain of the objects of the said Deed; and to enable the grant of a Jointure and Portions by Frederic, Lord Wolverton, for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Elections) Bill, without Amendment.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order for the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Belfast Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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."—(Mr. Knox.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—

L 4 A Message
Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act 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, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:


Belfast Corporation Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

—and a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. William Johnston rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Carson rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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. William Johnston; [214.]
 Tellers for the Noes, Captain Donelan; [111.]

And the Question, by leaving out the word "Tuesday," and inserting the word "Monday,"—

(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That the word "Tuesday" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Johnston; [214.]
 Tellers for the Noes, Captain Donelan; [111.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next:

—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next:

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

Secretaries Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of

Vide Second Report.


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

Mr. Henbery presented, by Her Majesty's Command, for the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent, the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the University of Glasgow for the year ending 30th September 1895.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, for the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent, the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
France (No. 1, 1896.)

Mr. Curzon, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing the Draft Law submitted to the Chamber of Deputies for the approval of the Treaties between France and China. Signed at Pekin on the 20th June, 1895.

Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing a Copy of the Declaration between Britain and France of 15th January 1896, for the Settlement of the Siamese and other Questions.

Copy of Documents and Correspondence relating to the Question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela.

Copy of Maps to accompany Documents and Correspondence relating to the Question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1, 1896.

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

Standing Committee (Chairman's Panel).

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. John Ellis to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection Committee (Standing Committee).

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following fifteen Members, in respect of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill:—Mr. James Baillie, Mr. Banbury, Mr. Bourgeois, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Major Dalbiac, Mr. Field, Sir John Gorst, Mr. Kearley, Sir Henry Seymour King, Mr. Leuty, Sir Blundell Maple, Mr. Charles Morley, Mr. Provand, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, and Sir William Wills.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Royal Patriotic Fund.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Fund, in Session 1895, be referred to the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Fund. (Mr. Woodall.)

Hours of Labour (Foreign Countries).

The Order made upon the 16th day of May last, for presenting to Her Majesty, an humble Address, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the State limitation of Hours of Work by Adult Men and Women, Young Persons, and Children in the Textile Trades in the different States upon the Continent of Europe and in the United States of America; (2) the Ages at which such Children are allowed to begin work, and whether they begin as Half-timers or Full-timers; (3) whether the State limitation is enforced by any and what System of Inspection, and indicating the changes which have been made in these respects since the Berlin Conference. (Mr. Whiteley,)—was read, and discharged.

Local Government (Scotland) (Public Health Rating) (No. 2.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 and 1894, in respect of Public Health Rating; And that Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. McKillop do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts: And that Mr. Field, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Mr. Farrell do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Renshaw presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 and 1894, in respect of Public Health Rating: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to (No. 2.) be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Field presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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


Question again proposed, That 93,750 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st Day of March, 1897, including 16,000 Royal Marines. (Mr. Goschen.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That 92,750 Men and Boys be employed for the said Services. (Si Colwyn.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Dillon.)

And, it being Midnight, the Motion to report Progress lapsed without Question put.

Saturday, 7th March 1896: And the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leatham acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Naval Works Consolidated Fund]; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That the Light Railways Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill. 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 Military Manœuvres 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 Military Lands Act (1889) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That Mr. Cockrane and Mr. William Redmond be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Speaker do read the third time of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Liverpool a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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 Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Liverpool the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Monday, 9th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Strand Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Colne Valley and District Gas Bill was Colne Valley and District Gas Bill read a second time; and committed.

The Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill was Edinburgh read a second time; and committed.

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

The Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Southwark and Vauxhall Southwark and Water Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Wotton-super-Mare Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Kent Water Board Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Water Board Bill;

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

Staines Reservoir Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Staines Reservoir Bill;

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

Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order Bills.

The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 21st day of February last relative to Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order Bills, and the Message from the Lords of the 28th day of February last signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the following Bills be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, to join with a Committee of the Lords:

1. Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order (Strabane Canal) Bill.
2. Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Caledonian and Crinan Canals) Bill.
3. Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (River Ouse) (Beds and Hunts, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bills or Orders scheduled thereto be presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard in favour of or against the Bills, and Counsel heard in support of the Bills.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint their Lordships with the said Bills having been committed to Five Members of this House, to be joined with a Committee of the Lords, pursuant to the Resolution of this House of the 21st day of February last relative to Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order Bills, and to the Message from the Lords of the 28th day of February last, signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution; and to request that their Lordships will be pleased to appoint an equal number of Lords to be joined with the Members of this House: and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

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

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the University of Glasgow, which were presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

University of Glasgow.

Mr. Hanbury presented, Return to an Order, American Mail steered the 26th day of February last, for a service. Return relative to the American Mail Service.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Schedules and Appendices, by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, 1896.

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

As to Salaries, and for the institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes, supplementary to Ordinances, No. 25, 26, 27, and 45 (Ordinance, No. 137, General, No. 29).
solidated Fund; and also of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salary, remuneration and expenses of the Light Railway Commissioners, and the expenses of the Board of Trade under the said Act.—(Mr. Walter Long) ;

Mr. Walter Long, 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.

Registration of Titles (Ireland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the operation of the Local Registration of Titles (Ireland) Act, 1891, and the Receipts and Expenditure of the Registration of Titles Offices constituted under the said Act, for each of the five years ending the 31st day of March 1896, in the following form :—

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II. Receipts and Expenditure.

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—(Mr. Clancy.)

Duration of Speeches Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Duration of Speeches Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

Light Railways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Light Railways Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures ; and the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

The Yeses to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas ] 269.

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith, Noes ] 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Manoeuvres Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

(In the Committee.)


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 93,750 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, including 16,005 Royal Marines ;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That 92,750 Men and Boys be employed for the said Services.—(Mr. Labouchere.)

After Debate thereon ;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to Question put (proposed to move, "That the Question be now put "); Question put, "That the Question be now put ";

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas ] 239.

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith, Noes ] 65.

Question put accordingly, That 92,750 Men and Boys be employed for the said Services ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Labouchere, Yeas ] 45.

Tellers for the [Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Noes ] 262.

Mr. Goschen claimed, That the Original Question be now put ;

Original Question put accordingly ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas ] 261.

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith, Noes ] 45.

Noes, [Sir Wilfrid Lawson ]

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,419,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897 :—Debate arising ;

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And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr.
The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Petition of the Principal and Fellows of Jesus College, Oxford, praying that the Clause of the Scheme relating to the Meyrick Fund (Wales and Meirionnydd) may be struck out, and that the Scheme may be amended to enable proposed amended Statutes to pass into law, was presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her assent to so much of the Scheme for the management of the funds contributed for the purpose of the Central Welsh Board by the County Governing Bodies established by Schemes made under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, as relates to the matter of the Meyrick Fund.—(Sir John Mozley.)
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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

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Tuesday, 10th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 28th day of February last, that the Petition for the Cork Tramways, Junction Tramways Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Petition for the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (1889) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 2nd day of this instant March, relative to Intermediate and Technical Education (Cowbridge School), had been presented to Her Majesty ; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer :—

I have received your Address praying that I will exclude the Cowbridge Grammar School from the Intermediate and Technical Education Scheme of the Glamorgan County Council. I will comply with your advice.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1889) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the King's Lynn Corporation Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 11th day of April next.
The Lord Wolverton's Estate Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account prepared by the Admiralty under the Provisions of the Naval Defence Acts, 1889 and 1893, showing the Amount of Money provided to meet the Expenditure for the purposes of the Acts, and the Mode in which and the Amount and Nature of the Securities by which it was provided, and the Balance of the Money authorised by the Acts to be provided for such Expenditure, and also the Amount of Money expended for the purposes of the Acts, distinguishing each purpose on which such Money was expended, and the Expenditure on each of the Vessels and its Armament on the 31st March 1895; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereto.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations (Scotland) for Day Schools, by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland, 1896.

Copy of Code of Regulations (by the Lords Education of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland) for Evening Continuation Schools, 1896.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents and Incidents as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year ending 31st December 1895, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the County Councils of various Counties in England and Wales under the Local Government Act, 1888, and confirmed by the Local Government Board.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Order (No. 3, Command,—Copy of Report by Sir John Kirk 1806) on the Disturbances at Brass.

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad on Bounties other than those on Shipping and Navigation paid by the States in the Countries in which they reside (in continuation of Commercial, No. 7, 1895).

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 Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1896.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the Average Prices of Agricultural Produce in Ireland, as collected by the Irish Land Commissioners year by year from 1881 to 1895, inclusive.—(Mr. McCardan.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the Amount expended up to the 31st day of March 1896, from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland (Public Works, &c.) Vote upon—

(a) Piers.
the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture, Trade, &c., Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. Graham Murray and Mr. Power; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Charles Pearson and Mr. Englefield.

Sir John Monckbay further reported from the Committee: That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Light Railways Bill:—Sir William Arrol, Mr. Light Railways James Evans Burns Ballie, Mr. Bainsbridge, Mr. Bill, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fipson, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Cameron Gull, Mr. Hudson, Sir Henry Mosey Thompson, Mr. Lloyd-Morgan, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Robert Price, Major Rashé, Mr. Soutar, and Mr. Vaughan-Davies.

Sir John Monckbay further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Law, &c., Justice and Legal Procedure:—Sir Henry Mosey Thompson and Sir Charles Pearson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Radcliff Cooke and Mr. Graham Murray.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That all Standing Committees have Standing leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings, and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in an Accountants Bill to amend the Law relating to Accountants in Scotland, and to regulate their Qualifications and provide for their Registration: Mr. James Campbell, Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Cox, Mr. Holdmes, and Mr. Gordon do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Licensing Laws Bill to amend the Licensing Laws: And that Amendment, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Bynoe Jones, Mr. Holhouse, and Sir William Hobbsworth do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. Power be added to the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Mr. James Campbell presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Accountants in Scotland, and to regulate their Qualifications and provide for their Registration; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Tritton presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant March: and to be printed.

Petitions from Aldermen and Common Councillors of the City of London; Members of the London County Council; and inhabitants of the County of London, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that a Resolution may be passed in favour of opening Museums on Sundays, was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the National Museums and Art Galleries in London should be open for a limited
limited number of hours on Sundays, after 2 p.m., upon condition that no officer shall be required to attend on more than six days per week, and that any who may have conscientious objections shall be exempt from Sunday duty.—(Mr. Mussey-Mainwaring.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "open," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on at least three week-end evenings in each week, so far "as the safety of the collections will permit; but "that the opening of Museums and Art Galleries "on Sunday is neither necessary nor expedient, and "is contrary to the ascertained wishes of those "classes chiefly interested."—(Sir Mark Stewart)

—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. Mussey-Mainwaring,) 178.

Tellers for the (Mr. Lough,) 93.

Noes, (Mr. Perks;) So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the National Museums and Art Galleries in London should be open for a limited number of hours on Sundays, after 2 p.m., upon condition that no officer shall be required to attend on more than six days per week, and that any who may have conscientious objections shall be exempt from Sunday duty.—(Mr. Mussey-Mainwaring.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages 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 Militia 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 Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant March, That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant March, That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Holdings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justice 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 Letting of Second Reading of the Letting of Sporting Rights Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Abattoirs Second Reading of the Abattoirs Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the proposed Second Reading of the Spurious Sports Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the proposed Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Working Men's Dwellings Bill, upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—(Sir Alfred Hickson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prayer-made Prison-made Goods Goods Importation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Committee on the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 3rd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Railways Committee on Light Railways [Advances] Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Harbury reported from the Committee of Supply Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—


That 93,750 Men and Boys be employed for Navy (Sea and Coast Guard Services) ending on the 31st day of March 1897, including 16,005 Royal Marines.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Naval Works [Consolidated Fund]; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The
Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraph (Advances.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraphs (Advances); Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Boye Navigation Transfer Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Wednesday, 11th March, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Liverpool New Cattle Market and Railways Bill.

Ordered, That the Liverpool New Cattle Market and Railways Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Londonderry Improvement Bill to inquire into the present mode of election of aldermen and councillors of the city, and whether it is expedient to modify or alter the law as to such mode of election, and, if they think fit, to make Provision in the Bill for the same.—(Mr. Knox):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Londonderry Improvement Bill to inquire into the extension of the Municipal Franchise to all Parliamentary Voters except Lodgers, and to such Women as would but for their sex have been Parliamentary Voters (other than Lodgers), and to provide that the Burgess Lists shall be revised and made up by the same persons and at the same time as the Parliamentary Register, and, if they think fit, to make Provision in the Bill for the same.—(Mr. Macleod.)

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads.

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 Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill, might be read and the same being read; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Company, and empowering them to construct Tramways and a Tramroad between Blackpool and Fleetwood, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Peke do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1894–95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor in the year ended 31st December 1895, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Militia Act, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of 1892 (Deputy Lieutenants, Ireland).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Benefices Bill.

Second Reading of the Benefices Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”—(Colonel Sandys.)

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 [Colonel Sandys] 81.

Nees, [Mr. Harry Foster] 81.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Viscount Cranborne); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “the "Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of "Justice, and Legal Procedure,” and adding the words a Select Committee”—(Colonel Sandys),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts
of Justice, and Legal Procedure," stand part of the Question:—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Griffith-Brown, 268,
Mr. Victor Garendish, 62.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Foster;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;—And a Debate arising thereupon;—And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business:
Whereupon Viscount Cranborne rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put":—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery 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 Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment 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 Ground Game Act (1889) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Purchase of Pee Simple) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Game Act (1889) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Western Highlands and Islands (Scotland) Works Act (1891) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next,
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Boilers: And that Sir William Howlesworth, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Clare do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir William Howlesworth accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Cagar Water Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 12th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Liverpool New Castle Market and Railways Bill:

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

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.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London Second Reading of the London County Council (Finance) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Westminster Second Reading of the Westminster Improvements Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petersham and Ham Lands and Footpaths 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 "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "having regard to the policy of Parliament, as declared by the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869, this House is not prepared to entertain a Bill for the inclosure of Metropolitan common lands,"—(Mr. Poulton),—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. Skewes-Cox, 118. Mr. Porris, 112.]

Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Poulton, 262. Mr. Bigwood, 126.]

So it passed in the Negative, and the Question being put, That the words "having regard to the policy of Parliament, as declared by the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869, this House is not prepared to entertain a Bill for the inclosure of Metropolitan common lands," be added to the word "That," in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That, having regard to the policy of Parliament, as declared by the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 and 1869, this House is not prepared to entertain a Bill for the inclosure of Metropolitan common lands.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Urban District Council of Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, in respect of the County Palatine of Lancaster, for the improvement of their District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Company, and empowering them to construct Tramways and a Tramroad between Blackpool and Fleetwood, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill. The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order (Aberdeen) Bill. The Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order (Aberdeen) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with a verbal Amendment. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Cupar Water Provisional Order Bill. The Cupar Water Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Armagh—(Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland) ; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right ; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther. Tellers for the Mr. Timothy M. Healy. Noes, Mr. Knox. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring in the Bill. Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Armagh ; 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.

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

Vide Third Report. The Orders made upon the 5th day of this instant March, for the Relief of the Poor, Elementary Education, and Police, borne by such Rates, and That the said Return do lie upon the Table and be printed, were severally read, and discharged.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Agriculture (Royal Commission.) Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Agricultural Depression, with Appendices, Vol. IV. 

Elementary Schools (England and Wales) (Grants Refused.) Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty dated the 26th day of February last, for a Return relative to Elementary Schools (England and Wales) (Grants Refused). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Education (‘To avoid and abate’). Sir J. An Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Statement, showing, 1. The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in England and Wales in the year 1895 upon Annual Grants to Elementary Schools ; and 2. The Actual Number of Elementary Schools on the Annual Grant List on the 31st August 1895 ; the Accommodation and Number of Scholars in those Schools ; and the Results of the Inspection and Examination of Elementary Schools during the year ending 31st August 1895. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Polling Arrangements (London) Bill was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant March.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Supply, if under the House discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House—(Mr. Balfour) ; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right ; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther. Tellers for the Mr. Timothy M. Healy. Noes, Mr. Knox. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply. 

Army Supplementary Estimates, 1895-96. 1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £601,300, 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 1896, for Additional Expenditure on the following Army Services, viz.:—

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item (a), Ashanti Expedition, be reduced by the Sum of £100,000.—(Mr. Dilson.) After Debate thereon; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, ”That the Question be now put”, N. O. Closure of Debate. The Committee divided. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther. Tellers for the Mr. William Redmond. Noes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien. 221. 78. Question put, “That the Question be now put”; N. O. Closure of Debate. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther. Tellers for the Mr. William Redmond, Noes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien. Friday.
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Question put accordingly, That Item (a), Abyssinian Expedition, be reduced by £100,000; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon, ] Yeas, [Dr. Clark :] 55.


Mr. Balfour claimed, “That the Original Question be now put”;

Original Question put accordingly, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £601,300, 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 1896, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

- Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments) - £5,000
- Vote 2. Medical Establishment, Pay, &c., - £2,500
- Vote 3. Volunteer Corps, Pay, and Allowances - £49,300
- Vote 4. Transport and Remounts - £77,000
- Vote 5. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - £22,000
- Vote 6. Clothing Establishments and Services - £16,000
- Vote 7. Wartime and other Stores - £

Total - £601,300

The Committee divided.


2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and India and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896;

Mr. William Redmond moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined to move, “That the Question be now put”; the Chairman declared to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; the Chairman declared to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item, Vote 8, Section 1, Personnel, of £146,500, be omitted from the proposed Vote (Mr. William Redmond);

The Committee divided.


Original Question again proposed. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item, Vote 8, Section 3, Contract Work, of £307,000, be omitted from the proposed Vote (Mr. William Redmond);

The Committee divided.


Original Question again proposed. After Debate thereon;

Mr. Goschen rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”;

Question put, “That the Question be now put”;

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis, ] Noes, [Mr. Charles Shaw : ] 34.

Question put accordingly, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,100,000, 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 1896, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

- Vote 5. Volunteer Corps, Pay, and Allowances - £146,500
- Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - £44,000
- Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - £307,000
- Vote 8. Naval Armaments - £202,500

Total - £1,100,000

The Committee divided.


4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,419,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c., to Officers, Seamen and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, s 3, and
The Order of the day being read, for the Diocesan Commissioners' Second Reading of the Diocesan Commissioners' (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act 1888 Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Second Reading of the Public Buildings (London) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

And, it being a quarter of an hour after Five of the clock on Friday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Friday, 13th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Baker Street and Baker Street Waterloo Railway Bill be read a second second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chelsea Water Second Reading of the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the East London Water Second Reading of the East London Water (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Grand Second Reading of the Grand Junction Water (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Kent Water Second Reading of the Kent Water (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the New River Water Second Reading of the New River Water (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Middlesex Water Law (Transfer) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Water Board Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East London Water (Height of Supply) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Thames Reservoirs Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New River Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That the Orders made upon the 17th day of February last, That the Lambeth Water (Transfer) Bill and the Southwark and Vauxhall Water (Transfer) Bill be committed, be read, and discharged, and that the Bills be committed to a Select Committee of Nine Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Five by the Committee of Selection. That, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Proceedings of this House, all Petitions against the said Bills be referred to the Committee; and such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses, be heard on their Petitions against the Bills, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in support of the said Bills against such Petitions. That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. And that Seven be the Quorum; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 24th day of this instant March.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Army Estimates of 1895-96, re-calculated so as to show approximately the Cost of the Military Forces as divided under Colonial Garrisons, Red Army, Depots, &c. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 31st October 1895, amending Statute III. of the Statutes of that College. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Swine Fever Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into the Etiology, Pathology, and Morbid Anatomy of Swine Fever. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from Standing Committee on the Petroleum Tariff Bill; Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Fifteen added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures in respect of the Light Railways Bill: Mr. Lloyd Morgan; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Benefices Bill: Mr. Griffith-Benecke, Sir William Rose, Mr. McCallum, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Iremonger, Mr. John Kenway, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Perks, Mr. Pym, Mr. Byron Reed, Colonel Sanders, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Correll Williams, Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson, and Mr. Woolf. Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Five Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order Bills: Mr. Charles Dalrymple, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Now, Mr. Spicer, and Mr. Young. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Report of Sittings of the House be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House. (Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London Valuation, Rateable Property in London, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Cohen and Mr. James Stuart do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Burgh Police Bill to amend the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892: And that Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Colonel Deans, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Orr-Ewing, and Mr. John Wilson (Glasgow) do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on Traction Engines on Tram Roads was nominated of: Captain Boyce, Mr. Engines on Bill, Mr. Griffith-Benecke, Mr. Talfourd, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. Seale-Hayne, Mr. Harman-Hodge, Mr. Hobhouse, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Cox, Mr. Moncrieff, Mr. Seale-Hayne, and Mr. Austen. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Colonel Kenyon-Stanley, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Lowther, and Colonel Wordsworth.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Griffiths-Boscawen.)

Mr. Cohen presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the enactments relating to the Valuation and Assessment of Rateable Property in London, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Shaw-Stewart presented a Bill to amend the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to 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 (for Committee on the Army Estimates):

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 "this House, before having submitted to its consideration the Army Estimates, should be in possession of an explanatory statement from Her Majesty's Government setting forth the general principles of defence which have determined the gross amount proposed to be allocated to Naval and Military purposes respectively, and indicating the main lines of the general plan, or programmes, of British Defence, to which the Admiralty and the War Office administration, arrangement, and expenditure are respectively to conform"—(Sir John Coloub)—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.

And the Main Question being put:—Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. —The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1896-97.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 150,174, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Balfour).—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Mr. Powell Williams reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Army (Supplementary).

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £601,300, 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 1896, for Additional Expenditure on the following Army Services, viz.:

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Department-Money).—£8,500.

Vote 2. Medical Establishment, Pay, &c.—£2,500.

Vote 5. Volunteer Corps, Pay and Allowances.—£496,300.

Vote 6. Transport and Remounts.—£57,000.

Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies.—£27,000.

Vote 8. Clothing Establishments and Services.—£10,000.

Vote 9. Warlike and other Stores.—

Total.—£601,300.

Ordnance Factories (Supplementary).

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896.

Navy (Supplementary).

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, which will come in course of payment, the expenses of Wages, &c., in Wartime, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

Vote 8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. —£.

Sec. 1. Personnel.—£146,500.

Sec. 2. Material.—£44,000.

Sec. 3. Contract Work.—£307,000.


Total.—£1,100,000.


4. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,419,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c., to Officers, Seamen and Boys, the Coast Guard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

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

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the conduct of Mr. Todd in persisting in tedious repetition, directed him to discontinue his speech.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Speaker directing Members to discontinue his speech.

Tellers for the, Sir William Walrond, Yeas,—175.

Tellers for the, Mr. Anstruther—Noes,—32.

So it was resolved in the Negative.
Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on Naval Works [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to make provision for the construction of Works and acquisition of Land in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any sums not exceeding in the whole £2,750,000 for such purposes; and to authorise the application of the surplus of income above expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, towards the repayment of expenses incurred for Naval Works, and the payment of sums to be expended for Naval Works.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Goosche accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purpose of the Royal Navy: 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 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 Light Railways [Advances].

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being after Midnight, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors’ Second Reading of the Solicitors’ Magistracy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Payment of Second Reading of the Payment of Jurors’ Juries Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Places of Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Militia Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Grand Juries a Return giving the Names of Gentlemen called (Ireland) on the Grand Panel, and of those sworn in on the County Carlow Grand Jury at the several Assizes held during the last three Years, in the following Form:

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(Mr. Engledew.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 16th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.
Manchester Ship Canal Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time. O Mf.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:-Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill. 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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:- Lord Wolseley's Estate Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill for the Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway was read the third time, and passed.

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

Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ilfracombe Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the County Council of Northumberland, dated 6th February 1896, dividing the Parishes of Benwell and Fenchom into convenient Polling Districts. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 6th March 1896, applying the provisions of the Colonial Probes Act, 1892, to the Colony of the Leeward Islands. Copy of Order in Council, dated 6th March 1896, extending the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, varying the Light Dues payable in respect of the "Edinburgh Channel" and "Black Deep" Light Vessels at the entrance to the River Thames. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Returns of the Official Assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and the Local Bankruptcy Courts at Belfast and Cork, showing the State of every Bankruptcy and Insolvency under their Charge, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1895. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hombury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—An Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1897. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalisation have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have been, between the 1st day of January 1894 and the 31st day of December 1895, been registered at the Home Office, giving the Country and Place of Residence of the Persons naturalised, and including information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Buildings (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to present another Bill instead thereof.—(Colonel Hughes.)

Colonel Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to enable London Local Authorities to acquire Freehold Land for Public Buildings: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by Colonel Hughes, Member for the Borough of Northampton, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the steps which are being taken by Her Majesty's Government to direct a movement of Egyptian troops in the direction of Dongola"; and the pleasure of the House having been signified;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Labouchere);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Charles Dilke : 126.] Tellers for the Noes, [Sir William Walrond : 266.]

So it was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means and other Committees authorising the expenditure of Public Money, may be entered upon at any hour though opposed, and shall not be interrupted under the Provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, except of Standing Order No. 5.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Acquisition of Property for the Extension of the General Register House at Edinburgh: and that Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Hubbury, and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Akers-Douglas accordingly presented a Bill for the Acquisition of Property for the Extension of the General Register House at Edinburgh: 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 Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1896-97.

1. That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 156,174, all Ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897. 2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding 5,862,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897; after Debate thereon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

Tuesday, 17th March, 1896:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothor reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received, this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Acquisition of Property for the Extension of the General Register House at Edinburgh; 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 Supply into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Ways and Means.

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Consolidated Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service Fund, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, the Sum of £2,252,666, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom:—(Mr. Hubbury.)

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Consolidated Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service Fund of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, the Sum of £10,282,560, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom:—(Mr. Hubbury.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothor reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply.
Mr. James William Lesson 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.

Naval Works Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Diseases of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Reserve Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Berwick School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berwick School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraphs (Advances). The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraphs [Advances]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Light Railways (Advances.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Light Railways [Advances]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Place of Worship Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Tuesday, 17th March, 1896.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

The St. Anne's-on-the-Sea Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Strand Improvement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Warrington Extension Water and Improvement Bill, 1890, be referred to the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill.—(Dr. Farguharson.) Ordered,
Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do appoint a Committee, not exceeding Nine Members, to whom shall be committed all Private Bills promoted by Municipal and other Local Authorities, by which it is proposed to create Powers relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations which deviate from, or are in extension of, or are repugnant to, the general law.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee in their Report, under Standing Orders 150 and 173A, to state their reasons for granting any powers in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of, the general law.

That it be an Instruction to the Committee not to insert in any Bill referred to them any provision which is already in force in the district to which the Bill applies under any public Act, or which might be put in force by adopting the provisions of any adoptive Act.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the

[Some names and numbers follow, not including any clear representation of the voting figures.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That in the case of Bills reported from the Committee, Three clear days shall intervene between the date when the Report of the Committee is circulated with the Votes and the consideration of the Bill.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

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

Public Petitions.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1669 and 1670.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain, for the year 1885.

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

Business of the House.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceedings of the House of Commons relating to Public Business. Eleventh Edition, 1896.

Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Edinburgh General Register House Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

Private Bills (Group B.)

Sir William Codlingston reported from the Committee on Group B, of Private Bills: That the parties promoting the Matlock Bath Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of William Richardson, Station Master, Matlock Bath, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said William Richardson do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That William Richardson do attend the Committee on Group B, of Private Bills upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir John Momsley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Fifteen added to the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in respect of the Benefice Bill, viz. :—Mr. Talbot and Mr. Henry J. Wilson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Stanley Leighton and Mr. Albert Spicer.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Momsley reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; Orders, which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Shipping Federation shipping Bill, Petition of "Dock, Wharf, and Riverside General Labourers Uni n of Great Britain and Ireland," foremen and women, and Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Charitable Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly Held within the County of Anglesy, into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1855 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1857: (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.—(Mr. Great Lawson.)

The Order for reading a second time, To: Licensing Laws, tomorrow, the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next.

Complaint made to the House by Mr. Horslack Wilson, Member for Middlesborough, of a certain passage in the "Saint James's Gazette" newspaper, of the 16th March 1896, reflecting on him, which he submitted constituted a Breach of the Privileges of this House.

The said newspaper was handed in, and the passage complained of was read, as followeth:—"The story has been scandalous up to now, and, unless proper measures are taken, will continue to be so. Here is a man in a public position posing as a champion of a class which is peculiarly liable to be cheated and unable to defend itself. He is accused of theft and swindling; and what follows? The worst that can befall him, as the result of this action, is to be called upon to pay the costs of Mr. Collison; which, in any case, will probably not come out of his pocket. If the charges brought against Wilson cannot be disproved—and he has not tried to disprove them—then he is a public offender, who has defrauded honest men as foully as ever did the secretary of a building society who decamped with the funds. Yet it seems to be nobody's business to bring
Mr. Wilson to book. The task is left to be discharged by a private person, who runs a considerable risk of being heavily mulcted for his pains. And this shy defender of his honour, this friend of the sailor and fireman—who, after mufthing for months about vindicating his character, after delaying to bring his action for a year and a half, at last refuses to face cross-examination, and stands by his own choice in the position of a confessed impostor—is a Member of Parliament who votes our taxes and brings in Bills. Is he to continue to hold this position? Is the House content to include him among its Members? Is the end of it to be that Wilson's digged indifference to honour and decency is to gain its purpose? We hope not most sincerely. The Commons have no excuse for not taking measures to vindicate their character; and the time has come when it ought to be thought impossible to postpone inquiry into the question whether the House can endure the presence of this man Wilson any longer."

Mr. Speaker thereupon intervened, and declined to submit the case to the House as a question of Privilege.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts; and that Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Tominson, and Mr. Dave do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, with respect to Contributions for Technical Instruction: And that Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. George Wyndham, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Philip Stanhope do prepare, and bring it in.

Secretaries of Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for granting Superannuations to Secretaries to Grand Juries in Ireland: And that Mr. Carson, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Darling, and Mr. Plunkett do prepare, and bring it in.

Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, Bill 148.

Mr. Seton-Karr presented a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act (1890) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Oldroyd presented a Bill to amend the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, with respect to Contributions for Technical Instruction: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Secretaries of Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill, Bill 148.

Mr. Carson presented a Bill to make provision for granting Superannuations to Secretaries to Grand Juries in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Currency.

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the instability of the relative value of gold and silver since the action of the Latin Union in 1873 has proved injurious to the best interests of this Country, and urges upon the Government the advisability of doing all in their power to secure by International Agreement a stable monetary pair of exchange between gold and silver.—(Mr. Herbert Whiteley.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Spurious Sports 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 Bill on the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant March.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions: which were read, as follow:

**Army Estimates, 1896-97.**

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 156,174, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding Her Majesty's Indian Possessions during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the 10th day of this instant March, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which was then agreed to by the House, be now read; and the same was read, as followeth:

Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipliné and Regulation of the Army: And that Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That the said Frederic Hulton do attend the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the 10th day of this instant March, was reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills to-day, 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 Frederic Hulton do attend the said Committee.

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

Mr. Hambury accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Mr. Hanbury 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 for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1896, the said Resolutions were read again.

Mr. Hambury accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for 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. James William Lanthor, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hambury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hambury accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the Services of the Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Subscription to Light Railways [Advances]; 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 Trustee Savings Banks 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 Local Government Bill (Qualification of Voters) 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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

**Wednesday, 18th March, 1896.**

**PUBLIC PETITIONS.**

Ordered, That a Bill be read a second time, for the Naval Works Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Bill on the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Spurious Sports Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill (Qualification of Voters) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Bill for the Pay, Allowances, &c. Army (Annual).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Army Estimates, 1896-97.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Bill (Qualification of Voters) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill.

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Foundation of Berry Chair of English Literature (Ordinance, No. 150, Saint Andrews's, No. 23).
Ordered, That the said Ordinance be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of Berkshire, altering the polling Place for the Cookham Polling District, (Berkshire.)
Copy of Order made by the County Council of Berkshire, constituting two new polling Districts of Chievey and Brightwell.
Ordered, That the said Ordinance be printed and be laid before the House.

Private Bills
No. 110.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Reports of the Board of Trade upon the following Harbour, &c. Bills, viz. :
(1.) Borrowstounness Harbour (Transfer) Bill.
(2.) Brizhama Harbour and Market Bill.
(3.) Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill, had stated that the evidence of Thomas Walter Lawrence Emden, of 103 and 106, Strand, London, and Charles Mason, Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, London, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the clock.
The said Committee To-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Thomas Walter Lawrence Emden and Charles Mason do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That Thomas Walter Lawrence Emden and Charles Mason, do attend the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

The Order of the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation 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."—(Mr. Logan.)
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.
And the Main Question being put ;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Produce (Marks) 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."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Mildmay rose in his place, and claimed to put the Question, then the Question be now put. And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;"
Ordered, That the House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the Mr. Mildmay, Yeas, Mr. Hazler; Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, Mr. Arthur;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the Mr. Mildmay, Yeas, Mr. Lambert; Tellers for the Mr. Parker Smith, Noes, Mr. Keating;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And it being after half-past Five of the clock, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.
Whereupon Mr. Mildmay claimed, "That the Main Question be now put."
And the Main Question being accordingly put.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. Ritchie)—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the De rơiet Second Reading of the Derelict Vessels (Report) Vessels (Report) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1881) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the said Ordinance be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) 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 Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Tenancies Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Western Highlands and Islands (Scotland) Works Act (1891) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) 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 Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Metropolitan Sewers and Drains 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 Vehicles (Lights) 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 Payment of Juresors 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 Militia Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army (Annual) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Assent to a Statute made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That 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 Friendly Bill for the free Payment through the Post Societies (Money and Postal Orders) Bill.

Sir John Kennaway accordingly presented a Friendly Bill for the free Payment through the Post Societies (Money and Postal Orders) Bill.

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Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions.

Mr. Clancy from the Select Committee on the North Eastern Railway Bill.

Mr. Clancy reported from the Committee on the North Eastern Railway Bill.

Mr. Clancy reported from the Committee on the Midland Railway Bill.
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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. Clancy reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock,

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And, it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till To-morrow.

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THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Dublin Southern District Tramways

A Petition of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company to lay down additional Tramways; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 149), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 150), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Papers and Correspondence, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, relating to the Landing in Great Britain from Canada of Cattle affected with Pleuro-Pneumonia (in continuation of [C. 7123], [C. 7366], and [C. 7496]).

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return for the Months of June, July, and August 1895, from the Great Western, South Eastern, London, Chatham, and Dover, London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and South Western Railway Companies, showing the Arrival at London Stations of all Passenger Trains from a distance of not less than 50 Miles from Starting Point, as shown in the published Time Tables of the Company:—The Return to be compiled from the Guards' Reports or Journals; and London Stations to mean, for the

the Great Western, Paddington; for the Chatham and Dover, Victoria, Saint Paul's, and Holborn Viaduct; for the South Eastern, Cannon Street and Charing Cross; for the London, Brighton, and South Coast, London Bridge and Victoria; and for the South Western, Waterloo (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 210, of Session 1895).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Petty Return showing Number of Cases entered at Sessions Court of each Petty Sessions Court in Clare during the last ten years, including the Names of the Magistrates attending in each District, and how many times they attended,—(Mr. William Redmond.)

Sir William Coddington reported from the Brighton Committee on the Brighton Corporation (Water) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Schedule of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, as made Amendments thereto.

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

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on the Brighton Corporation (Warrington) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on the Brighton Corporation (Warrington) Bill; That they had examined the allegations, and found the name of the Magistrate attending in each District, and how many times they attended the Court, and how many times they attended the Court.

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Mr. James William Lorthe reported the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works 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."—(Mr. William Redmond.)

And the Question being put, That the words "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond.]

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 266.
Tellers for the [Mr. William Redmond.]


So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manœuvres 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, and adding the words "any such exceptional interference with the rights of property and the liberty of the subject as is contemplated by the Military Manœuvres Bill should, so far as it may be found to be necessary in the public interests, be allowed only after the sanction of Parliament has been obtained in each case by means of a special Act or confirmed Provisional Order."—(Mr. Luttrell),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the: [Sir William Walrond.]

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 266.
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell.]


So it was resolved in the Negative.

Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond.]

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 266.
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell.]


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Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to make Advances, not exceeding £1,000,000, at any one time, under any Act of the present Session, to facilitate the construction of Light Railways in Great Britain, and for that purpose to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners the Sums that may be required, such Sums to be repaid out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; and also to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salary, Remuneration, and Expenses of the Light Railway Commissioners, and the Expenses of the Board of Trade under the said Act.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Amendment made, in l. 9, by leaving out the words "at any one time," and inserting the words "so that the sum total of free grants and outstanding loans shall not at any one time exceed £1,000,000."—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 6, to leave out the words "and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund."—(Mr. Cadell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Ritchie rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but claimed, but the Chairman withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the Committee was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion. Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond.]

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 266.
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell.]


And, at the end of the Question, adding the words "and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund;"—(Mr. Cadell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration;

To be resumed, Friday, 20th March, 1896:

The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to Army (Annual) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Edinburgh General Register House Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Diseases of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Naval Reserve Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Reserve Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Berriew School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Telegraphs [Advances.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telegraphs [Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a Sum, not exceeding £ 300,000, for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sum by means of terminable annuities, payable out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and, if those moneys were insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund—(Mr. Hanbury): Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Lloyd-George)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lever 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.

Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Grocers’ Second Reading of the Grocers’ Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant March, That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Freshwater Second Reading of the Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill; Ordered, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee—(Mr. Ritchie); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Derelict Second Reading of the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Select Committee on Petroleum was instructed to report Progress, nominated of Sir Thomas Carmichael, Mr. Joss Collings, Mr. Alexander Cross, Mr. Fortescue Flanagan, Sir Edvard Hill, Mr. Wootton Isaacson, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Harold Reckitt, Mr. Compton Rickett, and Sir Benjamin Stone. And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Telly be one other...
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day till Four of the clock, during the Sitting of the House.

(Sir James Fergusson.)

Private Bill Petitions

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

William Hancock and Company.

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

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill.

Ordered, That the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Metropolitan Railway Bill.

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

Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Bill (Lords).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment;—

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Order (Warrington) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Local Government Provisional Order (Warrington) Bill changed from *Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill.*)

William Hancock and Company.

A Petition of Messieurs William Hancock and Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Creation of New Preferred and Deferred Converted Ordinary Shares of William Hancock and Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railways (Times of Trains.), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Huskley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Annual Balance Sheets, showing the Cost of Manufacturing, Provisions, Victualling Stores, and Seamen's Clothing (Hair Beds) at Her Majesty's Naval Victualling Yards and Maltese Yard, for the year 1894-95, as well as Statements showing the Waste and Loss resulting therefrom, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank National Debt Annuities, and any Annuities for Terms of Years transferred, and of all Sums of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives, and for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payments on Death which have been made, under the provisions of the Acts 10 Geo. 4, c. 24, 51 & 52 Vic. c. 15, 16 & 17 Vic. c. 45, 27 & 28 Vic. c. 43, 45 & 46 Vic. c. 51, and 50 & 51 Vic. c. 40, within the year ended 5th January 1896.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Capital and Income of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Pension Fund, for the year ended 31st December 1885, with the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Navy Victualling Yard Manufacturing Accounts, 1894-95) and the National Debt Annuities be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commission Forty-third Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Condition of the Poor Law Schools.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Experiments and Demonstrations conducted by the Irish Land Commission (Agricultural Department), during the Season of 1895, in the Prevention of Potato Disease.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to the House (West Riding of the County of York, 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of the West Riding of York into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1883 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, William Herses (Scotland) (Account and List of Treasurers Remembrancer, Scotland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1895, in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove
A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses of Parliament to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by Mr. Wilbraham, was read, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. Charles Murray reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Party or Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on the same terms as were applicable to the provisions of the Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill [Lords.]

The Order was read a second time; and ordered to be read a third time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Coddington reported from the Committee on the Whittington Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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 working of the Regulations made in 1886 for the carrying out the Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884, with Statistics setting forth the Number, Nature, Cost, and Results of the Proceedings instituted by the Director in accordance with those Regulations, from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1895 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 264, of Session 1895.) — (Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for each County in Scotland, of the Fairs Prices of each Description of Grain, &c., as struck by the Sheriffs and Juries of Counties, for the years 1870 to 1894, inclusive, distinguishing the several Classes of Grain, &c.— (Mr. James Campbell.)

A Motion was made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses of Parliament to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Murray reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. Charles Murray reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills; That the Committee had adjourned till Monday the 20th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by Mr. Wilbraham, was read, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time for the sale of Superfluous Lands of the Millwall Dock Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1896-97 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,350,018, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, viz. :-

### Civil Services.

- **Class II.**
  - Foreign Office - - 40,000
  - - 22,000

- **Class V.**
  - British Protectorates in Uganda and Central Africa - - 40,000

### Class I.

- Royal Palaces and Marlborough House - - 15,000
- Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens - - 34,000
- Houses of Parliament Buildings - - 11,000
- Admiralty, Extension of Buildings - - 12,000
- Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain - - 24,000
- Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - - 10,000
- Diplomatic and Consular Buildings - - 10,000
- Revenue Department Buildings - - 140,000
- Public Buildings, Great Britain - - 70,000
- Surveys of the United Kingdom - - 80,000
- Harbours, &c., under Board of Trade, and Lighthouses Abroad - - 7,000
- Peterhead Harbours - - 6,000
- Rates on Government Property - - 200,000
- Public Works and Buildings, Ireland - - 70,000
- Railways, Ireland - - 60,000

### Class II.

- United Kingdom and England :-
  - House of Lords, Offices - - 7,000
  - House of Commons, Offices - - 12,000
  - Treasury and Subordinate Departments - - 80,000
  - Home Office and Subordinate Departments - - 20,000
  - Colonial Office - - 10,000
  - Privy Council Office, &c. - - 5,000
  - Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments - - 55,000
  - Mercantile Marine Fund, Grant in Aid - - 15,000
  - Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade - - 3
  - Board of Agriculture - - 75,000
  - Charity Commission - - 14,000
  - Civil Service Commission - - 15,000
  - Exchequer and Audit Department - - 20,000
  - Friendly Societies, Registry - - 2,500
  - Local Government Board - - 60,000
  - Lunacy Commission - - 5,000
  - Mint (including Coinage) - - 10
  - National Debt Office - - 3,000
  - Public Record Office - - 7,000
  - Public Works Loan Commission - - 2,500
  - Registrar General's Office - - 13,000
  - Stationery Office and Printing - - 189,000
  - Woods, Forests, &c., Office of Works - - 7,000
  - Works and Public Buildings, Office of Secret Service - - 17,000
  - Secret Service - - 16,000

- **Scotland :-**
  - Secretary for Scotland - - 4,000
  - Fishery Board - - 8,000
  - Lunacy Commission - - 2,000
  - Registrar General's Office - - 2,000
  - Local Government Board for Scotland - - 4,000

- **Ireland :-**
  - Lord Lieutenant's Household - - 2,000
  - Chief Secretary and Subordinate Department - - 15,000
  - Charitable Donations and Bequests Office - - 7,000
  - Local Government Board - - 20,000
  - Public Record Office - - 2,000
  - Public Works Office - - 12,000
  - Registrar General's Office - - 5,000
  - Valuation and Boundary Survey - - 6,000

### Class III.

- United Kingdom and England :-
  - Law Charges - - 40,000
  - Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - - 19,000

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**Scotland:-**

- Law Charges and Courts of Law - - £30,000
- Register House, Edinburgh - - £15,000
- Crofts' Commission - - £5,000
- Prisons, Scotland - - £27,000

**Ireland:-**

- Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions - - £24,000
- Supreme Court of Judicature, and other Legal Departments - - £38,000
- Land Commission - - £25,000
- County Court Officers, &c. - - £36,000
- Dublin Metropolitan Police, &c. - - £28,000
- Constabulary - - £650,000
- Prisons, Ireland - - £43,000
- Refractory and Industrial Schools - - £55,000
- Donabram Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - £2,500

**Class IV.**

- United Kingdom and England:-
  - Public Education, England and Wales - - £2,080,000
  - Science and Art Department, United Kingdom - - £240,000
  - British Museum - - £6,000
  - National Gallery - - £1,500
  - National Portrait Gallery - - £1,500
  - Scientific Investigations, &c., United Kingdom - - £12,000
  - Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales - - £38,000
  - London University - - £5

- **Scotland :-**
  - Public Education - - £400,000
  - National Gallery - - £1,500

- **Ireland :-**
  - Public Education - - £550,000
  - Endowed Schools Commissioners - - £40
  - Queen's Colleges - - £2,500

**Class V.**

- Diplomatic and Consular Services - - £200,000
- Colonial Services, including South Africa - - £15,000
- Orpens, Grant in Aid - - £45,000
- Slave Trade Services - - £1,000
- Subsidies to Telegraph Companies, &c. - - £35,000

**Class VI.**

- Superannuation and Retired Allowances - - £270,000
- Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c. - - £4,000
- Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency - - £800
- Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, Great Britain - - £1,000
- Prasen Lunatics, Ireland - - £120,000
- Hospitals and Charities, Ireland - - £9,000

**Class VII.**

- Temporary Commissions - - £10,000
- Miscellaneous Expenses - - £1,500
- Highlands and Islands of Scotland - - £12,000
- Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund - - £4,000,018

**Revenue Departments.**

- Customs - - £90,000
- Inland Revenue - - £176,000
- Post Office and telegraphs - - £140,000
- Post Office Packet Service - - £600
- Post Office Telegraphs - - £1,000

**Total for Revenue Departments.**

**Grand Total.**

- £10,350,018

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item, Class 2, Vote 5 (Foreign Office), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. John Morley);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis: 143.
Yeas, Mr. Caunter: 298.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 298.

Saturday, 21st March, 1896:

Original Question again proposed:
Whereupon Motion and Question, That the Chairman report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. Balfour),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Mowbray reported from the Committee on Light Railways [Advances], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to make Advances, not exceeding £, 1,000,000, so that the sum total of free grants and outstanding loans shall not at any one time exceed £, 1,000,000, under any Act of the present Session, to facilitate the construction of Light Railways in Great Britain, and for that purpose to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners the sums that may be required, such sums to be repaid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of Consolidated Fund; and also to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salary, remuneration, and expenses of the Light Railway Commissioners, and the expenses of the Board of Trade under 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 Army (Annual) Bill.

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Act (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Petroleum, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant March, That Mr. Tuildly be one other Member of the Select Committee on Petroleum; And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Leaseholder, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant March, That the Plumbers’ Registration Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lienholders Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the MEGA BILL Second Reading of the Militia Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Bill of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill, charged from further attendance on the Select Committee.
Ordered, That Sir Herbert Maxwell be dis- Royal Patriotic charged from further attendance on the Select Committee.
Ordered, That Lord Stanley be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 23rd March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz:—

Electrical Light本网{Ship Canal Bill.}

Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill.

Lancashire and Yorkshire and London Railway Bill.

Mersey Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 following 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, viz:—

Mersey Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That, until the conclusion of the consideration of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, have leave to sit, during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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

The Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lord Wolseley's Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Warrington) Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Electrical Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill (Table changed to Electrical Lighting Provisional Orders (Netting Hill, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

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

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

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year 1895-96.

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

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing, (Scotland.)

(1.) The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in Scotland in the year 1895, upon Annual Grants to Elementary Schools; and (2.) The actual Number of Elementary Schools on the Annual Grant List, &c., and the Results of the Inspection and Examination of Elementary Schools during the year ended 30th September 1895.

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

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Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Reports of the Royal Army Clothing Factory for the year 1894-95, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 1896, under Section 4 of "The Appropriation Act, 1895," authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1896-97, to meet Excesses on certain other Army Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Reports of the Life Assurance Companies, under the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870, during the year ended 31st December 1895.

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

Q Sir...
The Order of the day being read, for the Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

Mr. John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts for the Management of the Foundation known as Cowley's Charity, in the Parish of Doncaster, in the County of Lincoln, governed by a Scheme of the High Court of Chancery, dated on or about the 10th December 1868, as varied by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of the 9th August 1876.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1867 and 1872.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Ancaster to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Traction Engines on Roads: And that the Clerk do convey the said Message.—(Mr. Holhouse.)

Sir William Coldington reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills: That the parties opposing the Guildford Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of Alice Mary Dimsdale, of 31, Artillery Road, Guildford, and of Charles Henry Adams, of 7, South Street, Guildford, was essential to 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 Alice Mary Dimsdale and Charles Henry Adams do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That Alice Mary Dimsdale and Charles Henry Adams do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Extension (No. 2) Bill, was read, and charged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir John Gorst, with respect to the S. C. W. (Women) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revive and extend some of the powers of the Sutton Bridge Dock Company; to which the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Amendments, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for Monday the 13th day of April next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend certain provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888, with respect to the Determination of Differences by the Local Government Board: Bill.

And the same was read the first time; and Bill 154. ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Second Reading of the Diseases of 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."—(Mr. White.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the—(Sir William Walrond, 244.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of March, 1896:—

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 13th day of April next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill:

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

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do convey the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Edinburgh General Register House Bill:

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Military Manœuvres [Compensation, &c.].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) 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 Solicitors' Magistracy 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 Colonial Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of this instant March, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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, 24th March, 1896.**

**The House met at Three of the clock.**

**PRAYERS.**

**Ordered, That the Standing Committee Standing on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day till half-past Three of the clock, during the Sitting of the House.**—(Sir James Fergusson.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for (Standing Order 62 has been complied with, viz.):—

*Bezhiill Water and Gas Bill.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for (Standing Order 62 has been complied with, viz.):—

*Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Edinburgh General Register House Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for (Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.):—

*Edinburgh General Register House Bill.*

**q 2 Mr.**
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz. —

Mildowt Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Waterford Infirmary Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill,

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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."—(Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas were:—Mr. Pickersgill, 125.

The Noses were:—Mr. Tritton, 287.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chelsea Water (Transfer) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—It passed in the Negative.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Water (Height of Supply) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East London Water (Height of Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Water (Transfer) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East London Water (Transfer) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Finance) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of April next.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Middlesex Water (Transfer) Bill;
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24th March.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Further Correspondence relating to the West Highland Railway Guarantee (Banavie to Mallaig Line), and of an Agreement entered into between the Treasury and the West Highland Railway Company, dated the 10th day of March 1896, and of a Memorandum relative to the Bill which the Government propose to introduce this Session (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 449, of Session 2, 1895).

Mr. Henbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for empowering the Corporation of Birmingham to make certain Deviations of the Aqueduct authorised by the Birmingham Corporation Water Act, 1892; and to construct an additional short Line of Railway; and to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Liverpool Warehouse Company, Limited, to issue Transferable Certificates and Warrants for the Delivery of Goods, 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 and conferring further Powers on the Cowes Gas Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Birmingham Corporation Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Liverpool Warehouse Company Bill was read the first time.

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The Cheltenham Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir John Montagu reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Fifteen added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture, and Manufactures in respect of the Light Railways Bill), Mr. Pugh; and had appointed in substitution; Sir Henry Fowler.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Petroleum in Session 1894 be referred to the Select Committee on Petroleum.—(Mr. Mundella.)

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Crofters’ Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

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The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Western Highlands and Islands (Scotland) Works Act (1891) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the creation of Estates Tail: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a Bill to prevent the creation of Estates Tail: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Law and to provide for the Punishment of Incest, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Heath, Sir John Kemmeway, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Spicer, Mr. William F. D. Smith, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham) do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 21st day of April next.

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Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Annual Reports for 1895, of the Board of Agriculture, of Proceedings, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, &c., &c.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Poor Law Lords to the Poor Law Guardians (Ireland) Guardians (Women) Bill be now taken into consideration. (Ireland) (Women) Bill.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Errata in Venezuela (No. 1, 1896), (No. 2, 1896.) Documents and Correspondence relating to the Question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela (C. 7972).

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Libel Bill.

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

The House accordingly proposed 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.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Factories and Workshop Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Beer Adulteration 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.”—(Mr. Usher.)

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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; and, it being half an hour after five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Houses in Towns (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Rights of Way Procedure in Scotland Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Mining Easements Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Out-door Provident Relief Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) 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 Ground Game Act (1890) 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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Judicial Trustees Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Public Buildings (London) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) 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 Secretaries of Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of April next.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the following 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, viz.: Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill.

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

Mr. William Lowther reported from the Great Northern Gas Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Louthor reported from the Great Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walworth.)
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. —

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. —

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.

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

Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto not complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the 26th day of February, That, in the case of the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz. —

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) 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 Strand Improvement Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of April next.

A Petition of the London Tramways Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the London Tramways Company (Limited) to construct additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be read in accordance, by Mr. Bucknill and Mr. Pollock.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Departmental Committee appointed by the Local Government Board on Poor Law Schools. Vol. III.

Copy of Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Departmental Committee appointed by the Local Government Board on Poor Law Schools. Vol. III.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1672 to 1674.

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 390.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure).

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

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Mr. John E. Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fisheries), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Shops (Early Closing) Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

Sir William Coddington reported the Fylde Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and 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 have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Armies (Annual) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for empowering the British Gaslight Company (Limited) to extend their Works and to expend further Capital at Norwich; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British Gaslight Company (Norwich) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Constitution of the District Councils of Aldershot and Farnborough: And that Mr. Powell-Williams and Mr. Brodrick do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Bill for the Acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hambro do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Powell-Williams presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Constitution of the District Councils of Aldershot and Farnborough: Bill [Lords.]

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Public Offices Bill for the Acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster Bill 157.

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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Application of surplus income of year 1895-96 for expenses of scheduled works, 38 and 39 Vic. c. 45).

 Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 41, to leave out sub-section (c). — (Sir John Lubbock.)

Question proposed, That sub-section (c) stand part of the Clause:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question put, That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill; Amendment disagreed to, the Committee divided.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Anstruther: 46. 41. 35. 32.
Mr. Caldwell: 237.
Mr. Lloyd-George: 1.
Mr. Vaughan Davies: 1.
Mr. Anstruther: 3.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 1.
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Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 1.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leicester 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 Berriew School 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 Boyne Navigation Transfer 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 Edinburgh General Register House 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 Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1896 be approved. (Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Francis Stevenson: 

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austruther: 

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So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Supplementary Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital, during the ensuing year as in the preceding Code—(Mr. Luttrell); 

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Committee Standing on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; 

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

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent, Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod: 

Mr. Speaker, 

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

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read.
Seal 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:

2. Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Act, 1896.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill;

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

A Bill to authorise the London Tramways Company (Limited) to construct additional Tramways, 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 the Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, for the year 1895.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of (1) Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 27th March 1896, providing for the distribution of the Sum available for Secondary Education under Section 2 (1) (b) of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1895, and (2) Circular of the Scotch Education Department, dated 27th March 1896, relative to the Minute of 27th March 1896.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, by Her Majesty's Command, presented the Act of Incorporation of the Intermediate Education (Wales) (Meyrick Fund) Education Board by the County Governing Bodies established by Schemes made under the Welsh Intermediate Act, 1889, as relates to the matter of the Meyrick Fund.

I will comply with your advice.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Public Offices Private Bills do examine the Public Offices (Site) Bill, (Site) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Atkins-Douglas.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Cork, Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble 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 had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Lord Wolerton's Estate Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, in the following form:

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(Mr. Knox.)

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 "Dublin Southern District Tramways" Company to lay down additional Tramways; to change the Name of the Company, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Frederick Morgan and Mr. William Johnston do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Provisional Order Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the "Uxbridge and Hendon Farmers Examined" Railway Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Life Assurance Companies to pay Money into Court in certain cases; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time for the repayment of Loans granted by Queen Anne's Bounty to Incumbents of Benefices; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Customs' Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer of Cavendish Bridge to the County Council of Leicestershire, and for the transfer of Harrington and Willington Bridges to the County Council of Derbyshire, and for winding up the Trusts of the said Bridges, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer of Cavendish Bridge Trust Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer of Wembury Harbour Bill (Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Swansea Harbour Trustees to make new Entrances to the Half Tide Basin of the Gower Float; to construct a Lock to form a new Entrance to the Half Tide Basin of the South Dock, a Railway, and other Works; to borrow further Money, 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 creation of New Preferred and Deferred Shares in the William Hancock Company, Limited, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Frederick Morgan and Sir Edward Hill do prepare, and bring in.

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 "Dublin Southern District Tramways" Company, might be read; and the same being read;
27th March.

1896.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Law Procedure in certain particulars; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Shaw presented a Bill to amend the Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act, 1885: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to give facilities to Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies for the Purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

(1896-97. Vote on Account.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,133,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Sub-Head D. (Ammunition) be reduced by £100 (Colonel Lockwood):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. £1,007,700, for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases).

3. £1,19,900, for Establishments for Military Education.

4. £51,400, for Sundry Miscellaneous Effective Services.

5. £1,357,800, for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals and the In-Pensioners thereof, of Out-Pensions, of the Maintenance of Lunatics for whom Pensions are not drawn, and of Gratuities awarded in Commutation, in lieu of Pensions, of Rewards for Meritorious Services, of Victoria Cross Pensions, and of Pensions to the Widows and Children of Warrant Officers.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1896-97 (Vote on Account).

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,350,018, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, viz.:

Civil Services.

Class II.

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1st April.

The Life Assurance Companies (Payment into Court) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law Procedure in certain particulars: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

The Customs’ Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cavendish and Harrington Bridges Trust Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Swanesse Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Griffin’s Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Richard Holroydworth Griffin, formerly of 154, Rottingham Road, in the County of Dublin, but now of 67, Stephen Street, in the City of Dublin, Mechanical Engineer, with Annie Beatrice Griffin, his new Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Earl of Ancaster to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Traction Engines on Roads, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Life Assurance Companies (Payment into Court) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

The Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Life Assurance Companies (Payment into Court) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

To bring in a Criminal Law Procedure Bill.

Arms on Roads.

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Arms on Roads.

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To bring in a Criminal Law Procedure Bill.
Revenue Department Buildings - 140,000
Public Buildings, Great Britain - 70,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom - 80,000
Harbours, &c., under Board of Trade, and
Lighthouses Abroad - 7,700
Peterhead Harbour - 6,000
Rates on Government Property - 200,000
Public Works and Buildings, Ireland - 70,000
Railways, Ireland - 68,700

CLASS II.
United Kingdom and England:
House of Lords, Office - 7,000
House of Commons, Office - 11,000
Treasury and Subordinate Departments - 50,000
Home Office and Subordinate Departments - 38,000
Colonial Office - 13,000
Privy Council Office, &c. - 6,000
Board of Trade and Subordinate Department - 45,000
Mercantile Marine Fund, Grant in Aid - 15,000
Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade - 3
Board of Agriculture - 75,000
Charity Commission - 14,000
Civil Service Commission - 13,000
Exchequer and Audit Department - 200,000
Friendly Societies, Registry - 2,200
Local Government Board - 69,000
Lunacy Commission - 4,500
Miss (including Cigarettes) - 10
National Debt Office - 5,000
Public Record Office - 7,000
Public Works Loan Commission - 3,500
Registrar-General's Office - 12,000
Stationery Office and Printing - 180,000
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of - 7,000
Works and Public Buildings, Office of - 12,000
Secret Service - 10,000

Scotland:
Secretary for Scotland - 4,000
Fishery Board - 8,000
Lunacy Commission - 2,400
Registrar-General's Office - 2,000
Local Government Board for Scotland - 4,000

Ireland:
Lord Lieutenant's Household - 2,000
Chief Secretary and Subordinate Department - 15,000
Charitable Donations and Bequests Office - 700
Local Government Board - 25,000
Public Record Office - 2,000
Public Works Office - 12,000
Registrar-General's Office - 5,000
Valuation and Boundary Survey - 6,000

CLASS III.
United Kingdom and England:
Law Charges - 40,000
Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - 10,000
Supreme Court of Judicature - 120,000
Land Registry - 2,500
County Courts - 5,000
Police Courts (London and Soreness) - 1,500
Police, England and Wales - 14,000
Prisons, England and the Colonies - 100,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain - 140,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - 10,000

Scotland:
Law Charges and Courts of Law - 30,000
Registrar House, Edinburgh - 13,000
Creditor's Commission - 2,000
Prisons, Scotland - 27,000

Ireland:
Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions - 24,000
Supreme Court of Judicature and other
Legal Departments - 38,000
Land Commission - 28,000
County Court Officers, &c. - 30,000
Dublin Metropolitan Police, &c. - 20,000
Dublin City Corporation - 60,000
Prisons, Ireland - 45,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools - 40,000
Downsborough Criminal Lunatic Asylum - 2,500

CLASS IV.
United Kingdom and England:
Public Education, England and Wales - 2,000,000
Science and Art Department, United Kingdom - 240,000

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British Museum - 54,000
National Gallery - 6,000
National Portrait Gallery - 1,500
Scientific Investigations, &c., United Kingdom - 12,000
Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and
Intermediate Education, Wales - 38,000
London University - 5

Scotland:
Public Education - 249,000
National Gallery - 1,400

Ireland:
Public Education - 550,000
Endowed Schools Commissioners - 400
National Gallery - 355
Queen's Colleges - 2,500

CLASS V.
Diplomatic Services and Consular Services - 200,000
Colonial Services, including South Africa - 1,000
Cyprus, Grant in Aid - 45,000
Slave Trade Services - 1,000
Subsidies to Telegraph Companies, &c. - 25,000

CLASS VI.
Superannuation and Retired Allowances - 270,000
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c. - 4,000
Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Deficiency -
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances -
Great Britain - 1,000
Papal Lunatics, Ireland - 320,000
Hospitals and Charities, Ireland - 9,000

CLASS VII.
Temporary Commissions - 10,000
Miscellaneous Expenses - 1,500
Highlands and Islands of Scotland - 12,000
Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund -
Total for Civil Services - £, 8,100,014

Revenue Departments:
Customs - 290,000
Inland Revenue - 270,000
Post Office - 200,000
Post Office Packet Service - 190,000
Post Office Telegraphs - 1,000,000
Total for Revenue Departments - £, 2,250,000
Grand Total - £, 10,350,014

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, that the Item, Class 2, Vote 5 (Foreign Office), be reduced by £, 200.—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease): Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put, and agreed to.
Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Mr. James William Lowther 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.
And the House having continued to sit till past Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;
Saturday, 28th March, 1896:
Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on Military Manœuvres [Compensation, &c.], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That it is expedient to authorise the Payment, out of the Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Compensation for damage caused to any lands, within the limits prescribed by order of Her Majesty in Council, that may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the execution of Military Manœuvres; and the Payment of Remuneration to the Compensation
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Naval Works Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Derelict Vessels (Report) 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 Berriew School 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 Polling Arrangements (London) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasetholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rights of Way Procedure (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vehicles (Lights) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Acts relating to Norfolk (Norfolk and Suffolk) and Seaford: And that Captain Pretomy, Mr. Hearne Fitz-Gerald, and Mr. Leath do prepare, and bring it in.

Captain Pretomy accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Fisheries Acts relating to Norfolk (Norfolk and Suffolk): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of June next; and ordered to be read the third time, and passed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 30th March, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills [Lords] from one of the Examiners of Petitions [Lords] for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz.:

- Birmingham Corporation Water Bill.
- Cheltenham Gas Bill.
- Liverpool Warehousing Company Bill.
- Sutton Bridge Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Brighton Corporation (Water) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into concurrence Great Northern sidetrack the Great Northern Railway Bill, as Railway Bill amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into concurrence Waterford sidetrack the Waterford Infirmary Bill, as Infirmary Bill, amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Millwall Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for the creation of New Preferred and Deferred Converted Ordinary Shares of Williams Hancock and Hanover, and Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Dublin Southern Dublin District Tramways Company to lay down additional Tramways, to change the Name of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Divorce Bills. Divorce Bills do consist of Ten Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Hemphill, Sir Frank Lockwood,
The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Cowes, Folkestone, Gloucester, Huddersfield, King's Lynn, Manchester, and Wells: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Cowes, Folkestone, Gloucester, Huddersfield, King's Lynn, Manchester, and Wells: 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. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Cowes, Folkestone, Gloucester, Huddersfield, King's Lynn, Manchester, and Wells: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidence) Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of First Annual Report to the Secretary for Scotland by the Commissioners and Trustees of the Board of Manufacturers in Scotland as to their proceedings in regard to the National Gallery, School of Art, Museum of Antiquities, and other Buildings and Establishments under their charge for the year ending 30th September 1894.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Balance Sheet, setting forth the Assets and Liabilities of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of Trustee Savings Banks on the 20th November 1895, the Assets being valued pursuant to 26 Vict. c. 25, s. 6. Account of all Moneys received, and of the disposal thereof, and of all Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities, and for Payments on Death, made during the year ended 31st December 1895.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Public Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1879, Accounts (Navy Votes.)—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1896, under Section 4 of The Appropriation Act, 1895, for authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1895-96, to meet Excesses on certain other Navy Votes of the same year.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Annual Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1675.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Emigration and a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to Emigration and Immigration from and into the United Kingdom in the year 1895, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Sir William Coddington reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the Parties opposing the Matlock Bath Gas Bill had stated that the Evidence of Arthur Clark, Postmaster of Matlock Bath, was essential to 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 Arthur Clark do attend the said Committee on Tuesday, 14th April, and subsequent days, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Arthur Clark do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills on Tuesday, 14th April, and subsequent days, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir William Coddington reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 14th April, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Burials Bill, Wednesday the 1st day of April next, the Burials Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Trustee Savings Banks Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That To-morrow this House do meet at Twelve of the clock, and at its rising do adjourn till Thursday the 9th of April: that Government Business do have priority, and that so soon as such Business is disposed of Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put,—(Mr. Beaufort);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the
the Question, by leaving out the words "and that the Question be now put," and the end of the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. William Redmond.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 233.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George,

Noes, 87.

Mr. William Allen: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "that Government Business do have priority."—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 254.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George,

Noes, 72.

Mr. Herbert Roberts: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

—and a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 449.

Tellers for the Mr. Flynn,

Noes, 84.

Dr. Tanner: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 246.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George,

Noes, 73.

Mr. Flynn: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That To-morrow this House do meet at Twelve of the clock, and at its rising do adjourn till Thursday the 9th of April; that Government Business do have priority, and that so soon as such Business is disposed of Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Supply, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House (Standing Order) of the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Civil Service Estimates);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is the duty of Her Majesty's Treaty engagements to the Ottoman Empire, entered for the security of Her Majesty's Oriental possessions,"—(Mr. Gibson Bowles),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Tuesday, 31st March, 1896:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;"

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 197.

Tellers for the Mr. Knox,

Noes, 55.

Mr. Knox: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Pickersgill was appointed a Teller for the No Second Noes; but no Member being willing to act as Teller, the second Teller, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Main Question being proposed:—

And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Parker Smith rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to question put, move, "That the Question be now put;"

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;"

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther: 162.

Tellers for the Mr. Knox,

Noes, 27.

Mr. Knox: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, being accordingly put:—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.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Class I.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £26,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House.

Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred to; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 9th day of April next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supply
[25th March]

Arms, Armoury, and other Stores,

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,133,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,007,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £119,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £51,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,357,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals and the In-Pensioners thereof, of Out-Pensions, of the Maintenance of Lunatics for whom Pensions are not drawn, and of Gratuities awarded in Compounding and in lieu of Pensions, of Rewards for Meritorious Services, of Victoria Cross Pensions, and of Pensions to the Widows and Children of Warrant Officers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1896-97 (Vote on Account.)

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,350,018, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the Charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, viz.:—

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Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions—£24,000.
Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments—30,000.
Land Commission—25,000.
County Court Officers, &c.,—30,000.
Dublin Metropolitan Police, &c.—20,000.
Constabulary—60,000.
Prisons, Ireland—45,000.
Reformatory and Industrial Schools—46,000.
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum—5,000.

Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, because he directed Mr. Tanner, Member for Mid-Cork, to discontinue his speech.

House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Speaker rose in his place, and claimed to Mr. Balfour, to discontinue his speech.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Maneuvres Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday the 9th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Determination of Differences) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Edinburgh General Register House Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Cases of Criminal Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs [Advances]; Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday the 9th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Harrow School Second Reading of the Harrow School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 9th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being put, That the Second Reading of the Harrow School Bill be read a second time;—It was agreed to.

The Question being put, That the Second Reading of the Public Health Bill be read a second time;—It was agreed to.

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The Question being put, That the Second Reading of the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill be read a second time;—It was agreed to.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant March, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 23rd day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail Abolition 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 Ground Game Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of this instant March, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of April next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Contributions made during the year ended August 1895 by Departments of State, other than the Education Department and the Science and Art Department, to the Funds of Public Elementary Schools, stating (a) the Name and Denomination of the Schools with which the Department has been associated; (b) the Amount of the Contributions made to each School; and (c) the Grounds on which the Contributions have been made: and (d) whether Payments have been made to the said Schools with which the Department has been associated, and, if so, since what Date Payments have been made.—[Mr. Henry J. Wilson.]

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 Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Dublin (College Green Division). Written in the room of Dr. Joseph Edward Kenny, who, since his Election for the said Borough of Dublin (College Green Division), hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—[Mr. Patrick O'Brien.]

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Five of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 31st March, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Order No. 63 compli- cated with.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (Notting Hill, &c.) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Elementary Education Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (Notting Hill, &c.) Bill, without Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised 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 authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:—

3. Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Tottenham) Act, 1896.

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Lord Wolverton's Estate Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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 Colwyn Bay 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 Ilfracombe Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of April next.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39 and 129 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing Duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the Recess.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidy) Provisional Order Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brine Pumping (Compensation for Subsidy) Provisional Order Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Abergele and Pensarn, (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset, Warrick, Wilts, and Worcester: And the same was read the first time.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local Government Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Abergele and Pensarn, (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local Government Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset, Warrick, Wilts, and Worcester: 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. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local Government Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Abergele and Pensarn, (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local Government Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green: And the same was read the Bill the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local Government Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green: And the same was read the Bill the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the National Debt (Savings Banks) was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Government Insurances and Annuities, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of the Accounts of the University of Saint Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, for the year ending the 30th September 1895, being the Annual Report on the State of the Finances of the University, under the Provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the years ended the 31st day of March 1895 and the 31st day of March 1896: (1) the Amount contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, to the Revenue collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Expenditure on English, Scottish, and Irish Services met out of such Revenue; and (3) the Balances of Revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, which are available for Imperial Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 314, of Session 1894).—(Mr. Leugh.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing in respect of each of the undermentioned Unions the Number of Persons holding Office as Clerks to Boards of Guardians, Chaplains, Masters and Matrons, Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses, Relieving Officers, Vaccination Officers, Collectors of the Guardians, and Collectors of Poor Rates (appointed under the Orders of the Local Government Board), distinguishing the Number of those who do, and the number of those who do not, devote their whole time to the Service of the Union, and the Total of the Salaries of each of the Two Classes of Officers:—Kensington, Hampstead, Islington, Strand, Bethnal Green, Saint George's in the East, Poplar, Wandsworth and Clapham, Saint Saviour's, City of London, Croydon, Farnham, Brighton, Malling, Southampton, Bradford, Northampton, Brizworth, Tendring, West Ham, Woodbridge, Pignon, Helston, Waverhampton, Wem, Nantwich, Spalding, Liverpool, York, Leeds, Agarbatch, Sunderland, Keudale, Cardiff, Haverfordwest, Saint Asaph, and Festingty.—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Food Products Adulteration in Sessions 1894 and 1895 be referred to the Select Committee on Food Products Adulteration.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Estates Tail Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Education Bill to make Further Provision for Education in England and Wales: And that Sir John Gorst, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary Lord George Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Teachers' Registration Bill for the Registration of Teachers: And that Sir John Gorst, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary Lord George Hamilton do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Gorst presented a Bill to make Education Bill.

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

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 30th day of this instant March, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, it being then half an hour after Five of the clock, until Thursday the 9th day of April next.

Thursday, 9th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

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

The Waterford Infirmary Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth 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 leave be given to bring in a Fylde Water Bill, as amended in the Bill, and to be printed.

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, and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

The Liverpool Warehousing Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Sutton Bridge Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by Pro-duction of Agricultural Offences throughout Ireland, reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary between 1st January 1895 and 31st December 1895, showing the Number of Cases in which Offenders were Convicted; the Number of Cases in which Persons were made Amenable but not Convicted; the Number of Cases in which Accused are awaiting Trial; and the Number of Cases in which Offenders were neither Convicted nor made Amenable.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners for the Publication of the Ancient Laws and Institutes of Ireland, Brecon Law, dated January 1896.


Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return relative to Agricultural Produce (Ireland).

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

Mr. Hubbard presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th March 1896, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Henry Silley, Chief Clerk of Supreme Consular Court at Constantinople.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 1896, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Engineering Inspector, General Prisons Board, Ireland, professional qualifications not ordinarily acquired in the public service are necessary.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Form for Agricultural Returns to be filled up on the 4th day of June 1896, by Occupiers of Land, together with a Copy of the similar Form used in 1895.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,— Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1676 to 1885.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption 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 Ballot Act (1872) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Borough Funds Act, 1872: And that Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Whiteley do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Albert Rollit presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1894: And that Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Whiteley do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Albert Rollit presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1894: 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 ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Commdish and Harrington Bridges Trust Bill.
- Coes Gas Bill.
- East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (South Leeds Junction Railway Transfer) Bill.
- English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Public Offices (Site) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 27th day of March last. That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Public Offices (Site) Bill.

Ordered, That the London Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Griffith's Divorce Bill (Lord's).

Ordered, That, in the case of Griffith's Divorce Bill, Standing Order 204 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time. — (Dr. Fargherston.)

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

Bonnybridge, Acc Water Provisional Order.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and any Acts amending the same, relating to Bonnybridge, Dennyloanhead, Parkfoot, Longcroft, Haggs, and Hollandbush Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and any Acts amending the same, relating to Bonnybridge, Dennyloanhead, Parkfoot, Longcroft, Haggs, and Hollandbush Water: 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.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Return of the British Army, for the year 1895, with Abstracts, &c.

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

Mr. Hambary presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum relating to the Uganda Railway Bill.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1884 to 1893-94 (Twenty-second Number).

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India raised pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1896, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the Purpose or Service for which Moneys have been raised during the half-year.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Africa (No. 4, Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting her operations against Slave Traders in British Central Africa (in continuation of Africa, No. 2, 1896).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Dr. Theodore Thomson's Report to the Local Government Board on the methods adopted at certain ports for dealing with Alien Immigrants. — (Mr. Pickersgill.)

Richard M'Ghee, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Louth (South Louth Division) was sworn.

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

Ordered, That Sub-head A. (Salaries, &c.) be reduced by £2,009,281, be granted to the Civil Services and Revenue Departments.

The Committee divided.

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther : ] 121.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Burns : ]


Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis : ]

1. £358,607, for the Expense of the Post Office Packet Service.

2. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,009,281, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond : ] 121.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Burns : ]

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther : ]

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,701,656, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Island Revenue Department:

Whether a Motion made, and Question put, That Sub-head A. (Salaries, &c.) be reduced by £400,—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George : ] 38.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis : ]

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther : ]

Noes, 113.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £281,400.
4. £281,400, to complete the Sum for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

5. £132,000, to complete the Sum in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £26,000, 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 1897, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum not exceeding £21,547, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Yeas, Mr. Herbert Lees; Noes, Mr. Austruther: Original Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £26,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Caldwell);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Yeas, Mr. Lloyd-George; Noes, Mr. Austruther: Original Question put, and agreed to.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £74,000, 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 1897, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £69,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Yeas, Mr. Caldwell; Noes, Mr. Austruther:]

8. £23,900, to complete the Sum for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

9. £13,000, to complete the Sum for the Extension of the Admiralty Buildings.

10. £36,500, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, viz., County Courts, Metropolitan Police Courts, and Sheriff Court Houses, Scotland.

11. £20,400, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

12. £19,800, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries abroad.

13. £110,210, to complete the Sum for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.

14. £17,570, to complete the Sum for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

15. £174,853, to complete the Sum for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department.

Resolutions to be reported.
Monday, 13th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

City and South London Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to morrow.

Fylde 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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Guildford Gas Bill.

The Guildford Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Iffracombe Gas Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Iffracombe Gas Bill be now read the third time;—

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Rail-

way 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 considera-

Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (As to the Ravensthorpe Contract) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Petition of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill for making additional Branch Railways in the Counties of Derby and Nottingham, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Loans raised in England), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-

Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as regards Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1895.

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

Mr. Chaplin also presented, Return to an Alien Petition, of the 10th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Alien Immigrants.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direc-

Superannuation and Pensions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that the undermentioned Persons were appointed to the Offices set against their Names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Departments, viz.:—


Carpenter in the Honourable East India Harbours, Harbour Master at Kingstown, Public Works Office, Ireland, dated 28th March 1896.

Allen George Johnston, Carpenter Lad, Royal Carriage Department, War Office, dated 30th March 1896.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, (Militia.)

Army

Workshops Acts.

Acts. Regulation Coal Mines

Clause in the weighing and Check - Truck Acts,

Foreshores.

Coal Mines

Bill.

Edinburgh Authorities.)

(1887) Amend- Act

Regulation Act Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation

Registration Plumbers'

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Treasury Minute, dated the 30th of March 1896, directing the Application of Moneys received by the Board of Trade from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Law relating to Truck, with Appendix of Statutes and Decided Cases, and on the Check-weighing Clauses in the Coal Mines Regulation Acts, with Appendix of Decided Cases.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Additional Special Rule made by the Secretary of State, under the Factory and Workshops Acts, 1878 to 1895, prohibiting the Employment of Women in certain Processes connected with the Manufacture of White Lead.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Militia.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1895 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 466, Session 2, 1895).— (Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the year ended the 25th day of March 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 467, Session 2, 1895).—(Mr. Ritchie.)

A Motion was made, that This House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider an Order of 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 the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of March last, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

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James Laurence Carew, Esquire, for the Borough Member for Nutrition of Dublin (College Green Division), was sworn.

James Roche, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable James Roche, for the County of Kerry (East Kerry Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Fisheries Acts Private Bills do examine the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Captain Poyntem.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting before the word "do," the words "after this week."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis,]

Yes,

Mr. Herbert Roberts : 108.

Noes,

Sir William Walrond,

Mr. Austruther : 242.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being proposed :—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. Sydney Golds rose in his place, and claimed to move, " That the Question be now put" ;

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]

Yes,

Mr. Austruther : 237.

Noes,

Dr. Tanner : 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]

Yes,

Mr. Austruther : 246.

Noes,

Mr. Lloyd-George : 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, unless the House otherwise order, the House do meet on Mondays at Two of the clock, and that the provisions of Standing Order Tuesdays.

No. 56 be extended to such Morning Sittings—(Mr. Balfour); Question put

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, at "ill' 

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Military Manceuvres Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of March last ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Manceuvres

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 25th day of March 1896.—(Mr. Hanbury);

Mr. Hanbury, 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 the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of March last, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant April.
Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Revenue Departments.
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 773,712, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,442,120, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

The said Resolutions were read a second time.

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

TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1896:

The said Resolutions were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Review School Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Offices (Site) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraphs [Advances];

Resolved, That this House will, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;

Ordered, 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 Naval Reserve Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' 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 Estates Tail Abolition Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Funds Act (1872) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Buildings (London) Amendment (No. 2) 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 Metropolitan Sewers and Drains 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 Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day until Three of the clock, during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)
And the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before One of the clock, on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.—

Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill.
Portmanth (Borough) Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East London Water (Height of Supply) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—It passed in the Negative.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Westminster Second Reading of the Westminster Improvements Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The King's Lynn Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and Westminster Second Reading of the London and North Western Railway Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question on 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"—(Mr. Long); and the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Sir William Houldsworth rose in his place, and question put claimed to move, "That the Question be now put";
And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";

The Yeas divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Houldsworth;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Murdoch.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Houldsworth;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Murdoch.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Houldsworth;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Murdoch.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, "That the Main Question be now put";
And the Main Question being accordingly put,
That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Houldsworth;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Murdoch.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir William Houldsworth claimed, "That the Main Question be now put";
And the Main Question being accordingly put,
That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Houldsworth;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Murdoch.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question was proposed, That the vote of Sir William Houldsworth be disallowed—(Mr. Lloyd-George);
Sir William Houldsworth was heard in his place,
place, and then he withdrew:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The London Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill:

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Money by the London County Council on Capital Account during the current financial Period, and the raising of Money to meet such Expenditure, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cohen and Mr. James Stuart.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Agricultural Produce (Ireland), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Alien Immigrants, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged between Great Britain and Portugal respecting the Boundary between the British Protectorate of Tongaland and the neighbouring Portuguese Possessions. Lisbon, September 24 and October 3, 1895.

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

Mr. Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Papers and Correspondence relating to the landing in Great Britain from Canada of Cattle affected with Pleuro-Pneumonia (in continuation of [C. 7123], [C. 7366], [C. 7496], and [C. 8025]).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie 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 Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Sir Robert Reid reported from the Select Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the said Committee had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir William Coddington reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That the said Committee had considered the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill; and stated that the Evidence of the Reverend Charles William Baker, Inn of Court Hotel, was essential to 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 Reverend Charles William Baker do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Reverend Charles William Baker do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. James William Leathe reported the Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill, with Amendments opposing the Matlock Bath Gas Bill, that the Particulars, in the opinion of the Matlock Bath Gas Bill, were essential to 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 Reverend Charles William Baker do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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

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 Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Kerry (North Kerry Division), in the room of Thomas Sexton, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County of Kerry (North Kerry Division), has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Boneham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Captain Donegan.)

SIR.
Standing Orders.

Sir John Mawbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, Petition of the Trustees, Executors under the Will of Edmund Walden, Esquire, deceased, for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the Yeovil Corporation (Water), Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill, provided that the ordinary Notices be served on landowners, and that proof thereof be adduced before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

3. That, in the case of the Bilston Improvement Bill, Petition of the Seddon Rural District Council, for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

4. That, in the case of the Newark Corporation Water, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Committees.

Sir John Mawbray reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Lees Knowles; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Tudor Howell.

Sir John Mawbray further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Jesse Collings; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Michael Hicka Beach.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Petitions.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt Personal Property (to a limited value) from Seizure and Sale under Legal Process: And that Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. Causton, Mr. Walter Foster, and Mr. Henry Howarth do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Edmund Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to exempt Personal Property (to a limited value) from Seizure and Sale under Legal Process: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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

Clause, No. 1 (Application of Act by Order in Council).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the word "three" in order to insert the word "six."—(Mr. Humphry-Owen.)

Question proposed. That the word "three" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out from the word "and," to the end of the Clause, and insert the words "no such Order shall be made until a Resolution of each House of Parliament has been passed approving of the Draft Order."—(Mr. J. Letter.)

Question proposed, That the words from the word "and" to the end of Sub-section 3, stand part of the Clause.

And, at being ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, the Sum of £27,442,207 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, Mr. Hambury.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telegraphs [Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a Sum, not exceeding £300,000, for the purposes of the Telegraph Act, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sum by means of terminable annuities, payable out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund—(Mr. Hambury):— Debate arising:

And, it being after ten minutes before Seven of the clock, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Second Reading of the Public Offices (Site) (One) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant April.

Berriew School Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Military Lands Act (1896) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1896) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Estates Tail Abolition Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail Abolition Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Piers and Harbours (Wales) Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, in the interests of trade and communication by sea, and with a view to the protection and development of sea fisheries and the safety of the persons engaged in them, it is desirable that a Departmental Committee be appointed to inquire in what way and to what extent the existing provision of Piers and Harbours on the coast of Wales should be improved—(Mr. Herbert Lewis);
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the first words "coast of," the words "England and."—(Sir Cameron Gull);
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 Question, by inserting, after the second words "coast of," the words "England and."—(Sir Cameron Gull);
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas—[Mr. Herbert Lewis, 64.]
[Sir Cameron Gull: 64.
Tellers for the Noes—[Mr. A. Cameron, 117.
[Lord Arthur Hill: 117.
So it passed in the Negative.

Salmon Fishers (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 15th April, 1896:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Rooms (Ireland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Edinburgh into a Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House [Expenses] (In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the Acquisition of Property for the Extension of the General Register House at Edinburgh.—(Mr. Hawker.)
Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lorcan, reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

Wednesday, 15th April, 1896.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.
The Cavendish and Harrington Bridges (Cavendish and Harrington Bridges Trust Bill [Lords.])
The Cowes Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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The Customs' Annuity and Benevolent Fund (Customs' Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill [Lords.])
The East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (South Leeds Junction Railway Transfer) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The English, Scotch, and Australian Bank (English, Scotch, and Australian Bank Bill [Lords.])
A Bill to regulate the expenditure of Money by the London County Council on Capital Account during the current Financial Period, and the raising of Money to meet such Expenditure, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Orders for the Mr. A. Armstrong,
Noes. [Mr. Edward M'Gregor: 75.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Select Committee on the Corporation Bill (Mr. Edward M'Gregor):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Select Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill (Mr. Edward M'Gregor):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the Waterford and Edgeware Junction Railway Bill were, according to Order, read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Mr. G. Balfe presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages committed in Ireland which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarter ended 31st March 1896.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Dr. Tanner rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put": but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure (Dr. Tanner);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

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

Tellers for the Yeas: [Capt. Donelan: 154.
Tellers for the Noes: [Lord Arthur Hill: 207.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the said Paper be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Mr. Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 7th April 1896, declaring that William Lunn, Postman, Dublin, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Competition, but Mr. Speaker claimed, but Mr. Speaker withdrew his assent.

Ordered, That the Question be now put:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boards of Conciliation and Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cathedrals and Church of Ireland Bill;Churches Bill:

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence Bill; Evidence Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of March last, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 25th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Amendment 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 Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Houses in Towns (Ireland) 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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal 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 Payment of Jurors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill;Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dispensary (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 25th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Payment of Jurors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) 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 Married Persons' Small Persons' Industrial Income Tax Relief Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant Relief Bill, April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Life Assurance Companies (Payment into Court) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justice, and Legal Procedure. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Buildings (London) and Docks 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 Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shops (Early Closing) (Closure) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Game Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) 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 Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of March last, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hospital and 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 Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail Abolition 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 Law Agents (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House [Expenditure], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the Acquisition of Property for the Extension of the General Register House at Edinburgh.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Sir Charles Dafydd Jones reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st days of March last, and the 9th, 10th, 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.

Sir William Codrington reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; that, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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

Mr. Blake reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway and Canal Bills; that the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, Parties opposing the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, had stated that the evidence of Thomas Longdin, Borough Surveyor, Warrington, 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 Thomas Longdin do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, and do produce all the records he has with regard to the quantities of water which have flowed down the Mersey past Warrington, prior to and subsequent to the construction of the Canal, more particularly the quantities of water which passed down the Mersey on the following dates: 16th and 17th November, and 5th, 13th, 15th, 30th, and 31st December 1895, and also do produce any calculations he has made, or records he has, as to the passing of water down the Mersey, before and since the alteration of the sluice tops at Latchford.

Ordered, That Thomas Longdin do attend the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, and produce the said records and Papers.

Mr. James William Lockier reported from the Committee on the Brighton and Rottingdean Electric Tramroad Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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. James William Lockier reported the Millwall Dock Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trustee Bank operating under Section 16 of the Trustee Savings Bank Act, 1893, showing the Revenue Account for the year ended 20th day of November 1895, the Balance Sheet on 20th day of November 1895, the Rate of Interest allowed to Depositors during the year ended 20th day of November 1895, and the Security given by the Treasurer and other Officers at that Date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 105, of Session 1895).

Mr. Hanbury 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 of the Amounts of British Government Securities held by the several Government Departments and other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1896, specifying whether held in England or Ireland

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

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

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Return.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 16th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Registration of Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has not been complied with:

Ordered, That the Standing Order No. 63 has not been complied with, viz.:

William Hamcock and Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

The Cawood, Wistow, and Selby Light Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Colwyn Bay Electric Tram and District Gas Bill be now read the third time; and Sir James Ferguson, by Her Majesty's Com- mand, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having
having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a verbal Amendment.

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

A Motion being made, That the Midland Railway Bill be now read the third time;—

Sir James Ferguson, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The North Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—

[New Title.]

An Act to confer additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the Construction of Works and the Acquisition of additional Lands, and for other purposes.

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

A Petition of the thereundersigned, the Promoters of the Bill, praying that Provision may be made in the Conterphine, Gogar, and Barnton Railway Bill, for making certain proposed deviations and alterations in the Levels of certain portions of the Line, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Dillon, Sir James Haslett, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Tomlinson were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill. (Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships may be pleased to communicate to this House, Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with the Documents deposited in the case of Griffin's Divorce Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for Griffin's Divorce Bill, and also that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill, if the Parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel and produce Witnesses.—(Sir John Monbou.)

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Alexander Harveys Brown reported from the Committee on Group C, of Private Bills; That the Witnesses, one of the Members of the Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That Dr. John Sibbald, M.D., do attend the Committee on Group C of Private Bills this day, at Three of the clock.

Mr. Blake reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 2 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the Promoters of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill had stated that the Evidence of Henry Collier, Holly Bank, Sole, Cleuchire, was essential to 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 Henry Collier do attend the Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, and do produce all the plans in his possession relating to the Upper Mersey.

Ordered, That Henry Collier do attend the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills to-morrow, Eleven of the clock, and produce the said plans.

Mr. James William Lonthor from the Committee on the Cheltenham Gas Bill that the said Dr. John Sibbald, M.D., had stated, that the Evidence of Dr. John Sibbald, M.D., had been instructed to move that the said Dr. John Sibbald, M.D., do attend the Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock, and produce the said plans.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lonthor from the Committee on the Liverpool Warehouse and Company Bill, in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 448, of Session 2, 1895.—(Mr. T. W. Russel.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, containing, in Columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries, and other Allowances,
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Vide Supplement to the Votes.

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-(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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Local Government (Determination of Differences) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;

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

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

Clause, No 4 (Amendment of 38 and 39 Vic. c. 55, ss. 130, 134, as to regulations with respect to disease).

Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again - put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothor 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Offices (Site) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraphs [Advances];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Aker-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Revenue Departments.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 536,607, 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 1897, for the Expense of the Post Office Packet Service.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,009,281, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,701,086, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

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4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 281,400, 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 1897, for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 130,000, 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 1897, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,000, 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 1897, for the Royal Palaces and Marlborough House.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 74,000, 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 1897, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 23,900, 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 1897, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 13,000, 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 1897, for the Extention of the Admiralty Buildings.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 36,500, 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 1897, for the Survey of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, etc.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,400, 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 1897, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 19,800, 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 1897, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 140,210, 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 1897, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,570, 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 1897, for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 174,853, 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 1897, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-seven: And the same was read the first

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Report, as follows:

Ways and Means Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Report.

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Ways and Means Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the eleventh day of May next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education 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 Teachers' Registration Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners' Registration Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Facilities 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 Registration of Voters (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 Racecourse (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill.

Clause No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Law Agents (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Payment of Jurors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Order 62 has been complied with.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Game Act (1880) 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 Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And it being ten minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Friday, 17th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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(Standing Orders apply.)

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Standing Orders which are applicable thereto
have been complied with, viz:—

Boroughbridge, &c., Water Provisional Order
Bill.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1)
Bill.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2)
Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Pri-
vate Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House
of the 13th day of April, That, in the case of the
Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amend-
ment Bill, the Standing Orders which are appli-
cable thereto have not been complied with.

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

Mr. Alexander Hargraves Brown reported
from the Committee on the Roxburgh, Berwick,
and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy (Water)
Bill; That they had examined the allegations
contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and
amended the same so as to make it consistent
with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the
Committee, and found the same, as amended, to
be true; and had gone through the Bill, and
made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had
received from the Judges for the time being
upon the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions,
the following Report relating to the Election for
the Saint George's Division of the Borough of
the Tower Hamlets:—

The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, and
The Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention
Acts, 1883 and 1895.

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

We, the Honourable Sir Charles Edward
Pollard, Knight, Baron of the Exchequer, and
the Honourable Sir Gainsford Bruce, Knight,
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And whereas charges were made of corrupt and illegal practices having been committed at the said Election for the Saint George Division of the Borough of the Tower Hamlets, we, in further pursuance of the said Acts, report as follows:

(a.) That no corrupt or illegal practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said Harry Hananel Marks; and that the said Harry Hananel Marks has not been guilty by his agents of any corrupt or illegal practice;

(b.) That the said John Williams Benn was proved guilty of illegal practices in having made payment, for the purpose of promoting and procuring his election at the said Election, on account of banners; and also on the ground that certain election expenses were omitted from the Return of Expenses remitted to the Returning Officer in contravention of the provisions of Section 33 of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, and without such authorized excuse as in such Act mentioned.

And we further report:

(c.) That, save as aforesaid, no corrupt or illegal practice was proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any Candidate at the said Election.

We have given a Certificate of Indemnity to the said John Williams Benn.

And we also report:

(d.) That there is no reason to believe that corrupt or illegal practices have extensively prevailed at the Election for the Saint George Division of the Borough of the Tower Hamlets to which the said Petition relates.

Dated this 16th day of April 1896.

C. E. Pollock,
Gainsford Bruce.

And the said Report was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

The Marquess of Lorne reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills: That the Parties promoting the Metropolitan Railway Bill had stated that the Evidence of the Reverend William Efflott, Little Missenden Vicarage, Amersham, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that Mr. Efflott could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Reverend William Efflott do attend the Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Committee have come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 for reading a second time, upon the said Bill, Tuesday next, the said Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

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

(Class II.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,771, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 413 13s. 4d., the amount of the Salary of the Commissioner of the Household—(Mr. MacNeill);

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Donelan; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Asquith.

2. £ 1,181, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,181, in respect of the Salary of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 113,458, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Medical Commissioner—(Dr. Tanner):— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

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1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,771, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 413 13s. 4d., the amount of the Salary of the Commissioner of the Household—(Mr. MacNeill);

Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Donelan; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Asquith.

2. £ 1,181, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,181, in respect of the Salary of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 113,458, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Medical Commissioner—(Dr. Tanner):— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Medical Commissioner—(Dr. Tanner):— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 8, agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, and passed.

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 Local Government (Determination of Differences) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, and passed.

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

The Public Offices (Site) Bill was, according to Order, committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented three clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Abercromby.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telegraphs [Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund of a Sum not exceeding £300,000, for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sum by means of terminable annuities, payable out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund—(Mr. Hanbury):—Debate arising;

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And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair, to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) 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 Military Manoeuvres 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 Question proposed by Plumber’s Registration Bill, ordered to be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Public Offices (Site) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Buildings (London) (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 Second Reading of the Metropolitan Drains Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 10th day of this instant April, That the Plumber’s Registration Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries ( Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 14th day of this instant April, That the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
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Monday, 20th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

London County Council (Money) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Kent and Surrey Permanent Benefit Building Society Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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 Millwall Dock Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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 Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Belfast Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the City and South London Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Bonnybridge, &c., Water Provisonal Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.-(Dr. Farquharson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Sixth Report, on Unproductive Endowments (London), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant April, be printed. No. 144.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of March last, for a Return to the Petty Sessions Courts (Clare). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, 1896.

- Mr. Black reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 2 of Railway and Canal Bills; That the said Parties, the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company, opposing the Manchester Ship Canal Bill had stated that the Evidence of Peter James Murphy, 100, Peel Road, Bootle, was essential to their case; and that he 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 Peter James Murphy do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Peter James Murphy do attend the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Burials Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Coal Mines Regulation Act Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1887; And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Truck, to amend the Truck Acts; And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1887; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1887; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented Truck Bill; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Agricultural to amend the Law with respect to the Rating of Occupiers of Agricultural Land in England, and for other purposes connected therewith; And that Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Bulford, Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy of Londonderry, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. T. W. Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Chaplin accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Rating of Occupiers of Agricultural Land in England, and for other purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Tuesday, 21st April, 1896:

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs [Advances];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres 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 Naval Reserve Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill;

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

The
Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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.


Mr. Hawbury reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea shall continue to be charged, levied, and paid on and after the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and ninety-seven, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

   Tea - - - the pound - Four Pence.

2. That, in addition to the Duties of Customs payable on and after the First day of July, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and ninety-seven, on Beer imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall be charged, levied, and paid on and after that day the Duties following (that is to say):—

   In the case of Beer called or similar to Mum, Spruce, Black Beer, or Burton White Beer—

   For every thirty-six gallons where the Worts amount to, or were before fermentation of a specific gravity—

   Not exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a Duty of 2.

   Exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a Duty of 2 4.

   In the case of every description of Beer other than that above specified—

   For every thirty-six gallons where the Worts thereof are or were before fermentation of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, a Duty of - 5.

   and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.

3. That, in addition to the Duty of Excise payable on and after the First day of July, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, in respect of Beer brewed in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged, levied, and paid on and after that day:—

   For every thirty-six gallons of Worts of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, the duty of Sixpence; and so in proportion for any difference in quantity or gravity.

   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. James William Lowther, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hawbury do prepare, and bring in it.


Mr. Hawbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

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1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,771, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,181, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 113,458, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,566, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,280, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,316, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Constitution (Trade Disputes) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, 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 Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill:

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

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DURATION OF SPEECHES BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Duration of Speeches Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

MINES (STANNARY COURT (ARBITRATION)) BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Stannary Court (Arbitration)) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

OCCUPYING TENANTS' ENFRANCHISEMENT BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of May next.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE (MARKS) BILL. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of March last, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

FISHERIES ACTS (NORTHAMPTON AND SUFFOLK) AMENDMENT BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries Acts (Northampton and Suffolk) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (1888) AMENDMENT BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

ESTATES TAIL ABOLITION BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail Abolition Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE (IRELAND) ACT (1887) REPEAL BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

HOMES IN TOWNS (IRELAND) BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Houses in Towns (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

GROUND GAME ACT (1880) AMENDMENT BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Game Act (1880) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

BILLS. THE ORDER OF THE DAY BEING READ, FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS (LONDON) (No. 2) BILL ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (IRELAND) BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

BOARDS OF GUARDIANS AND LABOURERS (IRELAND) BILL. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That Mr. John Wilson (Govan) be Distress from Want of Employment, from discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment, That Mr. Hollow be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)
And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1896.

THE HOUSE MET AT TWO OF THE CLOCK.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Motion was made, and the Question being standing put, That the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day notwithstanding the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, 
Mr. Harry Foster,
Noes, Mr. Carew, Sir Charles Booth.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cheltenham Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Finance) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Parliamentary Elections (Expenses), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agree-ment, signed by Mr. R. Udny, C.S.I., and Spyak Basgahul, Salar Valley.)
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out from the word "consisting" to the word "and," inclusive, in l. 40.--(Mr. Luttrell.)

Question proposed, that the words of the Clause to "of," in l. 40, stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, to leave out the words "Secretary of State," in order to insert the words "County Council."—(Mr. Strachey.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 6 (Mode of determining the compensation payable in respect of damage by passage of forces).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, after the word "agriculture," to insert the words "on the nomination of the county councils wholly or partly within the prescribed limits."—(Mr. Logan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, after the word "person," to insert the words "being a tenant farmer."—(Mr. Logan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, to the word "and," to the end of Sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, after l. 2, to insert the words "(4). In the case of compensation payable in respect of rights of common the compensation may be paid to the county council for the county in which the common is situate, or in the case of the New Forest to the Court of Verderers, to be paid or applied by them to or for the benefit of the persons whose rights of common are affected, in such manner as they think just."—(Mr. Brodrick.)

Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment in l. 2, to leave out the word "county," in order to insert the word "district."—(Mr. Luttrell.)

Question proposed, That the words of the Clause be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

An Amendment made to proposed Amendment.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, after l. 2, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the words "shall if it think fit."—(Mr. Strachey.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.
Question put, That the words "shall if it be there inserted;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Weld], 246.

Mr. Austen; 142.

Tellers for the [Mr. Long-George]; 114.

Mr. Herbert Lewis; 102.

And, it being after ten to Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read for, the Second Reading of the Herrew School 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 Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment 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 Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill:

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

And, it being Seven of the clock, Mr. Speaker suspended the sitting until Nine of the clock.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the failure of successive Administrations to give employment in Civil Departments to reserve or time-expired soldiers and sailors of good character is contrary to public policy, and detrimental to the interests of the Service, and that this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to make larger provision for the employment of such persons, by allotting to them preferentially such posts in the Public Service as they are competent to fill.—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Arnold-Forster rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, because he thought the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to make all possible provision for the employment of reserve or time-expired soldiers and sailors of good character by allotting to them preferentially such posts in the Public Service as they are competent to fill.—(Mr. Arnold-Forster):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Broxburn, 108.

Mr. Cotton-Jodrell; 166.

Tellers for the Mr. Fenwick, 74.

Mr. Whittaker; 170.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to make all possible provision for the employment of reserve or time-expired soldiers and sailors of good character by allotting to them preferentially such posts in the Public Service as they are competent to fill.—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

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

Wednesday, 22nd April, 1896:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment 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 Rights of Way Procedures (Scotland) 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 Letting of Sporting Rights 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 Rights of Way Procedures 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 Rights of Way Procedures Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Committee on West Highland Railway [Guarantee] Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses] 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 18th day of March last, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) 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 Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Board of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.
The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Disease of Animals Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April.

Sir John Morley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That, in the case of the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that notice for the said Bill be published forthwith, once in the "Edinburgh Gazette" and in two successive weeks in some one and the same Newspaper of the Counties of Orkney and Zetland; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.
2. That, in the case of the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that Notice for the said Bill be published forthwith, once in the "London Gazette" and in two successive weeks in some one and the same Newspaper of the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk respectively; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

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

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

Wednesday, 22nd April, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

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The Speaker prayed that the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill was Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill.

The William Hancock and Company Bill was William Hancock and Company Bill.

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bond, Sir John Brunner, London Water and Mr. James Stuart were nominated Members of the Committee on London Water Companies Bills.—(Sir William Walbrand.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant April, That the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill be committed to the Select Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill; and the Question being again proposed:—

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Bill was committed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant April, That the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill be committed to the Select Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill; and the Question being again proposed:—

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Bill was committed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fairs Prices (Scotland), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, 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 First Annual Report by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies of the Proceedings of the Registrars under the Building Societies Acts, with an Abstract of the Annual Accounts and Statements of Societies for the year 1895.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, which brought a Message from the Lords, that a Message from the Lords, that a Message from the Lords, that a Message from the Lords, that a Message from the Lords.

The Lords communicate Minutes of Evidence Griffin's and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Divorce Bill, Second Reading of Griffin's Divorce Bill, together with the Documents deposited in the case, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Statute Law Revision and Consolidation Bills do meet in Committee Room A. on Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the said Message be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

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Orders of the Day.—The Burglary Bill was 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 Friday next, the Colonial Marriages Bill, was read, and discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure and Rent Revision Bill;—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, whilst recognising the desirability of modifications in the existing Law relating to agricultural tenancies, is of opinion that it has not been shown that the reversal of the general principles, which have hitherto governed such Law, is either desired by or is desirable in the interests of the various classes engaged in the cultivation of the soil in Great Britain."—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

The Noes to the Left. The Yeas to the Right;—The House divided. The Yeas were: Mr. Price, 133. Mr. Brynmor Jones: 247. Mr. Vickers Gibbs: 42. So it passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Mr. Price. Yea's, Mr. Brynmor Jones: 133. Tellers for the Mr. Victor Cavendish, Noes, Mr. Vickers Gibbs: 247. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this House, whilst recognising the desirability of modifications in the existing Law relating to agricultural tenancies, is of opinion that it has not been shown that the reversal of the general principles, which have hitherto governed such Law, is either desired by or is desirable in the interests of the various classes engaged in the cultivation of the soil in Great Britain" be added at the time word "That," in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative; And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—

Resolved, That this House, whilst recognising the desirability of modifications in the existing Law relating to agricultural tenancies, is of opinion that it has not been shown that the reversal of the general principles, which have hitherto governed such Law, is either desired by or is desirable in the interests of the various classes engaged in the cultivation of the soil in Great Britain.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Reinstatement Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Extension (No. 2) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Out-door Provident Relief Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Orkney and Second Reading of the Orkney and Zetland Small Islands Small Piers and Harbours Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law Procedure Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

The Vehicles (Lights) Bill was, according to Vehicles Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Lights) Bill Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ballot Act (1872) Second Reading of the Ballot Act (1872) Amendment Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next. The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men's Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next. The Order of the day being read, for the Payment of Second Reading of the Payment of Jurors Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.
Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Working Men's Dwellings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time upon Monday next.

Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Life Assurance Companies (Payment into Court) Bill (Lords); Ordered, That the Clerk do report the Bill, without Amendment.

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The Local Government Provisional Order (Public Law) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Yeovil Burgess of the Borough of Yeovil, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of Yeovil to construct an additional Reservoir and other Waterworks, and to raise Money for the purpose by borrowing on Mortgage or otherwise, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

The Lord Advocate also presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Fishermen's (Scotland) Disasters Fund (Unexpended Balances).

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—General Report of the Conservators of the River Thames, from the 1st of January 1895 to the 31st December 1895, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators, for the year ended 31st December 1895.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1890 to 1895, both years inclusive, together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1895.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1896, and Return of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum and the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1896, both years inclusive, together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1895.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Piers and Harbours (United Kingdom) (1) granted by Parliament, and (2) advanced by the State since 1860 on the Construction or (Public Improvement of Harbours and Piers in England and

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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

The Lords have added a Lord to the Joint Committee on the Corporation of London (Metropolitan Market) Bill; and the Lords have agreed to the Cuper Water Consolidation Bills, for the consideration of the Post Office Consolidation Bill, and request this House to add one of its Members to the said Joint Committee for the consideration of the said Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, "That the Question be now put"; and the Main Question, so amended, being put, it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "on Tuesdays and Fridays" be there inserted:—(Mr. Lloyd-George), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "every day" stand part of the Question;—(Mr. Anstruther), instead thereof.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "half-past Three," and inserting the words "on Tuesdays and Fridays,"—(Mr. Lloyd-George),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Four" stand part of the Question;—(Sir William Walrond), instead thereof.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Sir William Coddington further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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And the Main Question, so amended, being accordingly put:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 263.
Mr. Austruther (Mr. Hanbury.)

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts,
Mr. Herbert Lewis : 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That, until the conclusion of the consideration of the Benefices Bill, the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit on Tuesdays and Fridays until Four of the clock, notwithstanding the Sitting of the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Stamps.

1. Resolved, That the Stamp Duty of Two Shillings for every Hundred Pounds, and any fraction of that Sum over any multiple of One Hundred Pounds charged on the nominal Share Capital of any Corporation or Company by Section One hundred and thirteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be extended to the Capital of any Corporation or Company where the Capital or any increase of Capital is authorised by an Order in Council or a Certificate of Government Department, or in any other manner.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax.

2. Resolved, That there shall be charged, collected, and paid for the Twelve Months which began on the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains respectively descried or comprised in Schedules (A.), (B.), (C.), (D.), and (E.), in the Income Tax Act, 1853, the Duties of Income Tax at the rate of Eight Pence for every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A.), (B.), (C.), (D.), and (E.) in the said Act ; and

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value or amount of Property, Profits, and Gains chargeable under Schedules (A.), (B.), (D.), or (E.) in the said Act ; and

For every Twenty Shillings of one-third of the annual value of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) in the said Act, in respect of the occupation thereof, and of any deduction of one-eighth out of the Duties chargeable under Schedule (B.) shall be made.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment of Law.

3. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Customs and Inland Revenue.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telegraphs [Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a Sum not exceeding £300,000, for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sum by means of Terminable Annuities, payable out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

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

Resolution to be reported.

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

Friday, 24th April, 1896:

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day, the Boyne Navigation Transfer Bill was, accordingly ordered to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Transfer Bill, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Three clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Navigation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military manoeuvres Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berrier School Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Teachers' Registration Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cabs (London) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) 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 Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Tenants Reinstatement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill
upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of March last, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order for reading a second time, upon County Wednesday the 6th day of May next, the Town Surveyors and Assistants (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 24th April, 1896

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Brighton and Electric Tramroad Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Cheltenham Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The City and South London Railway Bill was read, a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to consider whether any, and, if any, what provisions can reasonably be made for the preservation of the Church of Saint Mary Woolnoth.
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The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the work do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire thereon concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm two Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Urban Sanitary Districts of Londonderry and Ballintunalo: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Axbridge, Basford, Bath, Cambridge, Carlisle, Honsell, Richmond (Surrey), Southall, Norwood, Stockbridge, Waltham Holy Cross, and Woking: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Cheorley, Epsom (Rural), Sutton Carshalton and Leatherhead, Evesham, Guildford, Godalming and Woking, Havant, Lancaster, Liversedge and Mirfield, and Luddenden Joint Hospital Districts: 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Kythal), which was presented upon the 11th day of February last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Petty Sessions Courts (Clare), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Fisher men's (Scotland) Disasters Fund (Unexpended Balances), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Contributions by India to the Imperial Institute), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Thames Conservancy, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 33rd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Army (Average Numbers at Home and Abroad.)

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 33rd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Army (Average Numbers at Home and Abroad.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Further Memoranda by Professor Church, F.R.s., furnished to the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c., concerning the Condition of the Wall-Paintings in the Palace of Westminster.

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

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Ordered, That the Parties promoting and opposing the Belfast Corporation Bill and the Londonderry Improvement Bill be permitted to print the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee day by day, from the Committee Clerk's copy, if they think fit.—(Sir William Houldsworth.)

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 Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order (Aberdeen) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer additional Powers on the Trustees of the Harbour of Dundee, and to amend the Acts relating to the Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for empowering the Corporation of the Royal Burgh of Irvine to construct a Weir or Dam across the River Irvine; to construct a new Bridge over the said River, with Roads of Access thereto; to widen, alter, and improve Streets, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the North Cornwall Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the conversion of the existing Preference Stock of the Buenos Ayres and Ensenada Port Railway 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 extend the Time limited by the Padiham Urban District Council (Water) Local Board Act, 1889, for the construction of the Works thereby authorised; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Great Northern London Cemetery Company Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and found 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 to the same.

The Lords have agreed to the Central Ireland Act, 1876, in reference to the disposal of the Stock of the Buenos Ayres and Ensenada Port Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Time limited by the Malvern Link Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Quarterly Returns, by Counties, of the Public Elementary Schools from which the Grant has been witheld under that Article; and that the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

(1.) Which have been warned by the Education Department under Article 86 of the Code, including Schools from which the Grant has been withheld under that Article;

(2.) Which have been warned by the Education Department that the Annual Grant will in future be withheld unless defects in the School Premises are remedied;
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. 

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97. 

Class II.

1. £. 7,850, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices. 

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 16,666, 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, 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

After Debate thereon; 

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put." Question put, "That the Question be now put;" 

The Committee divided; 

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. A. Matherv: } 136. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Weir, Noes, Mr. Caldwell: ] 64. 

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothert also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered. That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lothert 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses.]

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster, and for purposes connected therewith—[Mr. Hanbury]—Debate arising:

Saturday, 25th April, 1896:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothert reported, That the Committee had made progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Second Reading of the Military Lands Act Act (1892) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manœuvres Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Telegraphs  
Sir Michael Hicks Beach reported from the Committee on Telegraph [Advances], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—
That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a Sum not exceeding £50,000, for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sum by means of Terminable Annuities, payable out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution being read a second time; a Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon; A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. White): The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Telegraph Money.  
Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to provide for raising further Money for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1892:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

West Highland Railway Guaranty Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Highland Railway (Guaranty); Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:—

1. That the Stamp Duty of Two Shillings for every hundred pounds, and any fraction of the hundred, payable on any multiple of One hundred pounds charged on the nominal Share Capital of any Corporation or Company by Section One hundred and thirteen of the Stamp Act, 1891, shall be extended to the Capital of any Corporation or Company where the capital or any increase of capital is authorised by an Order in Council or a certificate of a Government Department, or in any other manner.

2. That there shall be charged, collected, and paid for the twelve months which began on the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, in respect of all Property, Profits, and Gains respectively described or comprised in Schedules (A.), (B.), (C.), (D.), and (E.), in the Income Tax Act, 1853, the Duties of Income Tax at the rate of Eight Pence—  
For every Twenty Shillings of the annual value of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) in the said Act, in respect of the occupation thereof, and no deduction of one-eighth out of the Duties chargeable under Schedule (B.) shall be made.

3. That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Customs and Inland Revenues of Law.  
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 upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 20th instant, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Finance Bill; to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenues, to alter other duties, to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, and to make provision for the Financial Arrangements of the year: 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 of the day being read, for the 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 Diseases of Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustees Second Reading of the Trustees Savings Banks Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant April, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Title Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself thereinto a Committee on the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Order be read a third time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 15th day of May next.

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 4, agreed to.  
Preamble agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Granet Lawson 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerks do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dispensary Committees (Ireland) Bill.

Clause, No. 1.

And it being after Midnight, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had had Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of March last, that the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove certain Doubts with respect to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so far as it applies to Ireland; And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain the meaning of the Expression "Stipendiary Magistrate" in Acts relating to Ireland; And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to explain the meaning of the Expression "Stipendiary Magistrate" in Acts relating to Ireland: 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 ten minutes before One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 27th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (No. 9) orders

Ordered, That the Speaker do not read the Bill; that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland present a Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill 196.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time.

The Customs' Annuity and Benevolent Fund (Scotland) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House (Lords) hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Acts Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House (Lords) hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sutton Bridge Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the New River Company Bill to Company Bill. ordered, That it be an Instruction to the New River Board to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Company Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Bromley Joint Board of Lunacy (Water) Bill; and, if so, to insert such special Provisions in the Bill.—(Mr. Bigwood.)

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Joint Hospital Districts: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Church and Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood, Conwy and Conwy Bay, Stourbridge, Upper Stone Valley, Whitchurch, and Ystradjug-dwy and Pontypridd United Districts: 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. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Bromley and Beckenham, Cattersey, Dawley, North Bexley, Pancroft, Rochester and Chatham, Tunstall, Thornton, Warwick and Wirral Joint Hospital District: 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Average Numbers at Home and Abroad), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1690 to 1695. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Reports, Miscellaneous No. 5, (Report by Dr. D. Morris, C.M.G., Assistant Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew, on the Nidal Industry, Bahamas). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of February last, for a Return relative to Controverted Elections, containing Copy of Minutes of Evidence and Judgment in the Elgin and Nairn Election Petition Trial.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Cases dealt with by the Civil Service Commissioners under Clause VII. of the Order in Council of the 4th day of June 1870, during the three years 1893 to 1895 inclusive.—(Mr. Gibson Bowes.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Desertions and Failures to join in various parts of the World, compiled from Articles of Agreement which terminated in the year 1895.—(Admiral Field.)

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday, at Twelve of the clock. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Griffin's Divorce Bill, as to the Marriage of the Parties, the Adultery charged as a ground for dissolving the Marriage, the Verdict at Law, the Sentence of Divorce, a mensa et thoro, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon Evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same and the other allegations to be true, and saw no reason to suspect collusion between the Parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Griffin's Divorce Bill, together with the Documents deposited in the Case, be returned to the House of Lords; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of reading a second time, upon the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the remainder of the Session the House do meet on Tuesdays at Three o'clock; so that Government Business have priority over all other Bills and Notices of Motion on any day for which it is appointed; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to every day of the week.—(Mr. Ralston):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting after the second word "that," the words "excepting Wednesday the 29th instant."—(Mr. John Wilson, Govan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Colville; Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Lloyd-George; Mr. Lough.

The House divided.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "any," and inserting the word "every"—(Mr. Lough), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "any" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Colville; Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Lloyd-George:

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting after the first word "day," the words "after Whitsuntide."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts):

And the Question being proposed, That the words "after Whitsuntide" be inserted after the first word "day":

Mr. Bull was in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"—(S. O. Closure of Debate.)

The Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—(S. O. Closure of Debate.)

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The House divided.

The Noes to the Right;
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 273.
Mr. Anstruther:]

The Yeas;
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts, 130.
Mr. Herbert Lewis:]

Mr. Anstruther:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words "after Whitsuntide" be inserted after the first word "day";
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts, 123.
Mr. Anstruther:
Mr. Joseph A. Pease, 265.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Main Question be now put."

And the Main Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 266.
Mr. Anstruther:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph A. Pease, 124.
Mr. Price:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That for the remainder of the Session the House do meet on Tuesdays at Three o'clock, that Government Business have priority over all other Bills and Notices of Motion on any day for which it is appointed; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to every day of the week.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Land Rating 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 "this House, while recognising the desirability of adjusting the burdens of local taxation, is of opinion that it is inexpedient and unjust that relief granted from such Imperial taxation to rateable property should be restricted to one class only of such property" — (Sir Henry Fowler) — 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, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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 supply Committee of Supply:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses];

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 Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Money Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway [Guarantee.]

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Secretaries of Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 19th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Freshwater Fisheries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Funds Act (1872) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Mines (Stannary Court) (Arbitration) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of March last, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection. 
Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Three clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill. 
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. 
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Captain Pretttyman.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dispensary Committees (Ireland) Bill. 

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No 1 to No 3, agreed to. 
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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, and passed. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Voters of Voters (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Boards of Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Guardians and Labourers (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 Law Agents Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Contempt Bill to amend the Law relating to Contempt of Court. 
Court: And that Mr. MacAbeoe, Mr. McCarton, Mr. Morton, Mr. MacNeill, and Mr. M'Dermott do prepare, and bring it in. 
Mr. MacAbeoe accordingly presented a Bill to Contempt of Court Bill. 
And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of May next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 28th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz.—

Dundee Harbour Bill.

Glasgow Juvenile Delinquency Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.—

Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.—

Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill.

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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.—

Huddersfield Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Huddersfield Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Matlock Bath Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Westminster Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Warlike Operations) (Killed and Wounded), which was presented upon the 11th day of February last, be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of May last, for a Return relative to Poor Law Unions Officers.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings, which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined in the Quarter ended 31st March 1896.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, Civil Service dated the 27th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Civil Service Certificates.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Superannuation directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return Act, 1884, dated 22nd April 1896, declaring that John Gomes, Rural Postman, Exeter, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of (Circular) Reports to the Secretary of State by Robert Woodfall, Esquire, and by J. T. Robson, Esquire, Inspector of Mines for the South Wales District, on the Tylorstown Colliery Explosion.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Public Local Rates and Net Expenditure on Relief of the Poor, Elementary Education, and Police, born, by such Rates.

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, under the following Heads, of Excretions, Sales for Recovery of Land Revenue, and other matters regarding the Modras Land Revenue Administration, for each of the years 1883–84 to 1893–94, inclusive:

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of (Circular) Reports to the Secretary of State by Robert Woodfall, Esquire, and by J. T. Robson, Esquire, Inspector of Mines for the South Wales District, on the Tylorstown Colliery Explosion.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Elementary Education (Areas of Education Authorities proposed under the Elementary Education Bill, together with the Population, Rateable Value, and Children of School Age therefor.-(Colonel Milbourne.)

Mr. Arthur Balfour reported from the Committee of Private Bills, that the said Return do lie upon the Table.
House, he had been instructed to move that the said John Welsh, Archibald McKelvie, and Richard Ramsey do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That John Welsh, Archibald McKelvie, and Richard Ramsey do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Brown reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Brown reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Provisional Order of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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; and be printed.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Poor Law: Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Burns, Mr. Chaplin, Lord Athwley Compton, Colonel Denzey, Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Logan, Mr. Poulton, Mr. Pye-Jones, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. T. W. Russell, Sir George Trevelyan, Mr. Weir, and Mr. Yoxall. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Yeovil Corporation (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 Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first two Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cheltenham Gas Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill for additional Provision for the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, of Liverpool.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill for the Liverpool Electric Supply (Transfer) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill for the Bideford, Westward Ho! and Appledore Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Shop Assistants' Half-Holiday Bill to provide that all Shop Assistants shall have one Half-Holiday in each Week: And that the Bill be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was made by this House to the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, upon the 27th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Agricultural Land Rating Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, while recognizing the desirability of readjusting "the burdens of local taxation, is of opinion that "it is inexpedient and unjust that relief granted "from Imperial taxation to rateable property "should be restricted to one class only of such

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"property," — (Sir Henry Fowler) — instead thereof;
And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses.]

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster, and for purposes connected therewith —(Mr. Hanbury) — Debate arising;
Wednesday, 29th April, 1896:
And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 the Committee on the Military Manœuvres Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:
Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.
Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,850, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,666, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on West Highland Railway [Guarantee];
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Aker-Douglas, Mr. McEwan, and Mr. Nicol were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House Bill.—(Sir William Walrond).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace and the Secretaries of the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace, 1896, Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Abattoirs Bill, Second Reading of the Abattoirs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Spurious Second Reading of the Spurious Sports Bill; Sports Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Qualification of Voters) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Estates Tail Second Reading of the Estates Tail Abolition Abolition Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Law Agents (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee, on Law, and Courts of Justice, Law, &c., and Legal Procedure, to whom the Benefices Bill was committed; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committees on the King's Lynn Corporation Bill and the Blackpool Improvement Bill, and that Mr. Parker Smith be appointed Chairman of the Committees on the said Bills.—(Dr. Forster.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Central Ireland Railway 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cavendish and Harrington Bridges Trust Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Corporation of London (Metropolitan Market) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to enable the Corporation of Yewst to construct an additional Reservoir and other Waterworks, and to raise Money for the purpose by borrowing on Mortgage or otherwise, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the Belfast Union; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the Belfast Union: 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Local Rates and Net Expenditure on the Relief of the Poor, Elementary Education, and Police, borne by such Rates, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Poor Law Unions Officers, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant April, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated the 17th April 1896, subject to the Prisons Act, 1865 and 1877, with respect to the Treatment of Juvenile Offenders in Prison.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her South Africa. Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Instructions issued to Colonel Sir R. E. N. Martin relative to the control of the Armed Forces in the Territories of the British South Africa Company and his future Position there; of the Instructions issued to Major General Sir Frederic Carrington relative to Military Operations against the Matabele; and of a Despatch to Sir Hercules Robinson on these Subjects.

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

Sir John Goset presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of List of School Boards and School Attendance Committees in England and Wales, 1st April 1896.

Copy of Code of Regulations for Evening Continuation Schools for 1896, with Explanatory Memorandum, Schedule and Appendices by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Schools.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Agricultural Land Rating Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, while recognising the desirability of readjusting the burdens of local taxation, is of opinion that it is inexpedient and unjust that relief granted from Imperial taxation to rateable property should be restricted to one class "only of such property" (Sir Henry Fowler), instead thereof; and And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the
The Question —— The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being half an hour after Five of the clock —— The Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses].

(Comm. in the Committee.) Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster, and for purposes connected therewith —— (Mr. Hamburgh);

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again —— (Mr. Lloyd-George) —- put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres 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 West Highland Railway [Guarantee];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grocers' Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Income Tax Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grocers' Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Prevention of Fraud) Bill, upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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 Court of Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill. (Lights)

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act (1887) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of May next.

The Solicitors' Magistracy Bill was, according to Solicitors', to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

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Mr. Parker Smith reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order, that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. Parker Smith reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders, that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. Parker Smith reported from the Committee on the Electric Light ing Provisional Orders Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Parker Smith reported the Baker Street Baker Street Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Lord Advocate reported from the Committee on the Bunningsbridge, &c. Water Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order, that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of March last, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee; and the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Funds Act (1872) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Entrenchment) 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 Criminal Law Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the Hours of Employment of Women as Bar Assistants on premises where Intoxicating Liquors may be sold for Consumption on the Premises: And that Mr. Duncombe, Major Dalhousie, Mr. Flewer, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Harry Samuel do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Ashou and Mr. Disraeli were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill. (Sir William Walrond.)

And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Ashton and Mr. Disraeli were nominated to report the Baker Street Baker Street Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Mr. Parker Smith reported the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 30th April, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committees on the Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Bill, William Hancox and Company Water Bill, North British Railway Bill, and the Rotherham Corporation Bill, and that Mr. John Elliot be appointed Chairman of the Committees on the said Bills. (Dr. Forgyahonson.)

Private Bills [Lords.

Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

Malvern Link Bill.

Padstow Urban District Council (Water) Bill.

Yeovil Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Griffin's Divorce Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Roxburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy (Water) Bill.

The Sutton Bridge Dock Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Lanarkshire (Middle Ward) Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Petition of the Blackrock and Kingston Drainage Board, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm and legalise certain Works constructed by the Blackrock and Kingston Drainage Board, to confer on the Board further Powers as to the borrowing of Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 6th day of March last, that all Petitions against the Bill presented Seven clear days before the meeting of the Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill, be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill, be suspended in the case of the Petition of Arthur Musson and Robert Cooper Parkes against the Belfast Corporation Bill, and that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the said Bill, and that the Petitioners may be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, and Witnesses, against the said Bill.—(Mr. Knott.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the London and North Western Railway Bill is referred to take the evidence of farmers and traders, if tendered upon the tolls, rates, and charges which Clause 5 of the Bill proposes to authorise the London and North Western Railway Company to demand and take for the conveyance of passengers, parcels, and merchandise over the Chester and Holyhead Railway.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Three clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Bonnybridge, to take into consideration the Bonnybridge, etc., Water Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Henfrey presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, —Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended 31st March 1896, together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the Amounts.
Amounts received into or issued from the Exchequer in respect of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Correspondence relating to Affairs in the South African Republic, (in continuation of [C. 7933]).

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1896, 1897, and 1898.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales, for the year 1895.

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 17th day of February last, for a Return relative to Charity Commissioners’ Reports.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported the Donegal Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Second Reading of the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the provisions of the Standing Order, Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the—

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]: 325.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, [Mr. M’Arthur]: 169.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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—

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]: 325.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, [Mr. M’Arthur]: 160.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the—

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]: 335.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, [Mr. M’Arthur]: 156.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- militie of Public Offices on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses]; [Site] [Expenses,]

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re- solve into itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Military Maneuvres Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re- solve into itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the West Highland Railway (Guarantee) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee on the Cabs (London) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration 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 Teachers' Registration 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 Colonial Marriages 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 Registration of Voters (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 Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension 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 Criminal Law Amendment Bill;Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And, it being a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Town of Portrush: 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. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2), 1891, relating to Birchington, Beckett, Herne Bay, Penzance, Portkynan, Stonehaven, and Studland: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill, 1891, be referred to the Committee on the Sheffield District Railway Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. John Ellis reported the Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. John Ellis reported the William Hancock and Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Parker Smith reported from the Committee on the Rotherham Corporation Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 5th March 1895, all powers to acquire lands or easements under Clauses 16 and 18 of the Bill are limited to the parish of Whiston as required by the said Resolution, and so far as regards Sub-section 2 of Clause 14 the Resolution has been complied with, inasmuch as the clause itself has been struck out of the Bill. Mr. Parker Smith further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

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

Mr. John Ellis reported the North British Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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 Account relative to the Public Income and Expenditure, which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports, which was presented upon the 30th day of April last, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Grants paid to School Boards under Section 97 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, during the 15 months ended 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, Vol. 151.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Asiatic Provinces of Turkey, 1892-93.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report Temporary of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in the Session 1896, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Register of Temporary Laws for the Second Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (59 Vic.) (1896). Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Memorandum explaining the Basis of some of the figures which Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer used in his Budget Speech on Thursday the 16th day of April 1896, relating principally to the progress of Population, Revenue, and Expenditure.

Mr. Homeby accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Austruther and Mr. M'Arthur, the Tellers in the Ay Division Lobby, in the Division of yesterday on the Question " That the Question be now put, " on the Amendment to the Second Reading of the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the Clerk do correct the said error in the Journal of this House, by stating the number of the Ayes to be 325, instead of 335,—(Mr. Austruther.)

Sir James Fergusson reported from the Standing Committee, on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Mr. Blake reported from the Committee on Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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.

Mr. Blake further reported from the Committee; That they had altered certain provisions of the Bill for the protection of the Petitioners, Henry Arthur Attenborough, Richard Attenborough, and Gilbert Richard Rodgers, and that with respect to such Petitioners 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 the Bill, viz., the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, such portion of their costs as was caused by the instruction V. B. 2 and
1st May. 1896.

The Lords have appointed a Committee, consisting of Five Lords, to join with the Committee of the Commons (pursuant to Message of this House) for the consideration of the following Bills:

- Canal Rates, Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Strabane Canal) Bill
- Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Caledonian and Crianan Canals) Bill
- Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (River Ouse) (Beds and Hunts, &c.) Bill

and propose that the said Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A. upon Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class III.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £38,182, 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 1897, for the Salaries of the Law Officers' Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, Queen's Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £1,000—

(Mr. Herbert Lewis):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Lloyd-George); 100.

Tellers for the No, (Mr. Austruther); 99.

Original Question again proposed:

Mr. Lloyd-George moved to report Progress; the Chairman declining to propose the Question to report Progress (Abuse of Rules.)

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £23,900, 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 1897, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Director of Public Prosecutions—

(Mr. Lloyd-George):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Lloyd-George); 178.

Tellers for the No, (Mr. Austruther); 89.

Original Question again proposed, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £38,182, 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 1897, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C, for the County of London Sessionary Charges, be omitted from the proposed Vote—

(Mr. Lloyd-George):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item E, for the Railway and Canal Commission, be reduced by £100—

(Mr. Lloyd-George):—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Lloyd-George); 31.

Tellers for the No, (Mr. Austruther); 99.

Original Question again proposed, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, required by the Department of the Solicitor of the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the payment during the year ending 31st March 1897, for the payment of £4,000—

(Mr. Lloyd-George):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Lloyd-George); 178.

Tellers for the No, (Mr. Austruther); 89.

Original Question again proposed, and agreed to.
3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £204,534, 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 1897, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £300, in respect of the Salary of the Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor — (Mr. Dalziel);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Ellis Griffith ; 42.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Anstruther ; 138.

Original Question again proposed;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item D, for the District Registries of the High Court, be reduced by £600—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lloyd George ; 44.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Ellis Griffith ; 143.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,383, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,263, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

Saturday, 2nd May, 1896:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill; Money 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 Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money 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 Land Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Land Rating 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 £5,000 Abolition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolis Police Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Sunday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London Police Courts Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Courts 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 Small Loans (Interest) 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 Trustee Savings Banks 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 Estates Tail Abolition Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Loans (Interest) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Bill into consideration:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for transferring the Expenses of Police Courts to the Metropolitan Police Fund, and for making provision with respect to the Courts of the Stipendiary Magistrate of Chatham and Sheerness: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Aber-Douglass was nominated one other Public Office Member of the Select Committee on the Public Office (Site) Bill, (Sir William Walrond.)—

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill for transferring the Expenses of Police Courts to the Metropolitan Police Fund, and for making Provision with respect to the Courts of the Stipendiary Magistrate of Chatham and Sheerness: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next ; and to be printed.

A Motion
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 Consolidated Fund, of an additional Annuity beyond that authorized by the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Act, 1885) towards discharging the liability of the Consolidated Fund in respect of certain Indian Army Pensions—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 4th May, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

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

The Cavendish and Harrington Bridges Trust Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Corporation of London (Metropolitan Market) Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The British Gaslight Company (Norwich) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Buenos Ayres and Esseñada Port Railway Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Glasgow Juvenile Delinquency Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Northern London Cemetery Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Order 171, relating to Tramway Bills, be suspended for the remainder of the Session.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order made upon the 2nd day of March last, that the Retford, Rotherham, and Barnsley Railway (Extension of Time) Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill confirming certain Provincial Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Acts, 1870, relating to Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water, Barns WM, and District Water, East Huntingdonshire Water, Hemel Hempstead Water, Maidstone Water, Titchfield, Pangbourne, and District Water: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Gas and Water Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Acts, 1870, relating to Chester-le-Street and Pelton Gas, Laindon Gas and Water, and Matlock Bath Gas: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Gas Provisional Orders, by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Chester-le-Street and Pelton Gas, Maidstone Gas, and Settle Gas: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill confirming certain Provincial Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water, Barns WM, and District Water, Barns WM.
Mr. Hargreaves Brown reported the Cowes Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Voluntary Schools and School Boards, a Return showing—

I. Voluntary Schools and School Boards under s. 97 of the Education Act of 1870.

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

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported the Cowes Gas Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing—

II. School Boards entitled to receive Grants under s. 97 of the Education Act of 1870.

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School Boards to be placed in alphabetical order under the heads of the Counties in which they are situated.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Quarter Sessions in Ireland during the years 1894 and 1895, when Jurors were summoned to attend Quarter Sessions and no Business to be done:—And, Number of Prisoners in Ireland returned for Trial during years 1894 and 1895 within Two days of Sessions, and in what Counties in Ireland did this occur, Name of Town Prisoner tried in, and Date. (Mr. Daly.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Taxes and a Return showing (1) the Rates of all Duties, Imports, Taxes, or Imposts collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Quantities or Amounts taxed; (3) the Gross Receipts derived from each Duty; and (4) the Net Receipts and Appropriation thereof in the year ending the 31st day of March 1896:—And (1) the Aggregate Gross Receipts derived from all such Duties, Taxes, or Imposts under the Principal Heads of Revenue; (2) the Aggregate Net Receipts; (3) the Charges of Collection; and (4) the Produce, after deducting these Charges, in each of the Ten Years ending the 31st day of March 1896:—And, Notes to show any Changes in the Taxes, Duties, and Imposts, consequent upon the acceptance of the Budget Proposals of 1896 (in continuation of Return, No. 396, of Session 1895). (Mr. Goddard.)

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, stating the Circumstances under which certain Members of his permanent
Private Bills (Group E.)

Sir James Kittoe reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills: That the Parties promoting the Strand Improvement Bill had stated that the Evidence of Major Clifford Probyn, 3d. V., of 55, Grosvenor Street, W., and Mr. Arthur Ventris, Engineer to the Board of Works for the Strand District, of 5, Toombeck Street, Covent Garden, was essential to 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 Major Clifford Probyn and Mr. Arthur Ventris do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Major Clifford Probyn and Mr. Arthur Ventris do attend the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Lords. Ellis, reporting, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The Marlborough and Grafton Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Indian Army Pension Deficiency.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of an Annuity of £65,000 (beyond the present amount of £150,000 authorised by the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Act, 1885) towards discharging the liability of the Consolidated Fund in respect of certain Indian Army Pensioners; and to provide that the rate of interest for any money lent after the 1st day of April 1896, under Section 5 of the said Act, shall be such as the National Debt Commissioners may determine.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.) Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Members for Counties do prepare Lists of the Christian and Surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective Counties.

Ordered, That Members for Boroughs and Places having Commissioners executing exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within such Boroughs and Places respectively.

Ordered, That Members for other Boroughs and Places do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the Counties in which such last-mentioned Boroughs and places are situate.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners Names Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Members for Counties do prepare Lists of the Christian and Surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective Counties.

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Ordered, That Members for other Boroughs and Places do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the Counties in which such last-mentioned Boroughs and places are situate.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill. upon Thursday next.

The Truck Bill was, according to Order, read Truck BR/. a second time ; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Labour, Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Light Railways Bill, as Bill. amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Committee on West Highland Railway [Guarantee] ; Bill. [Guarantee.] Resolved, That this House will, upon Thurs- day next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Housing of the Working Classes (Ire.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second Working time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Dr. Tanner, Member for Mid-Cork, and directed the honourable Member to discontinue his Speech.

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."—(Mr. Daly)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Holford rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put." And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";

The House divided, The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther);

Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Nos, (Mr. Kilbride):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Tuesday, 5th May, 1896:

And the Question accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided, The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther):

Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Nos, (Mr. Kilbride):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—The House divided, The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther):

Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Nos, (Mr. Kilbride):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

The House was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary 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 Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;

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

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class III.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.38,182, 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 1897, for the Salaries of the Law Officers' Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, Queen's Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency,

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.23,900, 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 1897, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.294,534, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

The First Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£.38,182," and inserting "£.38,082"—(Mr. Caldwell)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£.38,182" stand part of the Resolution;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther):

Tellers for the Mr. Caldwell, (Mr. Clark):

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the 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 Supply Committee of Supply;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cabs (London) Second Reading of the Cabs (London) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill;—Money Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Diseases of Animals Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;—Animals Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education 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 Teachers' Registration Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 5th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be further adjourned till Friday next.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 3rd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be further adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Marquess of Lorne reported the London County Council (Turnhall Bridge Tramways) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills. That, in the case of the Leamington Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the London Sea Water Supply Bill; That the Committee had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill, and verbally amended the same 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.

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 respecting Reformatory and Industrial School Ships from 1891 to 1895, inclusive, in the following form:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Roxborough Schools, Limerick (Corresponding Schools to the Endowment Scheme.)

Ordered, Copies of (1) Correspondence between His Lordship the Bishop of Limerick and the Chief Secretary in reference to the Endowment Scheme concerning Roxborough Schools at Limerick; (2) Correspondence between the Bishop of Limerick and the Judicial Educational Commissioners on some subject; (3) Letters of the Bishop of Limerick to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on same matter; and, (4) Copy of the Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Limerick to the Lord Lieutenant on this same subject. (Mr. O'Keefe.)

Michael Joseph Flavin, Esquire, for the County New Members of Kerry (North Kerry Division), was sworn.

Captain Duncan Vernon Pirie, for the Burgh of Aberdeen (North Division), was sworn.
Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Falmouth Rectory, 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 a Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Blackrock and Kingston Drainage 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 Corstorphine, Gogar, and Barnton Railway Bill, Petition for additional Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Select; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Truck Bill:—Mr. William Allen (Gateshead), Mr. Allen (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Sir William Arrol, Mr. Bousfield, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Crean, Colonel Denray, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Desford, Mr. Howard, Mr. Keay, Mr. Logan, Mr. Pickersgill, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. W. Wilson (North Worcestershire).

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Judicial Trustees Bill:—Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Dane, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Liver, Mr. Pickersgill, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. W. Wilson (North Worcestershire).

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Friendly Societies (Money and Postal Orders) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message has been brought from the Lords by the Lords of the Committee of Selection, which was read, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sutton Bridge Dock Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Newport, Godshill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Company to further improve and extend their Railway towards Ventor, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Newport, Godshill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Highways (Falmouth Rectory.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law for the Administration of Highways; and that Sir John Darington, Mr. Channing, Mr. Bill, Mr. Finch-Hatton, Mr. Bathurst, and Mr. Liddell do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Highways.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer the Maintenance of Parish Highways in Rural Parishes to the Parish Council or Parish Meeting: And that Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Coats, Mr. Wingfield-Digby, Mr. Heath, Sir Cameron Gill, Mr. Lewellyn, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Balchin do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Darington presented a Bill to amend Highways Bill. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law for the Administration of Highways:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer the Maintenance of Parish Highways in Rural Parishes to the Parish Council or Parish Meeting: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Sir John Kennaway presented a Bill to transfer Local Government, Highways in Rural Parishes to the Parish Council or Parish Meeting: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education 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"—(Mr. A. B. T.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Teachers' Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Manoeuvres Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Act (1902) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Land Rating Bill:

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

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee on Indian Army Pension Deficiency, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

"That it is expedient to authorise the Charge on the Consolidated Fund of an Annuity of £ 65,000 (beyond the present amount of £ 150,000 authorised by the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Act, 1885) towards discharging the Liability of the Consolidated Fund in respect of certain Indian Army Pensions; and
and to provide that the rate of Interest for any money lent after the 1st day of April 1896, under Section 5 of the said Act, shall be such as the National Debt Commissioners may determine. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

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

Mr. Akers-Douglas reported from the Committee on Public Offices (Site) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under the provisions of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in Westminster, and for purposes connected therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cabs (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Irish Education Act, 1892: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in, Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to amend and explain the Irish Education Act, 1892: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of April last, requesting this House to add one of its Members to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, for the consideration of the Post Office Consolidation Bill, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills do consist of Seven Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Cripps be added to the Committee for the consideration of the Post Office Consolidation Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them, that this House has added one of its Members to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, for the consideration of the Post Office Consolidation Bill, as requested by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Hal- r.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of the Days on which the Railway Commissioners held sittings in the years 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 151, of Session 1892).—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Samuel Evans)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Conor 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 6th May, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackpool, Saint Anne's and Lytham Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Saving rights of the Duchy of Lancaster) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Another Clause (Authorising dealings with property of the Duchy of Lancaster) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Another Clause (As to future accretions) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm and legalise certain Works constructed by the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Board, to confer on the Board further Powers as to the Borrowing of Money; and for other purposes: And that Mr. Horace Plunkett and Mr. Field do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Elementary Schools Warned, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Agricultural Returns for Great Britain, showing the Acreage and Produce of Crops, Prices of Corn, and Number of Live Stock; together with Agricultural Statistics for the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Foreign Countries for 1895.

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

The Order made upon the 28th day of April last, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Elementary Education (Areas of Education Authorities), was read, and dis-charged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing Counties and County Boroughs being the Areas of the Education Authorities proposed under the Elementary Education Bill, together with the Population, Rateable Value, and Average Number of Children in attendance in the Elementary Schools therein situated.—(Colonel Milward).

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 Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Edinburgh and Saint Andrew's Universities, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Charles John Pearson, Knight, who, since his election for the said Universities, hath accepted the Office of one of the Senators of Her Majesty's College of Justice in Scotland.—(Sir William Walrond).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Education 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 Education Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out the words "now," and at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months"—(Mr. Asquith); 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 To-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers’ Registration 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 Ground Game Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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 Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of March last, That the Working Men’s Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Estates Tail Abolition Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Criminal Law Procedure Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Payment of Jurors 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 Prison-made Goods Importation Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill:

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill:

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Application of Act not to invalidate Instruments of Security).

Question again proposed, That Clause No. 2 stand part of the Bill;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878: And that Sir Albert Reillit, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Doughty, Commander Bethell, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring in:

Factory and Workshop Act, 1878 Amendment Bill.

Deaths, Starvation, &c. (County of London.)

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 all Deaths in the Administrative County of London, in the year 1895, upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a Verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 440, of Session 2, 1895); together with any observations by the Local Government Board with reference to those Cases in which Applications have been made by the Poor Law authorities for Relief—[Mr. Talbot.]

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report whether it is desirable to define more precisely the nature and extent of personal pecuniary interest in any question before the House which should disable a Member of the House from voting upon such question, and what procedure can most advantageously be adopted for enforcing such disability.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bonar, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Courtney, Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. Holland, Mr. Horsley, Mr. Grant L声wson, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. MacNeill, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Wodehouse.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.—[Sir William Walbourn.]

Sir Albert Reillit presented a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Edward Clarke reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills: That, in the case of the Short Titles Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee Pilotage Provisional Order Group E. of Private Bills; That, in the case of the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of April last, and the 1st 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. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee Bournemouth Corporation Water Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. John Ellis reported from the Committee Forde College on the Eagle College and Londonderry Academic Institution (Amalgamation) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Portsmouth Street Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Birmingham Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

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And then the House having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Liverpool New Cattle Market and Railways Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Bill proceeded to take into consideration the consequential Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool New Cattle Market and Railways Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and passed.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in the words "this House declines to proceed further with this Bill until it is informed as to what interpretation the Corporation of London intends to place upon the Report from the Committee with reference to the sale of the "vacant lands as an open space and recreation ground" (Mr. Lough), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, the Speaker put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

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A Bill to confirm and legalise certain Works constructed by the Blackbrook and Kingstown Drainage Board, to confer on the Board further Powers as to the Borrowing of Moneys, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order made upon the 27th day of February last, That the Ealing and South Harrow Railway Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of April last, for a Return relative to Paupers deported from Scotland to Ireland.

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


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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Annual Report of the Board of Trade respecting the Cheadle Railway, Mineral, and Land Company Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Board of Trade (Labour Department) do lie upon the Table; and that the Report relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Handbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st May, 1896, granting a Retired Allowance, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, to Mr. Charles Sherlock Hawkes, Second Division Clerk in the Receiver and Accountant General's Department, Post Office.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—East India Office Reports. Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to East India Office, Retirement at 65.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1703 and 1706.
Trade Reports

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 194.

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

Income Tax under Schedule (C).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Value of Property assessed to Income Tax under Schedule (C) for all Profits arising from Annuities and Dividends, distinguishing the Amount assessed on Dividends from British, Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Stocks, for the year 1893-94, together with the Duty chargeable thereon for the year.—(Sir George Baden-Powell.)

East India Rana of Jhalawar.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence relating to the Deposition of the Maharaja Rana of Jhalawar.—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Sheffield Tramways Bill.

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Committee on the Sheffield Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same to be true; and gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Vide Supplemen-
ment to the Votes.

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Committee on the Sheffield Corporation Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, by filling in the Date of the further special Meeting of the Council approving the promotion 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.

Straw Improvement Bill.

Sir James Kitchin reported the Straw Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of this Instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education 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."—(Mr. Asquith.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Teachers’ Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers’ Registration Bill;

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

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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Light Railways into consideration the Light Railways Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Committee on the West Highland Railway [Guarantee];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill [Money Bill.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Second Reading of the Military Lands (1892) Amendment Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Power for driver to require hire to produce fare).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. P. A. M‘Hugh),—put, and agreed to.

Mr.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor 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 Sale of Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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 Women Bar Assistants (Limitation of Hours) 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 Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure Bill;

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 Payment of Judases Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (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 Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill [Lords.]

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from that part of the Charity Commissioners' Scheme dealing with Cowley's Charity (at Donington, in Lincolnshire) which refers to the establishment of a Commercial and Agricultural School at Donington—(Mr. Pollock); the House divided.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the same again.

A Motion was made, That the King's Lynn Corporation Bill be now read the third time; Corporation Mr. Stuart-Wortley, 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.

The Bill was read the third time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the same again.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 8th May, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Copy of a Letter addressed to him by the Austrian Ambassador, expressing the special gratification it would give to the Hungarian Government if Members of this House would take the opportunity of visiting Buda Pesth in the course of this and the following month, during the Festivities in celebration of the Millennium of the Hungarian Kingdom.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills (No. 2) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the same again.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills (No. 9) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from that part of the Charity Commissioners' Scheme dealing with Cowley's Charity (at Donington, in Lincolnshire) which refers to the establishment of a Commercial and Agricultural School at Donington—(Mr. Pollock); the House divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rotherham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Waterford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London County Council (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

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

The Order made upon the 24th day of February last, That the Corporations of Gogar and Barnton Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Pilotage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ashton-under-Mersey and Bucklow, and Kenwick: 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. Long presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, relating to the Langley, Chedgrave, and Taft Monks Marshes, in the Parishes of Langley, Chedgrave, Taft Monks, Stockton, Haddiscoe, Lodden, Ravensingham, and Reetham, in the County of Norfolk: 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. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1875 and the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to Great Driffield, Sandwith, South Molton, and Tivetdon: 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. Ritchie presented a Bill confirming certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Blyth and Compen Tramways, Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Hyde and District Electric Tramways, Potteries Extension Tramways, and Swansea (Constitution Hill) Tramways: 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Eighth Report.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Annual Reports on Cyprus, 1894-95.

Copy of Annual Report for 1894, No. 164 Colonial Reports (Newfoundland).

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, relative to the Pensions of Soldiers.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Eighth Report.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers submitted to the Royal Commission on Secondary Education by the College of Preceptors, being a Memorandum respecting the Examination and Training Work of the College, and a Statement of the Views of the Council on the Registration of Teachers.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County of Southampton, transferring the Bramhope Ward of the Parish of Christchurch East from the Christchurch Polling District of the New Forest Division to the Seplley Polling District, in the same Division.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Papers relating to the Indian Tariff Act, 1896, and the Cotton Duties Act, 1896 (in continuation of c. 7602).

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

Mr. Curzon, presented by Her Majesty's Command,— Copy of Convention between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary for the Establishment of International Copyright. Signed at Vienna, 24th April 1895. Ratifications exchanged at Vienna, 14th April 1894. With a List of British Colonies and Possessions which have acceded thereto under Article IX.

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

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Public Health (Ireland) Bill was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Stafford Corporation Bill 221.

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on the Sheffield Corporation Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had 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.

Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill [Lords.]

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on the Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Stafford Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, and had 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Message from the Lords.

Local Government (Determination of Differences) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cornwall and Harrison Bridges Trust Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for empowering the Cambrian Railways Company to make Approach Roads to certain of their Stations; to acquire additional Lands; to raise further Money for those purposes, and also for doubling and improving their Line, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have referred the Administration of Estates (Consolidation) Bill and the Parlia- mentary Costs Bill to the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

The Cambrian Railways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir John Moubray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Trade, &c.); Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. Pemrose Fitzgerald; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Wilson (Palike). Sir John Moubray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c., the following Member: The Lord Advocate.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Liability of Employers for Injuries to their Workmen: And that Mr. John Burns, Mr. Burt, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Randall, Mr. Fenech, and Sir Charles Dilke do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. John Burns accordingly presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Liability of Employers for Injuries to their Workmen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,400, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration:— Debate arising; Saturday, 9th May, 1896:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the House.
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**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:—

- Newport, Godolphin, and Saint Lawrence Tramways Bill.
- 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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

- Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Companies Bill be now read the third time;

- Sir Henry Fowler, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time; and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill, and the Bill was passed.

- Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

- Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Donegal Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration Donagh Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Ordered, That the Foyle College and Londonderry Academical Institution (Amalgamation) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the William Hancox and Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, relating to Training Colleges for the year 1895.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the House of Commons for Wednesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (India Office, Retirement at 65) be printed.

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

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Bill 225, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (India Office, Retirement at 65), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

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

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend Section Sixty-one of the Leeds Hydraulic Power Act, 1886; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for reconstituting the Company of Free Fishers and Dredgers of Whitstable, in the County of Kent; and for altering and enlarging their Powers, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Port Talbot Railway and Docks Company to construct new Railways and Works in the Ogmore Valleys, in the County of Glamorgan; to acquire the Morfa Railway and the Cefn and Pyle Railway, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Leeds Hydraulic Power Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension) 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 resuming 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 Education 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"—(Mr. Asquith); And the Question being again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration 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 Military Lands Act (Ireland) (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Commissioners' Names Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Telegraf Money Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Berriew School 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 Cabs (London) Bill; (In the Committee.)

Clauses.

Clause, No. 2 (Power for driver to require hirer to produce fare [see 1 & 2 Bill, 4, c. 22, s. 35]). Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; Question put, and negatived.

Clause, No. 3 (Repeal of 16 & 17 Vic. c. 33, s. 18). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 Teachers' Registration Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) 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 Agricultural Land Rating 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 Merchant Shipping Acts 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 Mines (Stannary Court) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freshwater Fisheries Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 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 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 Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Pearson, Mr. Francis Strowen, Fishery Acts son, and Mr. Taylor were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Fishery Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill.—(Capt.  

Mr. Hasbury, Mr. McGhee, and Colonel Boyle Waring were nominated Members of the Select Navigation Committee on the Boyle Navigation Transfer Bill.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post Office a Return showing the Number of Telephone Exchanges which the Post Office has in the United Kingdom, with the Number of Subscribers and the Rates charged to Subscribers, stated separately for each Exchange for the year 1894.—(Mr. Proeed.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 12th May, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

THE Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Manchester, Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Manchester Manchester Ship Canal Bill be now read the third time;  
Mr. Jesse Collings, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Maj-esty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read the Rotherham Corporation third time, and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill, and the Bill was passed, with Amendments.

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 Waterford Corporation Bill was read the Waterford Corporation third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bournemouth 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 Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Foyle and Londonderry Academical Institution (Amalgamation) Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Inspection) was twice read, and made part of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was read in Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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 Burgess of Dublin:—And then he withdrew.

And the said Petition, praying for the Grant of an Amnesty to Political Prisoners convicted upon Charges having reference to insurrectionary movements in Ireland, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers and Correspondence relating to the Importation of Animals from New Zealand.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-second Annual Report by the Chief Inspector of the Scotch Education Department, of the Northern Division of Scotland, for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1707 to 1713.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of India, for 1895-96, compared with the Results of 1894-95. Copy of the Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India for 1894-95.

Copy of the Home Accounts of the Government of India,—1. An Account of the Proceeds of the Indian Home Accounts from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895:—2. Report of the Auditor upon the Indian Home Accounts from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895, prepared and submitted to Parliament and to the Secretary of State in Council, in pursuance of 52nd section of Act 21 & 22 Vic. c. 106:—3. Report of the Auditor of the Indian Home Accounts on the Indian Debt raised in the year 1895 and 31st March 1896; the Debt and Charge created in the year 1895 and 31st March 1896; the Debt and Charge incurred on account of the Royal Indian Engineering College during the year ending 31st March 1895:—6. Account of the Charges and Receipts in respect of the Indian Troop Service during the year ended 31st March 1895:—7. Comparison of the Estimated and Actual Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of India for the year 1895, the Debt and Charge created in the year 1895 and 31st March 1896:—8. Estimated Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of India for the year 1896:—9. Statement showing New or increased Salaries, or Pensions granted or created in England between 1st April 1895 and 31st March 1896:—10. Account showing the Total Amount of Indian Debt raised in England, the Annual Charge thereof, and the Indian Railway Annuities, on the 31st March 1895, the Debt and Charge created in the year ended 31st March 1896; the Debt and Charge reduced in that year; and the Total Amount of Debt, the Annual Charge thereof, and the Indian Railway Annuities on the 31st March 1896:—11. List of the Establishment of the Secretary of State in Council of India; and Estimate of the Amount required in the Receipts ending 31st March 1897 to pay the Salaries and other Expenses of the India Office and of the Office of the Auditor of the Accounts of the Secretary of State in Council of India.

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

Sir John Kenyon reported the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, with Amendments:

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

Sir John Kenyon reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway Bills: That, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Moores from the Committee on Selection, reported to have discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:

Mr. Carson, Mr. Taton Egerton, Sir Charles Hall, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Stoddy Hill, Mr. MacNelly, Mr. John Morley, Mr. Davey, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Walton; and had appointed in substitution:

Colonel Blundell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Figys, Mr. Vay.cy Gibbs, Mr. Power, Mr. Routh, Mr. Steck, Mr. Strutt, Mr. Ur, and Sir William Wadebury.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Waterford Independent Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Archdeaconry Bill, to the Endowment of the Archdeacon of Cornwall; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Juvenile Offenders Bill, to the Whipping of Juvenile Offenders; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Retirement of Vestrymen and Auditors in London; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Navigation Commissioners Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Harbours and Harbours Bill, to empower the Harbours and Harbours Bill, and to contain Running Powers, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An 5th Llanelli Harbour and Barry Navigation Commissiones to construct a Dock and New Cut for the River Llido and other Works for the Improvement of the Port and Harbour of Llanelli, and to borrow Money, with the consent of the Urban District Council of Llanelli, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Barry Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Llanelly Harbour 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 being put, That the Proceedings on the Second Reading of the Education Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this day, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Situations of the House

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Yea, [Mr. Austruther;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
Noe, [Mr. M. Arthur;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better Housing of Farm Servants in Scotland: And that Dr. Clark, Mr. M'Loud, Sir William Weldellburn, and Dr. Farquharson do prepare, and bring in it.

Dr. Clark accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the better Housing of Farm Servants in Scotland: And the same was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming 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 Education 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.

Wednesdays, 13th May, 1886:
Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put:"

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Yea, [Mr. Austruther;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
Noe, [Mr. M. Arthur;]

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Yea, [Mr. Austruther;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
Noe, [Mr. M. Arthur;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration 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 Teachers' Registration Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Committee on the Finance Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (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 Stipendiary Magistrates (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 Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cabs (London) Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Committee on the Agricultural Land Rating Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 3rd day of March last; That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon the 12th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mining Easements Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Reinstatement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Spurious Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretaries of Grand Juries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace 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 Letting of Sporting Rights 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 Abattoirs 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 Spurious Sports 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 Colonial Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Incumbents of the Committee on the Incumbents of Benevolent Loans Extension Bill (Ireland).

Ordered, 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 before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Wednesday, 13th May, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Leamington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portsmouth Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Sanitary Districts of Queens, Larne, Manorhamilton, and Donegal: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Oakwood, Sandown and Shanklin, Tiverton, and Uxbridge Joint District: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Ardveriston and Church, Birmingham Tame and Roe, Darenth Valley, and Richmond (Surrey) United Districts: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Pu
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill. Bill 230.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Oakwell, Sandown and Shanklin, Tiverton, and Uxbridge Joint Hospital Districts; 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill. Bill 231.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Accrington and Church, Birmingham Town and Res, Darenth Valley, and Richmond (Surrey) United Districts: 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.

Public Petitions.

Vide Ninth Report.

Education Fee Grants (England, Scotland, and Ireland), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 178.

East India (Estimate) Bill.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Estimate), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 179.

East India (Home Accounts) Bill.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Home Accounts), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 180.


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

Tweed and Solway Fishery (Royal Commission.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Income Tax under Schedule (C).

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

Inquiry into Charities (Parish of Halifax, including County Borough of Halifax.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in the Parish of Halifax, including the County Borough of Halifax, into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1884, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that Parish, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1887; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report—

(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Leeds Corporate Committee on the Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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 thereto.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported the Buenos Ayres and Ensenada Port Railway Company Bill, with an Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (Southport to Leeds Junction Railway Transfer) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Arthur Pease reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh Extension Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Bexhill Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Louther reported the British Gaslight Company (Norwich) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill; that they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committees do not sit To-morrow, (Ascension Day, until Two of the clock— (Mr. Balfour). —
The House divided.
The Yeas as follow:

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austrafer]
108.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George, Nos, Mr. Causton]
278.

Mr. Chaplin rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have Power to insert Provisions to extend the operation of the Bill to Ireland—[Mr. Knox]—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

At this juncture, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report.

The Yeas as follow:

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austrafer]

Tellers for the [Mr. Knox, Nos, Mr. Lough]

Question put accordingly, That the Bill (as amended) be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas, Mr. Causton]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Nos, Mr. Causton]

Question put accordingly, That the words "five" stand part of the proposed Amendment.

And, it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 14th May, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report of the Select Committee on the Teachers' Registration Bill;

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 of the Select Committee on the Teachers' Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Guildford 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 Blackpool Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The London County Council (Vasall Bridge Tramways) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The North British Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The William Hancock and Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Leamington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Blackpool and Kingstown Drainage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 confirm two Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary Districts of Larnie and Scariff: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm two Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary Districts of Larnie and Scariff: 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.

A Petition of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Further Powers on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company for the completion of their authorised Railways, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Income Tax under Schedule (C.), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Hauy portrayed, by Her Majesty's Charity Commission, — Copy of Report of the Charity mission (Welsh Commissioners for England and Wales) of their Proceedings under "The Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889" (1885)." ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie portrayed, by Her Majesty's Navigation and Commerce, — Copy of Annual Statement of the Shipping, Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1805. Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Comptroller Patent Office, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1805. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out of Urgent Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Bristol, in the room of Sir John Peake, G.C.M.G., who, since his election for the said City of Bristol, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstede, in the County of York.

(Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. James William Loutcher reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Loutcher reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Sir Charles Daley reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Land Tax: A Return showing the quota of Land Tax payable in each County in England and Wales.

(Rev. Mr. Humphrys-Owen.)

Mr. Poyse reported from the Committee on Edinburgh Improvement and Tramways Bill; That they had examined the Petitions contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, 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.
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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond,

Yea,

Mr. Anstruther: 159.

Nees,

Mr. Luttrell, 70.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “occupier,” to insert the words “and owner.”—(Mr. Channing.)

Question proposed, That the words “and owner” be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Henry Fowler),—put, and agreed to.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leaether 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 Second Reading of the Teachers’ Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1 (Exemption of Agricultural Land from half of rates to which this Act applies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5 and 6, to leave out the words “thirty-first day of March next after the passing of this Act," in order to insert the words “thirtieth day of September One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six,”—(Mr. Lloyd-George),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond,

Yea,

Mr. Anstruther: 278.

Nees,

Mr. David Thomas, 139.

Mr. Lloyd-George: 139.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “Act,” to insert the words “Where, on a comparison of the assessment in operation on the thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, with respect to any agricultural land with the assessment in operation with respect to the same land on the thirty-first day of March One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, there has been a decline of not less than one-fifth of the amount of the last-named assessment, then in every such case.”—(Mr. McKenna).

Question put, That the words “Where, on a comparison of the assessment in operation on” be there inserted.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Chaplin rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put” but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Question put; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Mr. McKenna,

Yea,

67.

Mr. James Stuart,

Nees,

Mr. Anstruther: 179.

Mr. Luttrell, 70.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words “the occupier,” in order to insert the words “every owner,”—(Mr. Luttrell),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words “the occupier” stand part of the Clause; 151.
Animals Bill.

Diseases of Animals Bill.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Diseases of Animals Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Barrie School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barrie School Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Telegraph Money Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Local Government (Alder-shot and Farnborough) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Alder-shot and Farnborough) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Public Offices (Site) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Tithe Redemption Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

Contempt of Court Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contempt of Court Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next.

District Abolition and Substitution Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Second Reading of the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Second Reading of the County Auditors Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Women Bar Second Reading of the Women Bar Assistants (Limitation of Hours) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Acts (Amendment) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill. 
upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 to No 5, agreed to.
Two Clauses added.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley 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 Steam Engines Second Reading of the Steam Engines (Persons in Charge) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Acquisition of Second Reading of the Acquisition of Land (Local Authorities) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise Franchise (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Street Noises Second Reading of the Street Noises Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Laws Second Reading of the Licensing Laws Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cathedral Second Reading of the Cathedral Churches Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

Cemeteries Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next.

Burials Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

Vehicles (Lights) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act (1887) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses' Hours of Closing (Scotland) Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Highways Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Local Government (Highways) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Highways) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prisoners' Evidence Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Rating of Machinery Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of April last, That the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 1st day of July next.

Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Working of the Fair Wages Resolution of February 1891, and its Administration by the various Government Departments.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Allison, Mr. Banbury, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Buchan, Mr. Sydgye Buxton, Sir William Codlington, Mr. Davitt, Sir Charles Dille, Sir Arthur Forwood, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Muckleon, Secretary Mr. Matthew White Ridley, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Powell-Williams.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till five-and-twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day until Four of the clock during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:—

Leeds Hydraulic Power Bill.

Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Plymouth Rectory Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hfacoabe 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 Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Donegal Railway Bill was read the third time; and the verbal Amendment was made to the Bill, and the Bill was passed.

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

The Foyle College and Landsdowne Academical Institution (Amalgamation) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Arrangements with the Postmaster General) 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 London Sea Water Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of the Epsom Urban District Council) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Strand Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Local Government to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the Sligo Union: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Local Government to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the Sligo Union: And that Mr. Arthur General for Ireland and Mr.
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Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Ports of Colchester, Manchester, Newcastle, North Shields, Plymouth, South Shields, and Weymouth: 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. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of the Sligo Union; 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.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Railway Commissioners (Billings). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report from the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Conditions of Labour in the Manufacture of Brass and of kindred Amalgams.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Major Law on Manufacture of Brass and of kindred Amalgams.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Water Provisional Orders Bill, No. 184.

Mr. Ritchie 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 Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie 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 Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
the evidence of James Graham of Ormeau, Belfast, was essential to their case; and 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 James Graham do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That James Graham do attend the Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Tuesday next, on the Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir John Monbery reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee, namely: Mr. Stock; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Staley Hill.

Sir John Monbery further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Sir William Howleworth and Mr. Samuel Smith; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Johnson-Ferguson and Mr. Kenyon.

Resolved, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the working of Tramways by Local Authorities: And that Mr. Scheun, Mr. Cowlery, Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson, and Mr. Channing do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the purposes of Tithe Redemption: And that Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Channing, Mr. Hobhouse, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Lambert do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Act, 1891, and the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892; And that Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Dale, Mr. Haldane, and Mr. Orr-Ewing do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Scheun presented a Bill to facilitate the working of Tramways by Local Authorities; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jeffrey presented a Bill for the purposes of Tithe Redemption: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to amend the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Act, 1891, and the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

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

In the Committee.


1. £2,543,200, to defray the Expense of Naval Armaments.

2. £618,400, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith.

3. £1,369,600, to defray the Expense of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.

4. £1,156,200, to defray the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

5. £10,600, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £81,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Educational Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. £63,300, to defray the Expenses of Scientific Services.

7. £229,800, to defray the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve, Reserve of Retired Officers, Seamen Pensioners, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.

8. £189,200, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £236,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. £749,000, to defray the Expense of Half Pay, Reserved, and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines.

10. £1,030,100, to defray the Expense of Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances.

11. £324,400, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuitues.

12. £69,300, to defray the Expense necessary to be provided for under the Arrangement made between the Imperial and Australasian Governments, for the protection of Floating Trade in Australasian Waters.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Louther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Money 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 Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being...
being proposed. That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Berriew School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Surgery Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Surgery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Local Government (Alder and Farnborough) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Alder and Farnborough) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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.

Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House re-committed) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cabs (London) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 3.

Question again proposed, That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill; Question put, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 4 (Meaning of cab, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 115).

Question proposed, That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Patrick M'Hugh)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley 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.

Public Offices (Site) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to amend the
Laborers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1892:
And the same was read the first time; and or-
dered to be read a second time upon Tuesday
the 2nd day of June 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 Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 18th May, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report
from one of the Examiners of Petitions
for Private Bills, That, in the case of the
following 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, viz.:—
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional
Order (No. 6) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional
Order (No. 7) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time
To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Fylde Water Bill; and the same were twice read,
and, with an Amendment thereto, agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House
doth desire the concurrence of their
Lordships.

The Belfast Street Tramways Bill was read
the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Southern and Western Railway
Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Portsmouth Street Tramways Bill was
read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Leamington Corporation Bill was read
the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bexhill Water and Gas Bill was read the third time,
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into con-
sideration the Bexhill Water and Gas 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 considera-
tion the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage
Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;
and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the
Local Government Board for Ireland, under the
Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of Listowel:
And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and
Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and
bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Govern-
ment Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the
Local Government Board relating to the Coun-
ties of Bedford, Chester, Isle of Ely, Essex, Flint,
Gloucester, Hereford, Huntington, Middlesex,
West Suffolk, and Wilts: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and
bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the
Local Government Board relating to Aberconwy, (No. 14.)
Aston-under-Lyne, Derby, Hexham, and Staly-
bridge, and to the Braintree and Bideford and Riber-
ley Joint Hospital Districts: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Govern-
ment Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the
Local Government Board, under the Housing
of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to Working
Birkhead Classes.)
Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill. Bill 240.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of Listowel: 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill. Bill 242.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City of Oxford and the Parish of Whitechapel: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City of Oxford and the Parish of Whitechapel: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.


Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Aberavon, Ashton-under-Lyne, Derby, Hexham, and Stalybridge, and to the Breistree and Keighley District Joint Hospital Districts: 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill. Bill 244.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Abergavenny, Ashton-under-Lyne, Derby, Hexham, and Stalybridge, and to the Breistree and Keighley District Joint Hospital Districts: 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill. Bill 245.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to Birkenhead and Leeds: 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill. Bill 246.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City of Oxford and the Parish of Whitechapel: 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.

Plymouth Recency.

A Petition of the Lord Bishop of Truro and of Frederick John Horrison, M.P. for the Borough of Penryn and Falmouth, and of the Corporations of Falmouth, and of the Reverend Egerton Christopher, Rector of Falmouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Collection and Appropriation of the Falmouth Rector's Rate, and for a Permanent Suspension or Abolition of the same, and for annexing to the Sac of Truro the Advowson of the Rectory of Falmouth, and for other purposes, was presented, and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Two Orders under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, relating to the Conveyance of Animals by the Steamships "Falkland" and "Specialist." Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, —Return to an Order, Land Tax, dated the 14th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Land Tax. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, —Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Education in the Royal Victoria Schools, Limerick (Correspondence). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, —Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Trade Interest, No. 397. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the Technical directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Minutes by the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education under the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Act for the following Counties, &c. :—

County of Buckingham (Seventh Minute), dated 4th March 1896;
County of Cornwall (Sixth Minute), dated 24th March 1896;
County of the West Riding of Yorkshire (Fifth Minute), dated 24th March 1896;
County of Glamorgan (Fourth Minute), dated 25th March 1896;
Chichester Union (Conveyance of Animals) (Second Minutes), dated 22nd April 1896;
Borough of Tunbridge Wells (Second Minute), dated 24th April 1896;
County of Durham (Fifth Minute), dated 2nd May 1896;
County of Rutland (Second Minute), dated 2nd May 1896;
County of the Isle of Peterborough (Sixth Minute), dated 9th May 1896.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1714 to 1717.

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Trade Interests, No. 397. 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 Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Documents in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, which are not considered of sufficient public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 Member for the County of Somerset (Frame Division), in the room of the Honourable Thomas Henry Thynne, commonly called Viscount Weymouth, now Marquis of Queensberry.
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The Order for reading a second time, To-Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Accountants Wednesday next, the Accountants Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of June next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Northumberland made by this House to the Rotherham Corporation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to facilitate the Citation of sundry Acts of Bill (Lords.), and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to authorise the Burntisland Harbour Commissioners to construct a Wet Dock and other Works; to provide for an alteration of the Constitution of the Commissioners, to confer on Lands, and upon that Company and the Caledonian Railway Company, and the Magistrates and Town Council of Burntisland further Powers with reference to the Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and upon that Company and the Caledonian Railway Company with respect to their Joint Undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.: The effect of the Indian Cotton duties as recently rearranged which increase the burden of taxation imposed upon the poorest classes of Indian consumers; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:—

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the House was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion.

Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Act with respect to the Powers of Port Sanitary Authorities; and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring in it.

And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring in a Bill to impair the Powers of Port Sanitary Authorities:—

Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. David Thomas.)

Ordered, That the Motion be now put;—

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther:—

Mr. Price:—

Noes, Mr. Anstruther:—

Mr. Price:—

Noes, Mr. Anstruther:—

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "land," to insert the words "and buildings."—(Mr. Luttrell.)

Question proposed, That the words "occupier," to insert the words "and owner."—(Mr. Channing.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Channing:—

Mr. Francis Stevenson:—

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anstruther:—

Mr. Anstruther:—

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "land," to insert the words "and buildings."—(Mr. Luttrell.)

Question proposed, That the words "and buildings" be there inserted:— Debate arising;
Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Naval Armaments.
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,543,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1897.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £618,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Bursaries of Seamen, Grants-in-Aid, and other Charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,369,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £136,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, including the cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £63,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Miscellaneous Effective Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £229,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve, Reserve of Retired Officers, Seamen Pensioners, and Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £189,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half-Pay, Reserved, and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £749,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Civil Pensions and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,030,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £324,490, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £69,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense necessary to be provided for under the Arrangement made between the Imperial and Australasian Governments, for the protection of Floating Trade in Australasian Waters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

The said Resolutions being read a second time;

The first Two Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Third Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Dr. Tanner, and directed him to discontinue his Speech.

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

Then the subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Comorers Committee on the Comorers (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Acquisition of Land (Local Authorities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence 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 Criminal Law Procedure Bill: (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Separation of jurors and adjournments of trial).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; and, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart Wortley 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, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of June next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Persons in Charge of Steam Engines and Boilers: And that Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Earl Compton, Colonel Denney, General Sir Henry Hardwicke-Allen, Mr. Fetherick, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Poultney, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Scott do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Act with respect to the Powers of Port Sanitary Authorities: And the Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph A. Pease presented a Bill to grant Certificates to Persons in Charge of Steam Engines and Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

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, 19th May, 1896.

The House met at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Gas Provisional Orders Bill.
Water Provisional Orders Bill.

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

A Motion being made, That the Baker Street Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Ashbury, in Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Birmingham Corporation Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 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 London Sea Water Supply Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Sheffield Tramways Bill was read the Sheffield Tramway third time, and passed, with a New Title, as ways Bill.

An Act to extend the Agreement scheduled [New Title.] to the Sheffield Tramways Act, 1872, and to authorise the winding-up voluntarily of the Sheffield Tramways Company.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to London and Northern Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Cambrian Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed. The
The Order of the day being read, the Second Reading of the Westminster Improvements Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisioinl Order (Strabane Canal) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Caledonian and Crinan Canals) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Burwell Fen, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, relating to New Ross and Wexford super-Mare : And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hobden do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, relating to New Ross and Wexford super-Mare : 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.

The Order made upon the 18th day of February last, That the London County Council (Finance) Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

The Return relative to the Land Tax, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant May, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of General Reports to the Education Department by the Chief Inspector of the West Central and North Western Divisions for the year 1895.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Brakes, for the Six Months ending the 31st December 1895.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1718 to 1724.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Male and Female Inmates of Metropolitan Workhouses and Infirmaries on the 1st day of June 1896 who had been educated wholly or in part in Metropolitan separate or District Poor Law Schools during the past 30 years, distinguishing those who had been Inmates of such Schools respectively for less than One Year, for more than One Year but less than Three, for more than Three but less than Five Years, and for more than Five Years, and further distinguishing those who have become chargeable through Sickness or permanent Mental or Bodily Infirmity from those who have become chargeable by their own default. —(Lord Hartington.)

Sir John Kennaway reported from the Committee on the City and South London Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 24th April 1896, the Committee had inserted such Provisional Orders in the Bill as appeared to them reasonable for the Preservation of the Church of St. Mary Woolnoth, without preventing the Construction of the Railway and Station authorised by the City and South London Railway Act, 1893.

Sir John Kennaway further reported from the Committee ; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, Orders : which were read, as follow :—

1. That, in the case of the Vale of Glamorgan, Vale of Glamorgan be dispensed with ; that the Parties be permitted Railway to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Falmouth Rectory, Falmouth 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 Kilmarnock Corporation Water, Petition for leave to deposit Corporation a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with ; that the Parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

4. That,
4. That, in the case of the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) [Woking Order], Petition of the “Right Honourable the Earl of Onslow” for dispensing with Standing Order 129, in the case of his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company for the completion of some one and the same Newspaper of the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk respectively.

Mr. Pearse-Fitzgerald further reported from the Committee; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

No. 190. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Tramways (Local Authorities) Bill, was read and discharged.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding the Rating of certain Cemeteries: And that Mr. Stephens, Mr. Bigwood, Captain Bonac, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Hozell do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Cox, Mr. Renshaw, and Sir Leonard Lytell were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Orkney and Zetland Small Tiers and Harbours Bill. (Sir Leonard Lytell.)

Mr. Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Rating of certain Cemeteries: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of June next; and to be printed. Vol. 151. 59 Victoria. 19th May. 231

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Land Rating Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Exemption of agricultural land from half of Rates to which this Act applies).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “land,” to insert the words “and buildings.”—(Mr. Latrell.)

Question again proposed, That the words “and buildings” be there inserted.—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end to add the words “used solely for agricultural purposes.”—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

Question, That the words be added to the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Question put, That the words “and buildings” be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Latrell, 63.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, 326.]

Mr. Austruther:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “land,” to insert the words “as other than accommodation land as hereinafter defined.”—(Mr. David Thomas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “in” to insert the words “for agricultural purposes.”—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Bulfin rose in his place, and claimed to move “That the Question, That the words of the Clause down to the words ‘one-half,’ in l. 8, stand part of the Clause, be now put”; and Question put, That the Question, That the Words of the Clause down to the words ‘one-half,’ in l. 8, stand part of the Clause, be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 118.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther:

Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, 64.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “in” to insert the words “for agricultural purposes.”—(Mr. David Thomas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Channing moved, That the Chairman decline to vote, and sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words “one-half” in order to insert the words “three-quarters.”—(Mr. David Thomas.)

Question put, That the words “one-half” stand part of the Clause; and

Yeas, 664

N°es, 73.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.)


Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Laweson 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 West Highland Railway (Guarantees) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Animals Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Laweson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to move, That the Committee do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Sir John Brunner.)

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Chaplin rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the Committee was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Sir John Brunner.)

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Chaplin rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put";

Question put, "That the Question be now put";

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond];

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther];

Noes, [Mr. Broadhurst];

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And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Longeher reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Public Health, and passed the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money 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 Berriew School Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary 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 Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, resolved into a Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Application of Act not to invalidate instruments of security. Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 taking Law Agents into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill, 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 Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Procedure Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Public Health in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Wallasey Urban District Council to construct a Promenade and other Works; to acquire certain Lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the Midland Railway Company, and the London and North Western Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested for amalgamating the Abbotsbury, Mach Venloch and Severn Junction, Mauchline and Dalmellington Railways Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill.

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other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Drogheda, to provide for the Transfer to the Corporation of Drogheda of the Undertaking of the Drogheda Waterworks Company, to authorise the issue of Corporation Stock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Preston to construct further Works, to borrow additional Moneys for the purposes of the Ribble Navigation and Preston Dock Undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Wallasey Urban District Council Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Manchester Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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The Drogheda Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

**Wednesday, 20th May, 1896.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

**Prayers.**

The Strand Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:—

An Act to authorise the widening of the Strand, and the taking of Lands in the Parishes of Saint Martin's-in-the-Fields and Saint Clement Danes, and for other purposes.

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

The Leeds Hydraulic Power Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Whitstable Oyster Fishery Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company for the completion of their authorised Railways, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order (Strabane Canal) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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

The Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Canal Tolls Order (Burwell Fen, &c.) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Military Lands Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892; and that Mr. Brodrick and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Brodrick accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892; 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.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1897, made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—An Account in charge and discharge of Fees on County Treasurers' Accounts received by the Local Government Board for Ireland for the year ended 25th March 1896, pursuant to 1st Vic. c. 54, s 19.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Workhouses, a Return showing, in respect of each Workhouse &c., and separate Workhouse Infirmary in England and Wales, the Number of Persons occupying the Wards for the Sick on the 1st day of June 1896 (distinguishing the Sick and Bedridden from those who are Aged and Infirm only), the Number of Paid Officers acting as Nurses (distinguishing those who, prior to their appointment by the Guardians, had received any training in nursing from those who had no previous training prior to Appointment, and who are now as Probationers, or otherwise, receiving training in nursing), and the Period or average Period of Tenure of Office of such Officers, excluding those who had not received training in nursing prior to Appointment; also the Number of Pauper Inmates who assist in the personal care of the Sick, &c., included in the Return, distinguishing the Number of those who are Convalescent Patients.—(Mr. Ashborn.)

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "rate," to insert the words, "(a) which is assessed under the Act of the forty-third year of Elizabeth, chapter two, for the relief of the poor."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the Committee was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion;—thereupon Mr. Baldwin withdrew his Motion, and Debate resumed.

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—The Committee divided;

Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, Yeas. 238.
Mr. Anstruther:
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes. 119.
Mr. M'Arthur:

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided;

Tellers for the: Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas. 112.
Mr. M'Arthur:
Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, Noes. 246.
Mr. Anstruther:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "rate," to insert the words "other than main roads, (a) which is assessed for "the maintenance of highways."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the words "wall embankment."—(Mr. Lawrence Hargre.)

Question proposed, That the words "wall embankment" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—(Mr. Joseph Pease:)

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—The Committee divided;

Mr. Anstruther:
Tellers for the: Herbert Lewis, Noes. 50.
Mr. Joseph Peace:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "hereditaments" to insert the words "(3) When any person receiving rent in respect of any agricultural land has agreed to pay rates, or is rated under the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869, or Acts amending the said Act, he shall for the purposes of the provisions of this Act be deemed to be the occupier."—(Mr. Lloyd-George:)

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "hereditaments," to insert the words "Provided always that this section shall not apply except in respect of land out of which owing to depression in agriculture no rent has for the three years next before the passing of this Act been derived."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided;

Tellers for the: Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas. 82.
Mr. Joseph Peace:
Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, Noes. 190.
Mr. Anstruther:

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The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

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

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Lord Salisbury's Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be a read second time.

The British Gaslight Company (Norwich) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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 Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with amendments.

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

The Metropolitan District Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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The Sheffield Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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The Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with amendments.

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The Metropolitan District Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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the Rural Sanitary District of Mullaghar; 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.

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

The Lord Advocate, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report by the Chief Inspector of the Scotch Education Department of the Western Division of Scotland for the year 1895.

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Voluntary Schools and School Boards.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1725.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities including County Boroughs of Halifax.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Rates of all Duties, Taxes, or Imposts collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Quantities or Amounts Taxed; (3) the Gross Receipts derived from each Duty; and (4) the Net Receipts and Appropriation thereof in the year ending the 31st day of March 1891. And (1) the aggregate Gross Receipts derived from all such Duties, Taxes, or Imposts under the principal Healds of Revenue; (2) the aggregate Net Receipts; (3) the Charges of Collection; and (4) the Produce after deducting those Charges, in each of the 10 years ending the 31st day of March 1891, (in continuation of Commercial No. 3, 1895).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Return.

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Mr. Ritchie 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 Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders inserted in the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) and (No. 3) Bills.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. John Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Truck Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

No. 196. 

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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_Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 4th day of June next; and be passed._

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations; That, in the case of the Brighton Improvements Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it agree with the facts; 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._

Sir John Kenmure reported from the Committee on the Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting recitals 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the County Lunatic Asylum (Water) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Port Albert Pier and Harbour Provisional Order; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London and Blackpool Pier and Harbour Provisional Order; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 10th March, the Provisional Orders Nos. 1, 2, 2A, and 2B, have been struck out of the Bill.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Blackpool Pier and Harbour Provisional Order; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 10th March, the Provisional Orders Nos. 1, 2, 2A, and 2B, have been struck out of the Bill.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Great Western Railway Company to make new Railways in the Counties of Wales and Gloucester, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the London, Brighton and South Western Railway Companies; to authorise certain Alterations of the Chipstead Valley Railway, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Great Western Railway Company to make new Railways in the Counties of Wills and Gloucester, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Badingham Railway, and to authorise Agreements between that Company and the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company and the London and North Western Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Great Western Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Gateshead Gas Company to purchase additional Lands, to make additional Works, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; 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 South Railway Bill, Eastern Railway Company, and to make further Provision with respect to their own Undertakings and other Undertakings in which they are interested, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amalgamate the Undertaking of the Rhymney Railway Company with the Undertaking of the Bute Docks Company; to change the Name of the Bute Docks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer the Undertaking of the Cornwall Minerals Railway Company to the Great Western Railway Company, and to empower the Great Western Railway Company to raise additional Capital; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Light Railway between Southport and Birkenhead; in the County of Lancashire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Taff Vale Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works and acquire Lands; to amend certain Provisions,

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House do meet To-morrow, at the House of Lords, and at Twelve of the clock—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 215.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. M'Arthur: 103.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this House on Petroleum. (Exemption from the Stand- ing Order.)

Clause, No. 2 (Payment out of Local Taxation Account in respect of deficiency arising from exemption).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the words "of the" to the word "there," in l. 21, in order to insert the words "difference between the amount which rates to which this Act applies would but for Section I of this Act produce, and the amount which after the passing of this Act such rate actually produces."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

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. 21, after the word "shall," to insert the words "during the continuance of this Act."—(Mr. Chaplin.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 232.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Dalziel: 90.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Land Rating Bill. (In the Committee.)

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Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 223.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, after the word "amount," to insert the words "not exceeding one million three hundred thousand pounds."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put:" Question put, "That the Question be now put:"—(Mr. Balfour.)

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 183.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. M'Arthur: 84.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Knox: 81.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther: 182.

Amendments made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out sub-section (3).—Mr. William Harcourt.

Question proposed, That the words from *The Commissioners,* in l. 1, to the word “account,” in l. 9, both inclusive, stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; but the Chairman withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the Committee was prepared shortly to come to a decision on the Question :-Debate resumed;

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond
Yea, 211.
Mr. Austrather.

Tellers for the Mr. Nussy.
Noes, 78.
Mr. William Allen.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—Mr. McLaren.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Banbury rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”;

Question put, “That the Question be now put”;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond
Yea, 208.
Mr. Austrather.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis.
Noes, 81.
Mr. Austrather.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis
Yea, 80.
Mr. M'Arthur.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond.
Noes, 907.
Mr. Herbert Lewis.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Contributions from more than one parish).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word “raised,” to insert the words “from each separate parish.”—Mr. Lloyd-George.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George.
Yea, 198.
Mr. Austrather.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis.
Noes, 75.
Mr. M'Arthur.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond
Yea, 201.
Mr. Austrather.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis.
Noes, 75.
Mr. Broadhurst.

Mr. Chaplin claimed to move, “That the Question That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill,” be now put.

Question put, “That the Question That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill,” be now put.—Mr. Speaker.

The Tellers were named : Ayes, Sir William S. O. Closure
Mr. Anstruther and Mr. Austrather; Noes, Mr. Thomas Ellis and Mr. M'Arthur; and the Committee proceeded to a Division, but several Members Members declined to leave the House to go into the Division Lobby to be told, in disregard of the authority of the Chair. Thereupon the Chairman resumed the Chair to report their conduct to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That several Members, including Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Dillon, and Dr. Tarner, had, in disregard of his authority, declined to leave the House when directed by him to go into the Division Lobby.

Mr. Speaker called on the honourable Members to explain their conduct, and they declaring their intention to persist in resisting the authority of the Chair, and Mr. Donald Salter having associated himself with them in their action, the
Five Members were named together by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Dillon, Dr. Tanner, and Mr. Donal Sullivan be suspended from the service of the House—(Sir Balfour):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] 209.

Tellers for the [Mr. Broadhurst,] 58.

Mr. Speaker directed Members to withdraw, and they withdrew accordingly.

Thereupon the House again resolved itself into Committee on the Bill.

The Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again ;—Debate resumed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther,] 192.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,] Noes, [Mr. M'Arthur,] 64.

Mr. James O'Connor succeeded to a Division, and Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. M'Arthur, and Mr. Anstruther voted for, and Mr. Byron Reed, Mr. Thomas Ellis, and Mr. M'Arthur against the motion; and the Committee were divided.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 16, to leave out the words "for the purpose of the "returns."—(Mr. Pickersgill):

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,] Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther,] 189.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill,] Noes, [Mr. Stuart,] 61.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, after the word "overseers," to insert the words "and by any aggrieved ratepayer."—(Mr. Pickersgill):

Question put, That those words be there added.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Churton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but claimed, but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question—Debate resumed.

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Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 28, after the last Amendment, to add the words "or "land which has at any time to the knowledge of the Committee or Council settling the list of basis or valuation been offered or advertised as "building land."—(Sir John Brunner.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 10, agreed to.

New Clause (Act not to apply to municipal or county boroughs)—Mr. Mundella, 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.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lovett reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon the 1st day of June next, and be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday, 1st June, and that so much as Government Business is disposed of Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Manoeuvres Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday, 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Amendment Bill; Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Supply Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means; Ways and Means Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cabs (London) Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill; Cabs (London) Bill Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Amendment Bill; Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill, upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Light Railways into consideration the Light Railways Bill, as Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Committee on the Stipendiary Magistrates (Ire.-Magistrates (Ireland)) Bill; Stipendiary Magistrates (Ire.-Magistrates (Ireland)) Bill Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mauchline, and Muirkirk, Manchline, and Dalnellington Railways 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 Chelsea Water Motion the Chelsea Water Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lambeth Water Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Ports) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Highland Railway (Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the House will, upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burghley Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Albertshott and Farborough) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of this day, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, it being then half-an-hour after One of the clock upon Friday afternoon, without Question put, till Monday the 1st day of June next.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 Official Secrets Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39 and 129 be Private Bills, suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order, or Provisional Certificate, be extended to this day, being the first day the House sits after the Whitsuntide recess.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:

Burwash Lane Harbour Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Monday, 1st June, 1896.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Kelty Water Provisional Order.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and any Acts amending the same, relating to Kelty Water; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Asprouther do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 15.) Bill was read the first time.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 16.) Bill was read the first time.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 17.) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Folkestone and Plymouth: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Urban District of Blackpool, and the Rural Districts of Chelmsford, Croydon, Morthy, and South Minnis: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Batley, Darlington, Haslemfordwest, Lancaster, Manchester, and Mountain Ash: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the County of Hartford, and the City of Liverpool (two): And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Battersea, Leicester, Oldham, Wigan, and Wolverhampton: 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.

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Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the County of Hartford, and the City of Liverpool (two); 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.

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of May last, for a Return relative to Elementary Education (Areas of Education Authorities).

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

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

Mr. Hothbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of April last, for a Return relative to Savings Banks (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 371, of Session 1895).

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of April last, for a Return relative to Contracts with Foreigners (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 250, of Session 1895).

Mr. Hothbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of I Return, showing up to 31st March 1896:—(I.) The Amount of Consolidated Stock; (II.) The Application of the Money raised by such Stock; (III.) The Application of the Consolidated Loans Fund; (IV.) The Application of the Consolidated Loans Fund: (V.) An Estimate of the Expenditure of the London County Council, for the year ending 31st March 1897:—Apex, II. Return showing up to 31st March 1896, (I.) All Moneys raised by the Metropolitan Board of Works and the London County Council, since the passing of the Act 38 & 39 Vic. cap. 65, for the purposes mentioned in the Act; and (II.) Particulars in relation to every Parish, District, Union, or Place, in respect whereof a Loan has been obtained from the Metropolitan Board of Works, or the London County Council, since the passing of the Act.

Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; showing the Amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the Old and New Sinking Funds, in the Financial Year ended 31st March 1896; also of the particular Application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 38 and 39 Vict. c. 45.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions for the year 1895.
Mr. Ritchie also presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of March last, for a Return relative to Medical Officers of Health.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Annual Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1726 to 1733.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Annual Reports for 1895, Nos. 165 (Gambia) and 166 (Bermuda).

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of February last for a Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports.

Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March last, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglo-Saxon) (Inquiries Held).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Accounts of the Medway Conservancy Board for the year 25th March 1895 to 25th March 1896.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland have applied or are applying Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical, and Manual Instruction) during the years 1894-95 and 1895-96, under the following Acts :—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890 ; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891 ; Higher Intermediate Education Act, 1889 ; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1887 ; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892 ; and Public Libraries Acts. (Sir John Gorst.)

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 Licences or other Documents, and their Cost, which have to be obtained by British Commercial Travellers, or the Agents of British Firms, before they can trade or solicit Orders in France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, and Norway, Portugal, Greece, the Ottoman Empire, the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Chili, Peru, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, Indo-China.—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Superannuation Allowances for the Assessor of Railways and Canals in Scotland, and for the Clerks and other Officers employed by him :—And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Asstruther do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to provide Superannuation Allowances for the Assessor of Railways and Canals in Scotland, and for the Clerks and other Officers employed by him :—And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed.
to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 4
—(Mr. Lough.)
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 [Sir William Walrond,
Yea, (Mr. Austruther : ) 161.
Mr. Caldwell,]
Noo, (Mr. Luttrell : ) 36.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tuesday, 2nd June, 1896:
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill.

Committee on the Finance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Committee on the Constitutional (Trade Disputes) 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 Public Offices (Site) Bill.
(re-committed)

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1 (Power to purchase land).
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Lloyd-George)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
and Mr. Stuart-Wortley 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 Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

(re-committed)

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill.

(London)

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 4 (Meaning of cab, 32 & 33 Vic.)
Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 5 (Short Title).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Land Rating 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 Committee on the Teachers' Registration 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 Official Secrets Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' 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 Be'erries School 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 Metropolitan Police Courts Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Reserve 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 Diseases of Animals Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 4th day of March last, That the Working Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Valuation and Assessment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 50th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Provident Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Out-door Provident Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 50th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Women Bar Assistants (Limitation of Hours) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence 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 Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) 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 Franchise and removal of Women's Disabilities Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Extension (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Personal Property (Exemption) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. VOL. 151.
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz. :—

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills (Lords) (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz. :—

Bristol Harbour and Market Bill.
Drogheda Corporation Bill.
East Surrey Water Bill.
London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.
Manchester Corporation Bill.
Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill.
Rother Valley (Light) Railway Bill.
South Eastern Railway Bill.
Wallasey Urban District Council Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Lords) (Standing Orders applicable thereto complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. :—

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 12) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

Private Bills (Lords) (Standing Orders applicable thereto previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. :—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Ports) Bill.
Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

Private Bills (Lords) (Standing Orders applicable thereto previously inquired into applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz. :—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 9) 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 Dudley Harbour Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 considera-
tion the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum (Water) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Falmouth Rectory Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Pier and Harbour Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Dunoon, Helensburgh, and Killybegs: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That Standing Order 1893 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Petition of the Highland Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the Highland Railway Bill, authorising the Company to raise additional Capital, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, Report.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Elementary Education (Areas of Education Authorities), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Medical Officers of Health, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) (Inquiries Held), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of May last, for a Return relative to Post Office (Telephone Exchanges).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, 1895–96, with Appendices.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th May 1896, declaring that for the efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Resident Commissioner of National Education in Ireland, Professional or other peculiar Qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Agriculture, under the Commons Act, 1876, upon an application for a Provisional Order for the Regulation of Darwen Moor, Lancashire.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1896, of Pensions specially granted under Acts 730, 1170, and 1207 of the Army Pay Warrant.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by the Assistant Secretary of the Marine Department to the Secretary of the Board of Trade upon the Site Tests used in the Mercantile Marine for the Sixteen Months ended 31st December 1895 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 7490]).

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract of Returns relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 276, of Session 1895) (as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities), for the year ended 31st December 1895.

An Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board, from the time of their incorporation under “The Harwich Harbour Act, 1883,” down to, and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1896; also, an Account of their Credits and Liabilities (as nearly as the same can be ascertained and estimated) down to, and inclusive of, such last-mentioned date; together with a Report of the Conservancy Board on their Proceedings and on the Works executed by them, and on the State of the Harbour, furnished by the said Conservancy Board to the Board of Trade, pursuant to “The Harwich Harbour Act, 1883,” Section 6. (As returned by the Conservancy Board to the Board of Trade.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for taking Light Railways bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on West Highland Railway (Guarantee).

In the Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee the interest, at the rate of Three per Cent. on £260,000 of the Capital of the West Highland Railway Company, and to pay a Sum of Money, not exceeding £30,000, to that Company; and to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes (Mr. Hanbury).

Mr. Strachey moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined (Abuse of Rules.)

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee thereupon to the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes.

Mr. Anstruther rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put";

Question put, "That the Question be now put";

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Broadhurst

Mr. Robert Wallace

Yeas

90.

Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond

(Porth);

Noes

A. Austen

202.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "and" to insert the words "(b) animals from any of Her Majesty's Colonies the landing of which is allowed by order of the Board without being subject, under the provisions of this Act, to slaughter or quarantine." (Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Thomas Ellis

Mr. M. Arthur

57.

Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond

Noes

A. Austen

140.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word "Act," to insert the words "(c) Sheep imported from Iceland" (Mr. Bryce.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment to leave out the words "imported from Iceland." (Mr. Price.)

Question proposed, That the words "imported from Iceland" stand part of the proposed Amendment;—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the words "(c) Sheep imported from Iceland" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Thomas Ellis

Mr. M. Arthur

42.

Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond

Noes

A. Austen

105.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond

Noes

A. Austen

170.

Tellers for the

Sir John Low

Noes

Francis Stevenson

74.

Clause No. 2, agreed to.

A Clause (Continuation of Act)—(Mr. Parker Smith)—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

Mr. Parker Smith

Mr. White

74.

Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond

Noes

A. Austen

168.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation 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 Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) 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 Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 5 (Short Title).

Question again proposed, That Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — put, and agreed to.

A Clause (Wife or husband may give evidence) — (Mr. Henry D. Greene;— brought up, and read the first and second time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be added to the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Whitaker)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lacombe reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres 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 15th day of March last, That the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burials Bill;

Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

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

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


Wednesday, 3rd June, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Glasgow Juvenile Delinquency Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Edinburgh Street Tramways 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 Northern London Cemetery Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Porte) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Public Petitions.

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

Vide Tenth Report.

Public Works Loan Board. No. 203.

Commons Act, 1876 (Darwen Moor, Lancashire.) No. 209.


Harwich Harbour. No. 211.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Porte) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Provincial Orders Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Public Works Loan Board, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Commonwealth Act, 1876 (Darwen Moor, Lancashire), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Pilotage, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Harwich Harbour, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant June, be printed.


Copy of Thirty-eighth Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for the year ending 15th March 1896. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Miners (Cause of Death in Colliery Explosions.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Causes of Death in Colliery Explosions and Underground Fires, with special reference to the Explosions at Tylorstown, Bronczech, and Mickfield, by John Haldane, M.D.

Copy of Summaries of Statistics relating to Mines and Quarries for the year 1895, together with List of Inspectors and Inspection Districts.

Reformatory and Industrial School Ships.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of May last, for Returns relative to Reformatory and Industrial School Ships.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council for the West Riding of Yorkshire, altering Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Copy of Order of the County Council of Southampton, altering the Havant, Michelmerh and North Baddesley, Hambleton, and Fareborough Polling Districts of the County.

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

Shop Hours Act (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 showing the Counties and Boroughs in which Inspectors have been appointed under the Shop Hours Act, 1893, and Number of Inspectors appointed, in the following form:

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(Mr. Flower.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making Provision for the construction of a Railway in Africa from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Proctorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda, and of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund and out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such Sums as may be necessary for that purpose.

Mr. Henbury, 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 Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Coal Mines Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Justices of the Peace Bill, be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Letting of Sporting Rights Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Spurious Sports Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant June.

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

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 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 taking Benefits Bill into consideration the Benefits Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Harry Foster.) And
And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (as to rights of presentation now vested in inhabitants or ratepayers)—(Mr. Macdonald); 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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (as to lapse of presentations)—(Mr. Warner); 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. Warner, Mr. Lloyd-George: 49.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Victor Cavendish: 116.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out Sub-section (1) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That Sub-section (1) of Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Griffith-Boosawen, Mr. Victor Cavendish: 202.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Leech: 22.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out Sub-section (2) (a) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the words "in the event of a" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the words "transfer or transmission," and inserting the word "sale"—(Mr. Henry D. Greene)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "transfer or transmission" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the word "passing," and inserting the word "commencement"—(Viscount Crawshorne)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "passing" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out from the word "Act" the word "made," in l. 17.—(Viscount Crawshorne.)

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And the Question being proposed, That the words "the right of presentation thereto" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Herbert Lewis moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned," but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose a Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put, That the words "the right of presentation thereto" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Warner, Mr. Griffith-Boosawen, Mr. Victor Cavendish: 64.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Griffith-Boosawen, Mr. Victor Cavendish: 190.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the remaining words down to the word "made," in l. 17, stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by leaving out the words "one year," and inserting the words "nine months"—(Viscount Crawshorne)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "one year" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "nine months" be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Act, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1, agreed to.

Clause No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3, agreed to.

Clause No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Woodhouse reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Committee on the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill:

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now adjourned.
Sir Charles Dilke, told the Select Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of May last, and the 1st day of this Instant June, and had ordered him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

**Thursday, 4th June, 1896.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**Prayers.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Reading Harbour and Railway Bill.
Gloucester and South Western and North British Railway Companies Bill.
Gloucester and South Western Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Bills were not applicable thereto, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Kilmarnock Corporation Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Kilmarnock Town Council of the Burgh of Kilmarnock, for Corporation Water Bill, was read the third time, and passed.

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

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A Motion
A Motion being made, That the *London and North Western Railway* Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Mandella, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The *Sheffield District Railway* Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the City and South *London Railway* Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The *East Coast and Norwich Railway* Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the *Eastbourne Water* Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The *Mersey Railway* Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mersey Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the consents of Local and Road Authorities in the case of the Chester-le-Street and Pelton Gaes Provisional Order.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the consent of the Hemel Hempstead Parish Council to the Grant of the Hemel Hempstead Water Provisional Order.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 5 of the Tramways Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the consent of the *Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Hyde and District Electric Tramways Provisional Order*.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Army (Half-pay Officers).

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 398 and 399.

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

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Select Committee on the *Boye Navigation Transfer Bill*; and that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out such portions thereof as seemed unnecessary, and had taken evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and had found the Preamble, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-a Clayman of the Lords, and desire their concurrence, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instants June.

The Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

John Emmott Barlow, Esquire, Member for New, and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law, and in accordance therewith.

The House proceeded to take into further consideration the *Light Railways* Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 6, by inserting, after the words “railway company,” the words “and that the railway company has not imposed any terms or conditions as to rates or otherwise as in the opinion of the Board of Trade are unfair or oppressive to the district.”—(Mr. Strachey.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Anstruther... 183.

Tellers for the [Mr. Strachey, Yeas, 85, Mr. Broadhurst]:

Tellers for the [Sir William Walbcd, Mr. Anstruther]:

Yeas... 85.

Noes... 183.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 11, by leaving out paragraph (c) of Sub-section (1) of Clause 5.—(Mr. Calcutt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words from “(c) Where,” in l. 10, to “railway,” in l. 19, both inclusive, stand part of the Bill.—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 19, by leaving out from the...
word "railway" to the end of paragraph (c), and inserting the words "and the said period may, from time to time, be extended by an amending order under the provisions of this Act, after due notice to the local and rating authority of every such parish, and after an opportunity afforded them to be heard."—(Mr. Caldwell), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words be there inserted ; the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 29, by inserting, after the word "period," the words "(d) If at any time within ten years after the opening of the railway in respect of which a special advance is made as a free grant, its net receipts produce a return equal to three per cent. on the capital invested in the railway by the company, the said company shall refund to the Treasury the amount so advanced."—(Mr. Lloyd-George). And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted ;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 28, by leaving out the words "two hundred and,"—(Mr. Streathe). And the Question being put, That the words "two hundred and" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst, 
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
Yea's, 232. 
Mr. Anstruther: 
Noes, 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 29, by leaving out the words "special advances," and inserting the words "free grants."—(Dr. Clark), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "special advances" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "order," the words "or any portion thereof."—(Mr. Streathe). And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted ;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "amount so advanced."—(Mr. Lloyd-George), instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Reashoe, 
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
Yea's, 167. 
Mr. Anstruther: 
Noes, 70.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 39, by inserting after the word "Act," the words "Provided that there shall be no variations of the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts except such as appear to the Board of Trade to be required by the special circumstances of the case, and where any such variation is made the Board of Trade shall make a special report to Parliament on the subject."—(Mr. Channing). And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "purpose," the words "and where a light railway forms a junction with an existing railway, any right to any necessary facilities for transhipment and through traffic, and to admission of the cost of services and of the rates and charges received therefrom."—(Mr. Channing).

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 19, by leaving out from the word "therein" to the end of Sub-section (1) of Clause 12, the words "shall have been before both Houses of Parliament, and if neither House of Parliament within thirty days passes a resolution adverse to the said order."—(Mr. Ritchie). And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 20, by leaving out the word "therein" and inserting the words "unless the House of Commons"—(Mr. Lloyd-George), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words be proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
Tellers for the Mr. Anstruther, 
Yea's, 208. 
Mr. Broadhurst: 
Noes, 81.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And
And the Question being accordingly 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.

Official
Secrets Bill.

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

Edinburgh
General Register House
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Official Secrets Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Offices (Site) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Diseases of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Glasgow
Parliamentary
Divisions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Gloucester
Parliamentary
Divisions Bill.

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

Track Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Track Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June.

Evidence in
Criminal Cases
Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Diseases) (Ports) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices (Site) House (re-committed) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking a second time into consideration the Agricultural Land Rating 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 Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill; Money Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on West Highland West Highland Railway [Guarantee], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee the Interest, at the rate of Three per Cent, on £ 260,000 of the Capital of the West Highland Railway Company, and to pay a Sum of Money, not exceeding £ 30,000, to that Company, and to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, and if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes.
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. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill for West Highland West Highland Railway [Guarantee] Bill, and Railway Interest on certain Capital of the West Highland Railway Company, and pay a Sum of Money to that Company: 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 of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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Cabs (London) Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cabs (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.) A Clause (Wife or husband may give evidence.)—(Mr. Henry D. Greene.) Question again proposed, That the Clause be added to the Bill; And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley 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.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

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

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Local Government (Aldershot and Fareham) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Fareham) Bill;

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

Poor Law Officers Superannuation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Liverpool Court of Passage Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Criminal Law Procedure Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure Bill;

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

Vehicles (Lights) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

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

Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Houses in Towns (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Libel Bill; Second Reading of the Libel Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) Bill; Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill (Public Health Rating) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Acquisition of Second Reading of the Acquisition of Land (Local Authorities) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners' Evidence Bill; Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between Messrs. Thomas Wilson, Sons, and Company, Limited, Hull, and the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade, from October 1896 to date, with regard to the Subsidising by the Norwegian Government of Steamers running between Norwegian and British Ports, with the object of driving the British Flag from those Ports.—(Sir Seymour King.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 5th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the North Wales (Lunatic Asylums) Bill be now read the third time; Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

Mr. Stuart-Wortley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the City and South London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Lands and Buildings in the Parish of Islington to continue liable to Rates)—(Sir Albert Rollit)—was offered to be added to the Bill; but, on it appearing to Mr. Speaker that the proposed Clause varied the incidence of rates, he ruled that the Clause could not be entertained at that stage of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order made upon the 19th day of February last, that the Porthcawl Water Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was, read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Tramways Act, 1872, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Housby presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of May 1895, for a Return of the Number of Assessments to the Income Tax for the Year ending on the 5th day of April 1895 (in the same Classes and in the same Amounts, except as they are modified by the Provisions of the Finance Act, 1894, as stated in and in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 165, of Session 1894).

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Income Tax under Schedules A, B, and D of the Gross Amount of Property and Profits assessed in each County of Great Britain in each of the Yeares from 1889-90 to 1894-95, both inclusive, compared with the Totals in the same Classes and in the same Amounts, except as they are modified by the Provisions of the Finance Act, 1894, as stated in and in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 39, of Session 1892:—And, of the like information for Ireland in each Surveyor's District so far as relates to Income Tax.

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

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The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Adjournment.

Mr. Labouchere, Member for Northampton, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the keeping back from the House of Commons of communications between Her Majesty's Government and the Italian Government, and between Her Majesty's Government and Lord Cromer, in respect of matters connected with Military operations in East Africa"; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Labouchere)—:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of this instant June.

 Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

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1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,263, 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 1897, for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Pay and Expenses of Officers of Metropolitan Police employed on special duties; and the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £39,957, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Clark):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Dr. Clark, Yeas, Mr. Caldwell; Noes, Mr. Atherstone.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £426,290, 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 1897, for the Salaries of the Inspectors of Constabulary in England, Wales, and the Colonies:

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And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Uganda Committee on the Uganda Railway [Consolidated Fund];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Third Reading of the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Law Agents into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Committee on the Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of March last, That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 15th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Auditors Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill:

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Report made by the Board of Agriculture, certifying the expediency of any Provisional Order for the enclosure or regulation of a Common, and presented to the House during the last or present Sessions, before a Bill be brought in for the confirmation of such Order.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have Power in respect of each such Provisional Order, to inquire and Report to the House whether the same should be confirmed by Parliament; and, if so, whether with or without modification, and, in the event of their being of opinion that the same should not be confirmed, except subject to modifications, to report such modifications accordingly with a view to such Provisional Order being remitted to the Board of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twelve Members, Seven to be nominated by the House, and Five by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That Mr. Scale-Hayne, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Heywood Johnstone, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Panton, and Mr. Taylor be Members of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum. (Sir William Walrond.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 5th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill.

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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Kelty Water Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill.

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

The East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (South Leeds Junction Railway Transfer) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Eastbourne Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Great Northern London Cemetery Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Brighton Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway 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 National Mutual Life Assurance Society 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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.
The *Banffshire* Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The *Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas* Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The *Rother Valley* (Light) Railway Bill [Lords.]

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

The *Wallasey* Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Progress and Condition), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Payments of an Act of Parliament, for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Payments of an Act of Parliament, for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Corson presented, by Her Majesty's Com. Trade Reports mand, a Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Payments of an Act of Parliament, for the year 1895.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table, and read:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

New Member sworn.

Thomas Charles Hunter Holdernick, Esquire, Member for the Wick District of Burghs, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Accountants (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order for a reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Workmen Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act (1892) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Land Law (Ireland) Bill.

The Land Law (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy); the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Dr. Tanner: 1 92.]

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manœuvres Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Boys' Navigation Transfer Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Boyes' Navigation Transfer (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N 29, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Light Railways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Law relating to Friendly Societies, and other Societies: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Collecting Bill to consolidate the Enactments relating to Friendly Societies and Industrial Assurance Companies which receive Contributions and Premiums by means of Collectors: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to Collecting Societies Bill.

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill to consolidate the Law relating to Friendly and other Societies: 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 after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions Orders for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading applicable, thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

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Mr Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.—

**Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Omonre Valleny Extension) Bill.**

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

**Whitstable Oyster Fishery Bill.**

Ordered, That the City and South London Railway Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

**Drogheda Corporation Bill.**

The **Whitstable Oyster Fishery Bill** was read the second time, and passed.

**Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill** was read a second time, and committed.

The **Drogheda Corporation Bill** was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

**East Survey Water Bill.**

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order No. 91 as fixes Five as the Quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read, and suspended.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

—(Sir John Mowbray.)

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

**Drogheda Corporation Bill [Lords.]**

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 taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Vacancies in the House having been left vacant by Mr. John Mowbray, who, on the 18th February 1896, was nominated a Member for the Borough of Newry, Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Lord Advocate accordingly present a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and any Acts amending the same, relating to Dalmeny and Kirkliston Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in, the Report be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Registration of Titles (Ireland), which was presented upon the 21st day of May last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Army (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Naval (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Gas Companies, for the year 1895.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to Juries an Order, dated the 4th day of May last, for a Summoned Return relative to Juries summoned (Ireland),

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1735 and 1736.


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

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee of on behalf of the Committee (Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions: which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the **Kilmarnock Corporation Water Petition,** the Standing Orders ought...
Ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.

3. That, in the case of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that the Scariff Order be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

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

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Lord's Message from the Lords was read.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the *Birmingham Corporation Water Bill* [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the *Baunbridge, &c., Water Provisional Orders Bill*.

The Lords have agreed to the *Brighton and Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad Bill*, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dispensary Committees (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the *Cawood, Water, and Selby Light Railway Bill*.

The Lords have agreed to the *Stannaries Bill* [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the *Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill* [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the *Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill* [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the *West Highland Railway Bill* [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Time for the compulsory Purchase of Land and Completion of Works authorised by the Weaver Navigation Act, 1893, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The *Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill* was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The *Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill* was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Highland Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The *Callander and Oban Railway Bill* was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class III.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £781,992, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £781,992, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the Bill.

Yeas, 70; Noes, 106. Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £42,238, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission;

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And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he desired 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.

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THE House met at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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.

And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment 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 taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) (No. 2) Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal 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 Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Scotland) (No. 2) Loans Bill;

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

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

Wednesday, 10th June, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Irvine Burgh Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Newport, Godshill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

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 Kilmarnock Corporation Water Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further Borrowing Powers on the Kilmarnock Corporation in respect of their Water Undertaking; And that Mr. Cockrane, Sir William Arrol, Colonel Denny, and Mr. Orr-Ewing do prepare, and bring it in.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Gas Companies (Metropolis) were presented upon the 9th day of this instant June, be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Experiments performed on Living Animals during the year 1895, under Licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vict. c. 77, distinguishing Painless from Painful Experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 309, of Session 1895).—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

The Short Titles Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Referred, 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;

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

The Liverpool County of Passage Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Benefices Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Benefices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 17, instead of the words "one year," omitted, to insert the words "nine months"—(Viscount Cranborne);

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "nine months" be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffith-Boycott, Yes, 112.]

Mr. Victor Cavendish: ] Noes, 55.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts,

Mr. Gibson Blandy: ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by inserting, after the word "valid," the words "Provided that if the right of presentation thereto be exercised within nine months after such transfer or transmission by the person to whom such right of patronage has been transferred or transmitted, the Bishop of the diocese in which the benefice is situate shall, on consideration of the circumstances of the case, certify in the prescribed form that the said right of patronage cannot be properly exercised by the said person, and the institution in pursuance of such presentation shall be void."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

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

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 12, by leaving out the words "devised or on,"—(Mr. Samuel Evans);

And the Question being put, That the words "devised or on" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Griffith-Boycott, Yes, 136.


Tellers for the [Mr. Experiments on Living Animals, 61.

Mr. Herbert Lewis: ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 14, by leaving out subsection (3) of Clause 1,—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words from "(3) Where," to the words "in directly for," in l. 15, both inclusive, 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. 2, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "for," the words "any money payment or,"—(Mr. Carvell Williams.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Carvell Williams, 115.

Mr. Birkett: ] Yes, 177.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffith-Boycott,

Mr. Victor Cavendish: ]

So it was passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to...
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 17, by leaving out from the word "vacancy" to the word "or," in l. 18. (Mr. Warner.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.]

Yes, [Mr. Victor Cavechish.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Warner.]

Noes, [Mr. Sydney Gedge.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by leaving out from the word "vacancy" to the word "agreement," in l. 20, inclusive. (Mr. Warner.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.]

Yes, [Mr. Victor Cavechish.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Warner.]

Noes, [Mr. Harry Foster.]

So 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 "void" to the word "transaction," in l. 25, inclusive. (Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.]

Yes, [Mr. Victor Cavechish.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis.]

Noes, [Mr. Samuel Evans.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "notices," the words "nor shall it apply to "any agreement for transfer of any right of "patronage, by reason of such agreement provi- "ing for the payment by the purchaser of "interest on the unpaid purchase money from "the date fixed for completion until actual com- "pletion." (Mr. Harry Foster.)

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

And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Judicial Trustees Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure 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 resuming Working Men's the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, Bill, upon the 4th day of March last, That the Work- Men's Dwellings Bill be committed to a ments Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Church of Second Reading of the Church of Scotland (Constitu- tion) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values (Taxation by Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Second Reading of the County Councils (Har- shores and Piers) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Second Reading of the Shop Assistants' Half- Holiday Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives' Second Reading of the Midwives' Registration Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fatal Second Reading of the Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, Bill, upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Bill; Second Reading of the Highways Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Govern- Second Reading of the Local Government (High- ways) 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 Harbours and Piers 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 Cathedral Churches Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Personal Property (Exemption) 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 Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Markets and Pairs (Weighing of Cattle) 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 Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Accountants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal 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 Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House to join with the Committee of the Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. William Ambose reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills: That, in the case of the Post Office Consolidation Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have agreed to the following Special Report: The Committee have considered the Post Office Consolidation Bill, and are of opinion that it forms with the lines laid down for Consolidation Bills by the Joint Committee of the two Houses in the Sessions of 1893 and 1894, inasmuch as it reproduces the existing enactments with such alterations only as are required for uniformity of expression and adaptation to existing law and practice, and does not embody any substantial amendment of the law.

The Committee have struck out one or two Clauses which appear to them unnecessary, as merely regulating matters of interdepartmental practice; and have gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Com- mitted of Public Accounts; That they had made 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 11th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz.:—

Port Talbot Railway and Docks (South Wales Mineral Railway) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The National Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

A Motion being made, That the Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Mellor, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to confer further Powers upon the Borough of Portsmouth Waterworks Company as to the Construction of Works, and for other purposes.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Improvement and Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill.
A Bill to confer further Borrowing Powers on the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Burgh of Kilwinock in respect of their Water Undertaking, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Lord Advocate (Mr. Graham Murray) be added to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.-(Sir John Mowbray.)

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

Mr. Huskley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1885.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 167 (Leeward Islands, Annual Report for 1894).

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of April last, for Returns relative to East India (Madras Presidency) (Evictions). Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Indus Tariff Act and the Cotton Duties).

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1757 and 1758.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Peel to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Opinions and Reasons entered in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Secretary of State in Council, on the 16th day of May, under 21 and 22 Vic. c. 106, s. 23, with reference to the Expenses of the Troops to be despatched to Africa in aid of the Egyptian Troops.—(Mr. John Morley.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the Counties of Donegal, Fermanagh, Letitia, and Tyrone, the Name, District, and precise Address of the Office of each Loan Fund under the Act 6 and 7 Vic. c. 91, together with the Name, Address, and Occupation of every paid Officer of each, with the Amount of his Salary and Allowances during the year for which the Accounts have been last examined, in the following form:—

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—(Mr. Arthur O'Conor.)

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the British Gas and Water Company (Norwich) Bill, without Amendment.-(Lord.)

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Northern London Cemetery Company Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South Shields Gas and Water Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Aldershot Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]

A Bill to confer further Borrowing Powers on the Aldershot Gas and Water Company, for the construction of a Tramroad and the acquisition of Lands for that purpose, the defining and extending their Limits of Water Supply, also empowering the Company to enter into an Agreement with the North Camp and Farnborough District Gas Company, Limited, the raising of additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Aldershot Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Aldershot Gas and Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Aldershot Gas and Water Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Sceovell's Divorce Bill was read the first time; Todd's Divorce Bill (Lords.) and ordered to be read a second time.

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The Redghough Bridge Bill was read the first time; ordered to be read a second time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Aldershot Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]

The Redghough Bridge Bill was read the first time; ordered to be read a second time.

Sceovell's Divorce Bill was read the first time; Todd's Divorce Bill (Lords.) and ordered to be read a second time.

The Redghough Bridge Bill was read the first time; Sceovell's Divorce Bill (Lords.) ordered to be read a second time.

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

(To the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Action of county council as education authority.)

Motion made, and Question put, That Clause No. 1 be postponed.—(Mr. William Allen.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 121.]

Mr. Casson. 263.

Tellers for the Mr. William Wallace, [Mr. Anstruther.]

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "county," and insert the word "district"—(Mr. Luttrell), instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "county" stand part of the Clause; n

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The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 
Yea,] Mr. Anstruther: 298.
Tellers for the [Mr. Luttrell, 
Noes,] Mr. Chamberlain: 125.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "council," to insert the words "and every council of a municipal borough."—
(Sir Albert Rollit.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;  
Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to add, at the end thereof, the words "of "not less than twenty thousand inhabitants."—
(Mr. Godson.)

Question put, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment;  
The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Godson, 
Yea,] Mr. Henry David: 287.
Tellers for the [Mr. Sturt, 
Noes,] Mr. Yeates: 117.

Question put, That the words "and every "council of a municipal borough of not less "than twenty thousand inhabitants," be there inserted;  
The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 
Yea,] Mr. Anstruther: 332.
Tellers for the [Mr. Galpe, 
Noes,] Commander Bethell: 83.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "as ascertained "at any time by the Census last held."—(Mr. Godson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;  
The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Courtenay Warner, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

Amendment, to be leave, withdrawn.  
To report Progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

Friday, 12th June, 1896:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Official Secrets 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 Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) Bill;  
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (re-committed) Bill;  
Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Ports) (Ports) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill;  
Money Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Eastern Second Reading of the East Highland Railway Railway Guanantee Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Collecting Second Reading of the Collecting Societies Bill;  
Society Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Friendly Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Bill;  
Society Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply  
Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as fol- 
lows:—  
Civil Services and Revenue Departments  

Class III.

That a Sum, not exceeding £781,992, be Royal Irish  
granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Constabulary,  
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in
The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners' Evidence Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Scotland) Land Loans Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Friday, 12th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz.:

Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.
Great Western Railway (Denbighshire Railways) Bill.
Taff Vale Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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, viz.:

Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill.
Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Baby Light 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 Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edinburgh Extension Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Edinburgh Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the other Private Business.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Edinburgh Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and 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 the words "now taken into consideration," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "re-committed to the former Committee"—(Mr. Munro Ferguson)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "now taken into consideration," stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Tellers for the [Sir Lewis M'Leod, Yeas, ]

Mr. Cox; 249.

Tellers for the [Mr. Munro Ferguson, Noes, ]

Mr. John Wilson 81.

(Govan),

So 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.

A Clause (Extension of compulsory limits of water supply) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Indian Tariff Act and the Cotton Duties), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Power of Attorney of the British South Africa Company to C. J. Rhodes, Esquire, dated 14th May 1890,

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Willenden Sewerage Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the arrangement between the local bodies concerned, and 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Yeovil Corporation (Water) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Leeds Hydraulic Power Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Falmouth Rectory Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
to leave out from the word "tenancy" to the end of Sub-section 1.—(Mr. Smith Barry.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "fix" to insert the words "or have fixed."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words "or have fixed" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the word "expires," to insert the words:

"Any statutory term beginning after the passing of this Act in a present tenancy shall be ten years, and in sections four and eight of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, 'ten' shall, as respects any such term, be substituted for 'fifteen.'"

(2.) Where a statutory term in the tenancy of a holding is current at the passing of this Act, an agreement or application to fix a fair rent for the holding may be made at any time after the expiration of the ninth year of that ten years, and the new official rent fixed by the court and the further statutory term shall, notwithstanding that the statutory term current at the passing of this Act has not expired, begin on the gale day on which the tenth year of the current statutory term expires or the gale day next after the application, whichever is latest."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

-Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.


Clause, No. 2 (Exclusion of certain holdings.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out the word "substantially."—(Colonel Waring.)

Question put, That the word "substantially" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, Yea: | Dr. Tanner: ] 91.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, | Mr. Amstruther: ] 152.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 8, after the word "this," to insert the words "heirs, assigns, or."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:

-Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.


The Order of the day being read, for the Diseases of Animals Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Com (London) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

Tuesday the 7th day of this instant June, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 13th June, 1896.
The House met at Three of the clock.

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 following Bills, 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, viz.:

Callander and Oban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill.
North Cornwall Railway Bill.
Waver Navigation Bill.
West Highland Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

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

The Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Edinburgh Improvement and Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Newport, Godshill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 the Lords.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City and South London Railway Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, 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 " Bill be," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "re-committed in respect of a new Vol. 151.

Clause (Lands and Buildings in the Parish of Islington to continue liable to rates)—(Sir Albert Rollit), 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.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, the Clubs Registration Bill, tration Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order for taking into consideration, To-morrow, the Bills, 1896.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law with respect to Election Petitions; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Reserve Forces Act, 1882; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of Glasgow to acquire Lands and construct Works for Sewage purposes; to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have come to the following Resolutions, viz.:—

That it is expedient that the Parliamentary Costs Bill be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament;

That it is expedient that the said Committee be the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c.; to which Resolutions they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Dalziel, Member for Kirkcaldy, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the unsatisfactory position of Public Business”; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Dalziel);—It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louter 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 Diseases Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills (London) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Wife or husband may give evidence)—(Mr. Henry D. Greene)—be added to the Bill;

Question put, and negatived. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Landon 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 the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 15th June, 1896.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juvenile Second Reading of the Juvenile Offenders Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Short Titles 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 Teachers' Registration 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 Old Secrets 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 Edinburgh General Register House Bill (re-committed);

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 Public Health 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 Uganda Railway (Consolidated Fund);

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 Ways and Means;

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

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

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

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

Resolved, 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant June.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Sunday the 22nd day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of July next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next;

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 16th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz,—

Dalmeny and Kirkliston Water Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Shields Corporation Bill, and acquainted them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

A Motion being made, That the Edinburgh Extension Bill be now read the third time:
Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to amalgamate the Borough of Portobello with the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh; and to extend the Boundaries of the City and Royal Burgh and the County of the City of Edinburgh; to extend the Limits of Compulsory Water Supply; to transfer to the Corporation of Edinburgh the Gasworks and Undertaking of the Portobello Gas Light Company, Limited; to amend and extend the Edinburgh Municipal and Police and other Acts, and for other purposes.

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

The Leeds Hydraulic Power Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Paddington Urban District Council (Water) (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Falmouth Rectory Bill, as amended in Recitory Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Buts Docks and Rhymney Railway Companies' Amalgamation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks (South Wales Mineral) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Seewell's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Todd's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Government Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill Military Lands was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Orders (Provisional Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884, which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant, June, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Further Regulations under the Yeomanry Pay and Soldiers' Pensions Act, relating to Pensions of Non-European Non-commissioned Officers.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, Merchant dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to Merchant Shipping (Vessels transferred to Foreign Flags),

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an National Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to National Teachers (Retiring Gratuities).
Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, for the year ending 31st December 1865.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Local Sums assessed for under the Act 14 & 15 Vic. c. 90; and a Statement of Accounts under the Act 21 & 22 Vic. c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1894.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant June, for a Return of relative to East India (Expenses of Troops despatched to Africa in aid of Egyptian Troops).

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Lords of the 15th day of this instant June, which communicates to this House the following Resolutions, viz. — "That it is expedient that the Parliamentary Costs Bill be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament," and "That it is expedient that the said Bill Committee be the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c.;" to which Resolutions the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the Resolutions communicated to this House in their Lordships' Message of the 15th day of this instant June, relating to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c.; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Dispensary Committees (Ireland) Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; 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.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Ystradffoged Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Bill (Lords.) That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill had stated that the Evidence of Henry Campbell, Town Clerk of Dublin, and Charles Miller, Manager of the South London Tramways Company, Traffic Office, Vauxhall Cross, S.W., was essential to 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 Henry Campbell and Charles Miller do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Henry Campbell and Charles Miller do attend the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway) 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 Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills in respect of the Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Todd's Divorce Bill and Scovell's Divorce Bill to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with the Documents deposited in the cases of Todd's Divorce Bill and Scovell's Divorce Bill:

And that Mr. Fardell, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Cohen, Colonel Dalbiac, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. James Stuart do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Clas Registration Bill, Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June, the Clubs Registration Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be taken into consideration.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Towns Improvement Acts (Ireland) Acts with respect to the Powers of Town Commissioners, who are not Urban Sanitary Authorities, to borrow Money for purposes of Electric Lighting; And that Mr. Tully, Mr. Marsden, Mr. Patrick Augustus M'C Hughes, and Mr. J. F. Farrell do prepare, and bring it in.

 Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Mr.
Mr. Fardell presented a Bill to amend the
Baths and Washhouses Acts: And the same was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this
instant June; and to be printed.

Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts
Amendment Bill
Bill 280.

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tend the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts
with respect to the Powers of Town Commis-
sioners, who are not Urban Sanitary Authorities,
to borrow Money for purposes of Electric Light-
ing: And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday
next; and to be printed.

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

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CLAUSE, No. 1 (Action of County Council as
Education authority).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7,
after the words last inserted, to insert the words
"not being a county council or the council of a
borough, or a part of the Clause;"
conterminous with that of the county or
"borough council."—(Sir John Lubbock.)

Question again proposed, That those words be
there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amend-
ment, after the words "conterminous with," to
insert the words "or comprises." (Mr. Samuel
Evans.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted in the proposed Amendment:—Amend-
ment to the proposed Amendment, by leave,
withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be
there inserted.

After Debate thereon; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to
move, "That the Question be now put":

Question put, "That the Question be now
put": The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond,]
129.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
134.

Question put accordingly, That those words be
there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart,]
158.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Grey,]
157.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond,]
121.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7,
leaving out the word "shall," in order to insert the
word "may"—(Mr. Bryan Jones),—
instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "shall" stand
part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond,]
230.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
139.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7,
after the word "shall," to insert the words "with
due regard to the representation of minorities." 
(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted;

Whereupon Motion, and Question, That the
Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to
sit again.—(Mr. Lloyd-George)—put, and agreed
to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 
James William Lowther 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.

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

Wednesday, 17th June, 1896:

The Order of the day being read, for the Diffrccns of
Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill; Animals Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cabs (London) take into consideration the Cabs (London) 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 Metropolitan
Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education
Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health
Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway
Second Reading of the Railway Assessor, (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Glasgow
Committee on the Glasgow Parliamentary Divisions
Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices
Committee on the Public Offices (Site) (rec. (Site) Bill,
committed) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland
Second Reading of the West Highland Railway
Guarantee Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Collecting
Reading of the Collecting Societies Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Friendly
Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Sea Fisheries
to amend the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act, 1895: And that Mr. Haldane, Mr. Act (1895)
John Morley, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Buchanan, Mr.
Tennant,
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Criminal Law Procedure Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Farm Servants (Scotland) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Farm Servants (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of July next.

Burials Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of July next.

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

Wednesday, 17th June, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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

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

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and passed.

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

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

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol District Railway) Bill, might be read; and Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1895, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Fines, &c. (Ireland), which were presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Expenses of Troops despatched to Africa in aid of Egyptian Troops), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Merchant Shipping (Vessels transferred to Foreign Flgs.), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant June, be printed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Roddick, presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Militia Command, —Copy of Report on the Discipline and Management of the Military Prisons for the year 1893, be printed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direct- superannuations of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 4th of June 1896, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of British Director of the Suez Canal Company, professional or other peculiar qualifications, not ordinarily to be acquired in the Civil Service, are necessary, be printed.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return comprising a Translation into Welsh of so much of the Return to the Order of this House of the 9th day of December 1890, respecting Charitable Endowments in the County of Denbigh, as relates to the Parish of Cerrig-y-Drudion.—(Mr. Grant Lowson.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of July next.

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

In the Committee.

Claue, N° 1 (Action of County Council as Education authority).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the
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The Order of the day being read, for taking Benefices Bill, the word "shall," to insert the words "with due regard to the representation of minorities."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "appoint an," in order to insert the words "be the."—(Mr. Atherley-Jones.)

Question put, That the words "appoint an" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the,—Mr. Strachey: 118.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "this Act," in order to insert the words "education other than elementary."—(Mr. James Stuart), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "this Act" stand part of the Clause:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. William Allen)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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.

Diseases of Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Diseases of Animals Bill:

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

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.

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.

Cabs (London) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Cabs (London) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Barley rose in his place, and chimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put:"—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for taking Benefices Bill, into further consideration the Benefices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday the 26th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Judicial consideration the Judicial Trustees Bill, as Trustees Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shops (Early Closure) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Committee on the Public Buildings (London) (No. 2) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chairman of Committee on the Chairman of District Councils District Councils Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Mariners’ Votes) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicature Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

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 Benefices Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Letting of Sporting Rights Bill:

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The Order of the day being read, for the Malicious Damage Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cemeteries Bill:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives Registration 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 Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Personal Property (Exemption) 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 Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Succession (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) 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 Highways 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 Local Government (Highways) Bill;

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Railway Bills (Group 7.)
Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill had stated that the evidence of Robert Arthur Dawson (Superintendent of the Lancashire Sea Fisheries Commission), 25, Hineckley Square, Preston, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the inter- vention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Robert Arthur Dawson do attend the said Committee upon Friday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That the said Robert Arthur Dawson do attend the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills upon Friday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill had stated that the evidence of Spencer Hartry (City Engineer, Dublin, Charter Cross Hotel, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the inter- vention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Spencer Hartry do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That Spencer Hartry do attend the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Burton upon-Trent Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the *Mersey and Irwell Joint Committee Bill*, 1894, and the *West Riding of Yorkshire Rivers Bill*, 1894, and the *Thames Conservancy Bill*, 1894, be referred to the Committee on the *Chester Corporation Bill* of this Session.—(Dr. Forquharson).}

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

Mr. *Hanbury* presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1897 to pay the Expenses of the British Museum.

Mr. *Hanbury* also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return relative to Public Elementary Schools (Contributions in Aid). Under the 5th Section, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Moneys issued from the Consolidated Fund and of Sums borrowed, and of Transactions in pursuance of “The Imperial Defence Act, 1888.”

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed ; and that the other Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Paper relative to the Imperial Defence Act, 1888, be printed.

Mr. Secretary *Chamberlain* presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report, No. 106 (British New Guinea, Annual Report for 1894-95). Copy of Report, No. 6 (Hong Kong, Bubonic Plague). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Curzon* presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1745 and 1746. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. *Hanbury* accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Colonial Reports (Annual). No. 240.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the *Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill* [Provisional Orders confirmed] be referred to the Committee on the *Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill* ; That they had considered the Orders therein contained ; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed ; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

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 Canal Rates, Tolls, and Charges Provisional Order (Strathclyde Canals) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Caledonian and Crinan Canals) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Canal Tolls and Charges Provisional Order (Burwell Fen, &c.) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the King’s Lynn Corporation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the William Hancock and Company Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law with respect to the use of Locomotives on Highways ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate Enactments relating to the Post Office ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make Amendments in the Acts of the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company with respect (among other Matters) to the Reverter in certain events of Lands to Lord Tredegar, and for other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The *Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Dock*. Bill, without Amendment.

The *Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill* was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next ; and to be printed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Words "education other than elementary" stand part of the Clause : Debate resumed.

Mr. *Cohen* rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put,” but the Chairman witheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question : Debate resumed.

Mr. *Morton* ;

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

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Mr. *Cohen* rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put,” but the Chairman witheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question : Debate resumed.

Mr. *Morton* ;
The Order of the day being read, for taking Agricultural Land Rating into consideration the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Light Railways into further consideration the Light Railways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manœuvres Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Truck Bill into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Short Titles 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 Edinburgh General Register House Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Ports) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Uganda Railway (Consolidated Fund) Bill:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill (re-committed) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway Guarantee 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 Vehicles (Lights) 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 Chairman of District Councils (No. 2) 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 Registration of Voters (Ireland) 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 Rating of Machinery 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 Parking and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) 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 Local Government (Scotland) (Public Health Rating) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Highways) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Assent from the Rules of Examination for the Second Reading of the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmond, Yeas, Captain Donelan; Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austrather: 33. 125. So it passed in the Negative.

The Election Petitions Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Post Office Consolidation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Locomotives on Highways Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute before One o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz. —

Aldershot Gas and Water Bill, Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz. —

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Falmouth Rectory Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cowes Gas Bill, as amended in the Lords; Standing Orders not complied with.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Falkirk and District Water Bill, as District Water amended in the Committee; and an Amendment Bill was made for the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stroud and Paiswick (Light) Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yeovil Corporation (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered,
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. (Dr. Farghahunson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Willenstem Sewerage Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. (Dr. Farghahunson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the Ribble Navigation, Preston Dock and Borough Extension Bill, 1883, be referred to the Committee on the Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill of this Session. (Dr. Farghahunson.)

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Loan Fund Board (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2nd day of March last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Elementary Schools (Contributions in Aid), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Sixth Annual Report of the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, being for the year ended 15th April 1896.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for Prisons in Scotland settled and approved by the Secretary for Scotland. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to Fisheries (Ireland). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table. Vol. 151.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—East India Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 7th day of May last, for a Return relative to East India (Maharaja Rana of Jhalawar). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, Naval, dated the 17th day of April last, for Returns relative to Naval Reserves. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
19th June. 1896.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1896-97. 1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £253,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries

by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Great Berkhamsted and Northchurch, Great Crosby and Waterton, Margate, and Pembroke Township; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1892 and 1898, relating to Buttersers, Camberwell, and Saint Saviour’s District; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have leave to give the Viscount Peel to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Members of Parliament (Personal Interest), his Lordship consenting.

The Lords communicate Minutes of Evidence taken upon the Second Reading of Todd’s Divorce Bill and Sorell’s Divorce Bills, together with the Proceedings and the Documents deposited in the cases, desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill, that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Parties promoting the Matlock Bath Gas Provisional Order had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed further therewith.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the said Committee: That they had considered the remaining Orders in the Bill, and that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the [Title] Committee: That they had amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Fort William Gas, Laindon Gas and Water Order; the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Labours (Ireland) Bill labours be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ancient Mariner, Gooldhill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bray, Cork, Liverpool, Queenstown, Rathmines, and Rathgar and South; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made

in Drogheda to a limit of £4 Poor Rate Valuation.

Mr. James William Lionart further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therunto.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Aggregate Revenue and Expenditure of the Police Pension Funds established under the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, for each of the Four Years ended the 15th day of March 1895, together with the Aggregate Amount at the credit of the Funds at the close of each Year; and (2) showing for the Years stated the Total Number of Constables in the Scottish Police Forces, their Length of Approved Service, the Number under 25 Years of Age, and the Aggregate Pay for all Ranks, with sundry Particulars as to the Number of Pensions and Gratuities awarded under the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, and as to Constables who left or were dismissed from their Forces without Pensions or Gratuities.—(Sir John Stirling-Maxwell.)
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 Military Manoeuvres Bill:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure 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 Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment 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 Wages and Means:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 9th day of July 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 10th day of April last, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 3rd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of March last, That the Military Lands (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Towns Second Reading of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 22nd June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:

Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Brixham Harbour and Market 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;

Sir William Hart-Dyke, 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.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Mersey Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Belfast Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time;—(Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Act to extend some of the Powers of the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Company to make further provision with respect to the Completion of the Pier and Works, and for other purposes.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cambrian Railways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kensington (James Street Area) Improvements Bill.

A Clause (For protection of Sir Daniel Cooper) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time;—(Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leeds Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—

A Clause (Penalty for using mechanical power contrary to order or regulations) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Malvern Link 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 Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rother Valley (Light) 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 Rother Valley (Light) Railway Bill; and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

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

The Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol) Direct Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Weaver Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;
time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. 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 **Kelty Water Provisional Order Bill**.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the **Local Government Orders (No. 20) Bill**.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time ; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the **Kelty Water Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill**.

Ordered, That the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time ;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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Ordered, That they be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills ; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the said Return be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India India (Maharaja Rana of Jhalawar), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Naval Reserve, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Banks, dated the 16th day of April last, for a Return relative to Savings Banks.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 246).

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Naval Reserve, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India India (Maharaja Rana of Jhalawar), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Naval Reserve, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant June, be printed.
included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Mr. Ritchie 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 Statement showing the increases of Pay and other Privileges granted to various Classes of Workmen in Her Majesty's Naval Establishments at Home from the 1st April 1896.
Mr. Goschen accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Laetor reported the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill, without Amendment.

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

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on the Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

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

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (Ports) Bill; that they had considered the Provisional Order for Manchester, and that the parties promoting the same had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed further therewith.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the said Committee; that they had considered the remaining Order in the Bill, and that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the Committee; that they had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Ports of Colchester, Newcastle, North Shields, Plymouth, South Shields, and Weymouth.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Select Committee on Government Offices [Appropriation of Sums] was nominated of Mr. Smith-Barry, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Disraeli, Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Sir James Kitson, Mr. Legh, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Molloy, Sir Stafford Northcote, and Mr. Whitmore.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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

(\text{In the Committee})

\text{CLAUSE, N° 1 (Action of county council as education authority).}
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration 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 Teachers' Registration Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts 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 Public Health (Scotland) (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 Highland Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation 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 Glasgow Parliamentary Divisions 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 Burghary 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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Ports) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Hambury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:


1. That a Sum, not exceeding £253,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £294,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, &c., of the Medical Establishment and the Cost of Medicines, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £548,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowances (exclusive of Supplies, Clothing, &c.) of the Militia (to a number not exceeding 135,555, including 30,000 Militia Reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £73,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Miscellaneous Charges of the Yeomanry Cavalry, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £624,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capitation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c., of the Permanent Staff, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £660,200, be Transport and Remounts, for Provisions, Forage, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,519,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Seventh Resolution;—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Dunscombe rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put," but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Seventh Resolution;—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commons' Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tithe Redemption (No. 2) Redemption Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chairman of Committee on the Chairman of District Councils District Councils Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chairman of Committee on the Chairman of District Councils District Councils 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 Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Procedure 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 Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners' Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence 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 Criminal Law 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 Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (No. 2) 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 Registration of Voters (Ireland) 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 Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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, 23rd June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:

Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Roazburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk District Board of Lunacy (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 Cowes Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Falkirk and District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Stroud and Painswick (Light) Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Burton-upon-Trent Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time;—Dr. Farrar (Ipswich).—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ystradyfoddeg Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Private Business.

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

The Kelty Water Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 19) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
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 Provisional Order (Ports) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;—Mr. T. W. Russell.
Ordered, That the House do refer to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, the following Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Nottingham: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.—Mr. T. W. Russell.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Belfast Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 20, by leaving out Sub-section (2) of Clause 29.—Mr. William Johnston.
And the Question being put, That Sub-section (2) of Clause 29 stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions were read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Ordered, Report.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Courts Martial), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, the Copy of Thirty-eighth Report of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, with Appendices.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, viz., Richard Bridge Cash Account for the year 1895.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Renshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill, that they had considered the said Bill, and taken Evidence thereon, which they had agreed to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Mr. Renshaw further reported from the Committee, that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 21st of April, proof had been given before the Committee of the publication of the Notices for the said Bill in the "Edinburgh Gazette" and in a Newspaper of the Counties of Orkney and Zetland, viz., the "Orkney Herald."

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment, in Session 1895, be referred to the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment. (Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the Bilston Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiner of the Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Aldershot 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 consent of the County Council of Southampton to the siding and level crossing at Ash Road be proved to the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the East Surrey Water Bill, Petition of the Corporation of Reigate Water Bill, for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield Tramways Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barnsley Corporation (Water) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provincial Orders made by the Education Department, under the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1893, to enable the School Boards for Acton, Brighton, and Preston United District, Chiswick, Linthwaite, Swansea United District, and Willsden to put in force the Laws Clause Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Company and the Great Western Railway Company to enter into Working and Traffic Agreements; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further Provisions with respect to the Corporation of the City of Dublin, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the City of Glasgow, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Acton, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiner of the Standing Orders; and be printed.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by leaving out the word "fifteen," and inserting the word "fourteen."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease) instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fifteen" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther;

Mr. Austruther:

258.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes,

Mr. Austruther;

Mr. Austruther:

140.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by leaving out the word "thirty-first day of March next following" the passing of this Act, and inserting the words "thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six more than two shillings and sixpence of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six more than two shillings and sixpence in the pound."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

And the Question being put, That those words "not being situate in " be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Ellis Griffith, Yeas,

Mr. Austruther;

Mr. Austruther:

97.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes,

Mr. Austruther;

Mr. Austruther:

222.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "England," the words "not being situate in a borough or county borough."—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "not being situate in " be there inserted:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 24th June, 1896:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Collecting Societies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Friendly Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Collecting Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Hussey.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) 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 Naval Reserve Bill;
Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Locomotives on Highways 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 Military Manceuvres 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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) 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 Finance Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration, upon Tuesday next.

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WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE, 1896.

The House met at Twelve o'clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords in the 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.

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CLAUSE, No. 1.

Question proposed, That this Clause stand part of the Bill;
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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.

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 London Valuation and Rating Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday next.

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

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Hussey.)

Wednesday, 24th June, 1896.

The House met at Twelve o'clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords in the 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.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account for the Year ended 31st December 1895, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, the Interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts.

Account for the Year ended 20th November 1895, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Fund for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Savings Banks.

Account for the Year ended 20th November 1895, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Applications to and Proceedings of the Board under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, during the past year.

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

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1747 to 1749.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "England," to insert the words "not being situated in a borough or county "borou—(Mr. James Stuart);

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "not being situated in a borough or county "be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. —Mr. Balfor rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" and the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;"
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]
Yeast: [Mr. Austrother : 243-
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes: [Mr. W. Austin : 109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And, it being after Six of the clock, Further
Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood
adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Committee, be taken into further consideration
To-morrow.

And, it being two minutes after Six of the
clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House,
pursuant to the Standing Order, without
Question put, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 25th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House Corporation Tramways Bill was
read the third time, and passed, with Amend-
ments.

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 Malvern Link Bill be read
the third time upon Monday next.

The Manchester Corporation Bill was read
the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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.

Ordered, That the Rother Valley (Light) Railway Bill was
read the third time, and passed, with Amend-
ments.

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 leave be given to bring in a
Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local
Government Board relating to Walton-upon-
Thames: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr.
Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Standing Order 193A be sus-
pected, and that the Bill be read the first time.
—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a
Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local
Government Board relating to Walton-upon-
Thames: 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and
read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eleventh Report.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.
No. 254.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Savings
Banks and Friendly Societies, which were pre-
se与众的 24th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the
Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890 (Proced-
ings), which was presented upon the 24th day
of this instant June, be printed.

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The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Ma-
jesty's Command, —Copy of Twenty-third Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the
Scottish Education Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Agriculture
by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Partic-
ulars of Expenditure and Outgoings on certain
Estates in Great Britain, and Farm Accounts
reprinted from the Reports of the Assistant
Commissioners to the Royal Commission on
Agriculture.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parli-
ament,—Returns of Loans raised in India charge-
able on the Revenues of India, outstanding at
the commencement of the Half-year ending on
the 31st March 1896, with the Rates of Interest
and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date
of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt in-
curred during the Half-year, the Moneys raised
thereby during the Half-year, the Loans paid off
or discharged during the Half-year, and Loans outstanding at the close of the Half-year; stating,
so far as the public convenience will allow, the
Purpose or Service for which Moneys have been
raised during the Half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, British
dated the 23rd day of April last, for a Return
relative to the British Museum.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Irish Land
Commission (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891.)
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of
Return by the Irish Land Commission of Ad-
vances under the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891.
Act, 1891, up to and including the 31st March
1896, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Super-
supervision of Expenditure and Outgoings on certain
ammation Act, 1884, dated 19th June 1896, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Benevolent Vessels
Lords to the Derelict Vessels (Report) Bill be (Report) Bill.

now taken into consideration,—The House
accordingly proceeded to take the said Amend-
ment into consideration; 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.

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 for England and
Wales of the Total Number of Convictions in
respect of each Offence under the following
Enactments as involve Drunkenness: 3 and
4 Vic. c. 97, s. 13; 10 and 11 Vic. c. 89, ss. 29
and 61; and 35 and 36 Vic. c. 94, s. 12; com-
mittcd during the Year ended the 31st day
of December 1894; (1) after 12.30 (Noon) on
Sundays; (2) at any other time, whether on
Sunday before 12.30 (Noon) or on any Week Day:
—And, of the Total Number of Convictions of
Licensed Persons under 35 and 36 Vic. c. 94, s.
13, for permitting Drunkenness on their Prem-
ises, or for selling any Intoxicating Liquor to
any...
any Drunken Person (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 26, of Session 1895):—

Also, Address for similar Return for Year ended the 31st day of December 1895,—(Mr. Money Wigram.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Swansea Harbour Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Orders of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Kilmarnock Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill, to whom the Londonderry Improvement Bill was referred: That, in the case of the Londonderry Improvement Bill, they had agreed to the following Report:—That, in accordance with the Instruction of the House, 11th March 1896, the Committee had inquired into the extension of the Municipal Franchise to all Parliamentary voters, except lodgers, and to such women as would, but for their sex, have been Parliamentary voters (other than lodgers), and have inserted clauses in the Bill providing for the extension of the Municipal Franchise to all Parliamentary voters, except lodgers, but the Committee have not extended the franchise to women; the Committee have also made provision in the Bill providing that the burgesses shall be required to make up the same persons and at the same time as the Parliamentary Register.

Sir William Holdsworth further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital relating to the extension of the limits of the City, and had otherwise amended the Preamble to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had taken Evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported the Llanelli Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill: That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Earl Cottenham reported from the Committee on the Railway Bills Group 8 of Railway Bills: That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a telegram was received from Captain Norton, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Earl Cottenham reported from the Committee on the Railway Bills Group 8 of Railway Bills: That, for convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Monbouquet reported from the Select Committee on Divorce and Matrimonial Act 1857, that the said Committee had examined the allegations of Todd's Divorce Bill, as to the marriage of the parties, the adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the marriage, the verdict at law, the sentence of a mensd et thor, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same, and the other allegations, to be true, and saw no reason to suspect collusion between the parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir John Monbouquet reported from the Select Committee on Divorce and Matrimonial Act 1857, that the said Committee had examined the allegations of Todd's Divorce Bill, as to the marriage of the parties, the adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the marriage, the verdict at law, the sentence of a mensd et thor, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same, and the other allegations, to be true, and saw no reason to suspect collusion between the parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr.
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So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by leaving out sub-section (5), of Clause 2—[Mr. Joseph A. Pease].

And the Question being put, That the words of the sub-section to the word "pay," in l. 9, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Lough];

Yeas, 127.

Noes, 132.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting after the word "shall," the words "notwithstanding the provisions contained in section ten of the Exchequer and Audit Act, 1866."—[Mr. Gibson Bowes].

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Gibson Bowes], [Mr. Anstruther];

Yeas, 129.

Noes, 127.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by leaving out from the word "Account," to the word "property," inclusive, in l. 10.—[Mr. Herbert Roberts].

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his Closure, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question, assent, and he prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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;

Tellers for the [Mr. Gibson Bowes], [Mr. Lough];

Yeas, 129.

Noes, 127.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 17, by leaving out the words "thirty-first day of March," and inserting the words "thirtieth day of September."—[Mr. Lloyd-George].—instead thereof.

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;

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Anstruther], [Mr. Herbert Lewis];

Yeas, 155.

Noes, 74.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by leaving out the words "taxation account in respect of any one year a sum exceeding the amount derived in that year by such spending authority from the local rates in respect of agricultural land."—[Mr. Ellis Griffith].

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith], [Mr. M. Arthur];

Yeas, 148.

Noes, 148.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 7, by leaving out sub-section (5), of Clause 2—[Mr. Joseph A. Pease].

And the Question being put, That the words of the sub-section to the word "pay," in l. 9, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis], [Mr. M. Arthur];

Yeas, 138.

Noes, 138.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 17, by leaving out Clause 3.—[Mr. Herbert Lewis].

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 3, down to the word "and," in l. 22, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith], [Mr. M. Arthur];

Yeas, 251.

Noes, 251.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther);

Yea... 192.

Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Lloyd George;

Noes... 93.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by leaving out the words "for the purposes of this Act is to be taken as having," and inserting the words "has actually"—(Mr. McKeon), instead thereof.

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 [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther);

Yea... 247.

Tellers for the [Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Broadhurst);

Noes... 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (2) of Clause 4.—(Mr. Du Cane).

And the Question being proposed, That the subsection (2) of Clause 4 stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther);

Yea... 253.

Tellers for the [Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Herbert Roberts);

Noes... 112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 9, by inserting after the word "rate," the words "In estimating the value of "agricultural land for the purpose aforesaid in "cases where such land is rated together with "buildings, the Local Government Board shall "take as the value of such buildings the sum it "would cost to rebuild them, and the rateable "value thereof shall be taken to be a sum equal to "five per centum per annum on the said cost."—(Mr. Robinson).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. M'Leod rose in his place, and claimed to move "That the Question be now put," but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conciliation Second Reading of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Official Secrets Second Reading of the Official Secrets Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juvenile Second Reading of the Juvenile Offenders Bill (Whipping) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Criminal Cases Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- mittee of Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Committee on Uganda Railway [Consolidated Railway Fund.]

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 West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Consolidation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Railways Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Ports) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Edinburgh General Register House Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices (Site) Bill; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Locomotives on Highways Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Manœuvres Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Short Titles Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Rating of Machinery Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Polling Arrangements (London) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Polling Arrangements (London) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Land Values (Taxation by Local Authorities) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values (Taxation by Local Authorities) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Cathedral Churches Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cathedral Churches Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

Cemeteries Rating Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Rating Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Personal Property (Exemption) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Personal Property (Exemption) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

Prison-made Goods Importation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Highways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways 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 Local Government Act (Highways) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 26th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

TH E Belfast Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 242 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson)—:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Dalmeny and Kirkliston Water Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Refor- matory and Industrial School Ships, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Loans raised in India), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant June, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the British Museum, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Irish Land Commission (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Accounts of the Vote for the National Gallery of Ireland, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon (Supplement to the Appropriation Accounts presented upon the 11th day of February last).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under Part III. of “The Sea Fisheries Act, 1862.” Orders for Fishery Grants, 1895-96.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order dated the 10th day of March last, for Returns relative to Highlands and Islands of Scotland (Public Works Expenditure.).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Kafiristan).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Siam and the Upper Mekong).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to appoint a Committee to the Standing Order (London) Bill was read the first time.

Sir John Mooreby reported from the Committee on that the Lords have agreed to the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bezhill Water and Gas Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Cheltenham Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Mutfield Bath Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the House to the Cowes Gas Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments of the District Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Education Act to empower the Trustees of the Will of the late John Chambers, of The Hurst, Tulketh, in the County of Chester, with the Consent of the Chancery Division of the High Court, to sell the Colliery Undertakings subject to his Will to a Company or Companies limited by Shares, either wholly or partially for Shares, Stock, or Securities, and to retain such Shares, Stock, or Securities as if authorised Investments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Education Bill for making a Railway and Pier in the County of Inverness, to be called the Invergarry and Fort Augustus 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 the Acquisition of the Chambers’ Estate Bill [Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for allowing the Scope of the Meal Act to vest the Shortlands and Nunhead Railway Company to raise further Capital, and to enable the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company to acquire other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for London to put in force the Lands Clauses Acts.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments of the Chelsea Water Railway Bill [Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Acquisition of the Railways of the “Rot in the County of Derby, with the Consent of the Court of Chancery Division of the High Court, to sell the Colliery Undertakings subject to his Will to a Company or Companies limited by Shares, either wholly or partially for Shares, Stock, or Securities, and to retain such Shares, Stock, or Securities as if authorised Investments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to vest the Shortlands and Nunhead Railway Company to raise further Capital, and to enable the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company to acquire other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Ogilvie Meal Charity Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Larceny Bill 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.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,586,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:
   Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Propelling Machinery for Ships) be reduced by £1,500 (Mr. William Allen); Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
   Original Question put, and agreed to.
   2. Section 2, £2,251,000, of the Material for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.
   3. Section 1, £2,104,000, of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.
   4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £236,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:
   Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A., Salaries, be reduced by £2,000 (Mr. William Allen); Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
   Original Question again proposed:
   Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £1,500, in respect of the Salary of the Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty. (Dr. Tanner)
   The Committee proceeded to a Division, and the Chairman stated that he thought the Noes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was tediously claimed; and he accordingly directed the Ayes to stand up in their places, and Ten Members having stood up, the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.
   Original Question again proposed:
   Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A., Salaries, be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty. (Dr. Tanner)
   The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Weir; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anstruther; 8, 104.

Ordered, That Item A., Salaries, be reduced by £1,500, in respect of the Salary of the Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty. (Dr. Tanner)

Army Estimates, 1896-97.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:
   Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £236,300, be granted for the said Service (Dr. Tanner) put, and his speech was directed to discontinue his speech.
   Original Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, 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—(Captain Norton) put, and agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Reading of the Official Secrets Bill;

Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time: And a Debate arising thereupon:

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Saturday, 27th June, 1896:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Official Secrets 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 Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee to further consider the Benefices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking further consideration the Benefices Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill.

(Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. William Longthorpe 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 Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 29th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS

M. R. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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,

Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Bill.

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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable,

Dublin Corporation Bill.

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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with,

Celtr Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable,

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 20) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill.

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Local Government Provisional Order (No. 22) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Cambrian Railways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Secor's Divorce Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Ystradyfodw Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Drogheda Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Aldershot Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Longton: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Standing Order 1834 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Longton: 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the Manning of British Merchant Ships; together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Digest.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the Financial Year 1895–96, ended 31st March 1896.

Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 Vic. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1885, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1881 to 31st December 1885, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1885 to all Depositors; and Account of the Sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Banks per Act 24 Vic. c. 14, from 31st December 1894 to 31st December 1885, inclusive.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, with the Detailed Report on Agriculture, for the year 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Denbighshire) (Parish of Cerrigydrudion).

Mr. James William Louther reported the North Cornwall Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Freshwater, Verowarm, and Newport Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Number of Depositors (1) in Trustees, and (2) in Post Office Savings Banks; the Total Number of Deposits in each class of Banks; the average Amount of each Deposit Account; and the average Sums paid in and drawn out for each Year since the passing of the Savings Bank Act, 1893; and the Total amount of Persons who have deposited in single Sums the entire Amount allowed to be deposited in each Year.—(Sir John Leng)

Ordered, That the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sir John Monckton reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged (Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Clancy; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hayden.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Mr. James William Lowther reported the Freshwater, Verowarm, and Newport Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the East Surrey Water Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered; That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Order, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Waterford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, be referred to the Lords Local Government Provisional Orders Committee.

Ordered; That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Balfour);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 206.

Yeas, [Mr. Austruther; 116.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 206.

Mr. Canston; 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Land Rating Bill, which, upon the 25th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Agricultural
Agricultural Land Rating Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 5, l. 9, after the word “rate,” to insert the words “or estimated by the value of agricultural land for the purpose aforesaid in cases where such land is rated together with buildings, the Local Government Board shall take as the value of such building the sum it would cost to rebuild them, and the rateable value thereof shall be taken to be a sum equal to five per centum per annum on the said cost”—(Mr. Bow.)

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being proposed, That the House divided:—

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Robson,

Yeas, 97.

Noes, 937.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 9, by inserting, after the word “rate,” the words “In estimating the value of agricultural land for the purpose aforesaid in cases where such land consists partly of agricultural land and partly of a house with or without buildings, the rateable value of the house, whether with or without buildings, shall not exceed one eighth of the gross estimated rental of the hereditament: Provided also that the rateable value of the house and buildings (if any) shall in no case be less than three pounds, nor shall the rateable value of the hereditament of the house to the house duty when the house is so assessed.” (Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question, because he thought the House was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion. And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pickersgill,

Yeas, 133.

Noes, Mr. Austruther.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 15, by inserting, after the word “ accordingly,” the words “(4.) The Local Government Board shall lay before Parliament a statement showing the amount of the share of the annual grant to be paid annually to each ‘spending authority.’”—(Mr. Humphreys-Owen.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 19, by leaving out the words “may amend or”—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “may amend or” stand part of the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 26, by leaving out sub-section 6 of Clause 4.—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That the words “a provisional certificate” stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Yeas, Mr. Austruther.

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by leaving out the words “a provisional certificate,” and inserting the words “provisional certificates”—(Mr. Attorney General), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “provisional certificate” stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Yeas, Mr. Thomas Ellis.

Noes, Mr. Anstruther.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 28, by inserting, after the first word “to,” the words “or out of.”—(Mr. Chaplin.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Yeas, Mr. M'Arthur.

Noes, Mr. Dalziel.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 31, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 5 to the end thereof stand part of the Bill:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 32, by inserting, after the word “the” the words “and with this object in view the Local Government Board shall obtain an independent valuation of the agricultural land in each parish.”—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—Vol. 151.
to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "totals," the words—

"and

" (c) Where any hereditament consists partly of agricultural land and partly of buildings, the gross estimated rental of the buildings when valued separately, in pursuance of this Act, from the agricultural land shall, while the buildings are used only for the cultivation of the said land, be calculated not on structural cost, but on the rent at which they would be expected to let to a tenant from year to year if they could only be so used; and the total gross estimated rental of the hereditament shall not be increased by the said separate valuation."—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 4, by leaving out the words "while the buildings are used only " for the cultivation of the said land."— (Mr. Bryan Roberts.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 5, by leaving out from the word "be" to the end thereof, in order to add the words "valued as occupied by the land, and not as if they were severed therefrom and separately occupied"—(Mr. Lottrell), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning.

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The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Question being put that the words—

" and

" (2) Where any hereditament consists partly of agricultural land and partly of buildings, the gross estimated rental of the buildings when valued separately, in pursuance of this Act, from the agricultural land shall, while the buildings are used only for the cultivation of the said land, be calculated not on structural cost, but on the rent at which they would be expected to let to a tenant from year to year if they could only be so used; and the total gross estimated rental of the hereditament shall not be increased by the said separate valuation"—(Mr. Jeffreys)—be inserted in the Bill at the end of Clause 5;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
[Mr. M'Arthur:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Flynn moved, "That Further Proceeding on Consideration of the Bill, as amended, be adjourned;" but Mr. Speaker, in the belief of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 21, by inserting, after the word "corrected," the words "and allowed."—(Mr. Dalziel.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "and allowed" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 22, by leaving out the first word "and," and inserting the words "in the presence of and after hearing in the Metropolis the surveyors of taxes, and in the rest of England and Wales the local assessors appointed under the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Victoria, chapter thirty-six, and the same shall be"—(Mr. Dalziel), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "and" 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. 4, l. 23, by inserting, after the word "overseers," the words "and by any aggrieved ratepayer."—(Mr. Pickering.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "overseers," the words "either to the Local Government Board or."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas, 260.
The Noes, 82.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis,]
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 25, by inserting, after the word "sessions," the words "and subject to the right of any aggrieved ratepayer to be heard upon the said appeal."—(Mr. Chaplin.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "ratepayer," the words "or any "taxpayer resident in the parish."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be inserted in the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.
The Yeas, 258.
The Noes, 82.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther,]
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "and subject to the right of any aggrieved ratepayer to be heard upon the said appeal," be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question, 'That the remaining words of Clause 6 stand part of the Bill,' be now put;"—

And the Question being put, "That the Question, 'That the remaining words of Clause 6 stand part of the Bill,' be now put;"—

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; 
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther: 245. 
Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, 92.
Noes, } Mr. M'Arthur: 94.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the remaining words of Clause 7 stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther: 234.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes, } Mr. Yarrow: 90.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 40, by leaving out Clause 8.——(Mr. Harrison.)
And the Question being put, That Clause 8 stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther: 232.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes, } Mr. M'Kenna: 88.
So 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. 6, l. 31, by inserting, after the word “used,” the words “at the passing of this “Act.”——(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 33, by inserting, after the word “grounds,” the word “woodlands.”——(Mr. Johnson-Ferguson.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word “woodlands” be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 34, by leaving out the word “allotments” to the word “purposes,” in l. 37, inclusive.——(Mr. M'Kenna.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words “but does not include” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 35, by leaving out the words “together with a house,” and inserting the words “or used”——(Mr. Luttrell), instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the words “together with a house” stand part of the Bill:——
It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 36, by leaving out the words “mainly or exclusively.”——(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words “mainly or exclusively” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 35, by inserting, after the words “used,” the words “or any land “which has an increased value over and above “its ordinary value as agricultural land.”——(Mr. Sydney Boston.)
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Cohen rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question. Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis,]
Tellers for the [Mr. A. B. Teller,]
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 36, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words “or any land used in connection with any business of occupation other than farming.”—(Mr. B. R. Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 39, by leaving out from the word “April,” to the word “accounts,” in l. 41, inclusive.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

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 [Sir William Walrond,
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis,
So 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. 7, l. 4, by inserting, after the word “guardians,” the words “parish councils,” to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 4, by inserting, after the word “accounts,” in l. 41, inclusive.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

It appeared in Debate that the Amendment would increase the charge on the Local Taxation Account, and Mr. Speaker ruled the Amendment to be out of order.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker ruled an Amendment out of Order, during Debate.

Bill no. 500.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, “That this House do now adjourn”—(Mr. Balfour.)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eight of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 30th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of Chambers’ Estate Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill.
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 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 Highland Railway Bill, as amended in Railway Bill, the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Mr. Farquharson.)—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, to whom the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill is referred, to receive evidence as to the expediency of modifying the tolls, rates, and charges which the Great Western Railway Company would be authorised by the Railway Rates and Charges (No. 1) [Abbotsbury Railway, &c.] Order Confirmation Act, 1892, to demand and take for the conveyance of passengers, parcels, and merchandise over the lines of the Vale of Llangollen, Llangollen and Corwen, and Corwen and Bala Railway Companies, and, if they think fit, to insert provisions in the Bill to effect the reduction of such tolls, rates, and charges. That all Petitions against the Bill presented Three clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill. That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)—It was passed in the Negative.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) (No. 1) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in pages 21 to 36, by leaving out the Order relating to Kilbirnie—(Mr. MacNeill.)

And the Question being put, That the Order relating
relating to Killogy Land, part of the Bill; it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Cultiv Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 20) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 22) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Copy of Report of the Matabeleland Land Commission of 1894, and Correspondence relating thereto.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of the Thirteenth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy, in pursuance of Section 131 of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Report of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners for the year ended 31st December 1895, and a Statement of Accounts for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and the Secretary of State for India in Council regarding the Evidence between the Government of India and the Secretary of State for India in Council regarding the Incidence of the Cost of Indian Troops when employed out of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1750 to 1757.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Labourers (Ireland) Bill was committed; that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill; that they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill to the House, with an amended Title, as followeth:

A Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by [Title of the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1875, relating to the Rural Sanitary District of Listowel.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Dover Undercliff Reclamation Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of an Act 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; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Weaver Navigation Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valley's Extension) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Western Railway (Denbighshire Railways) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Select Committee on Commons; that they had considered the Report of the Board of Agriculture certifying the expediency of a Provisional Order for the Regulation of Dartmoor, Lancashire, and are of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed by Parliament without modification; and that they had directed him to make a Report thereof; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Garner reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group F. of Private Bills: that the Parties opposing the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill ['Plymouth Order'], had stated that the evidence of William Brock Kent, 3, Croc'h Court, Old Jersey, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said William Brock Kent do attend the said Committee on Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the said William Brock Kent do attend the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills on Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland, Limited, to create Deed of Debenture and Preference Stock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provisions with respect to the Subscription by the North Staffordshire Railway Company to the Funds of the Cheddle Railway Mineral and Land Company, Limited; to confirm certain Agreements between these Companies; to change the Name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Royal Patriotic Fund, His Royal Highness (in his place) consenting.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Scovell's Divorce Bill and Todd's Divorce Bill, together with the Documents of which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, be returned to the Lords; that the Clerk do carry the same.

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The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas, [Mr. Austruther.]  
[Mr. Pickard.]  
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The Lo-}m}ot{ives on Highways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Board of Conciliation (No. 2) Bill is committed.

The Locomotives on Highways Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices (Site) Bill (re-committed).  

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House (re-committed) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Edinburgh General Register House Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant June, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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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 Public Health (Scotland) (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 Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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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 Public Health (Ports) 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 Reading of the Glasgow Parliamentary Divisions Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, 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, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Irish Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of July next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Balfour):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till Tomorrow.

Wednesday, 1st July, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Matlock Bath Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Matlock Bath 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Denbighshire) (Parish of Cerrig-y-Droed), which was presented upon the 29th day of June last, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United King-
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours (re-committed) Bill (Harbours Bill).

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday [Lords.]

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Remission of Benefices Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Judiciaries:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 13th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commoners Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure Procedure Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday, the 13th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday [Lords.]

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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 Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention 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 Letting of Sporting Rights Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Rating 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 Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Local Government (Scotland) Act (Public Health Rating) (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of March last, That the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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 Cemeteries Rating 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 Distress Abolition and Distressment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Letting of Sporting Rights Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 14th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Prisoners' Rights 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 Prisoners' Evidence 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 Criminal Law Amendment 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 Authorities (Scotland) Loans 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 Charging Rates (London) 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 Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) 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 Wind Birds Protection Acts Amendment (No. 2) 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 Letting of Sporting Rights Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir
Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on the Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had 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.

Standing Committee (Chairmen's Panel).

Mr. Holhouse reported from the Select Committee on Traction Engines on Roads: That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; 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 one minute before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 2nd July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from the Chairmen of Committees for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in the place of Mr. John Ellis.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.

Opelie Meal Charity Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Waterford 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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kilmore Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson)—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Lunashire (Lancashire) and Mersey (Middle Ward Districts) Water Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Kirkcaldy and Dysart Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Waterford Corporation Bill, without Amendment.

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A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised 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, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving notice, 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:

3. Housing
4. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1896.
5. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1896.
15. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1896.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1896.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1896.
18. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1896.
20. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1896.
24. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1896.
32. Mwartirk, Moineurth, and Dunlallacton Railways Act, 1896.
34. Great Northern London Cemetery Act, 1896.
35. Irvine Burgh Improvement Act, 1896.
37. East and West Yorkshire Union Railways (South Leeds Junction Railway Transfer) Act, 1896.
42. Newport, Godshill, and Saint Lawrence Railway Act, 1896.
44. Padtham Urban District Council (Water) Act, 1896.
45. South Shields Corporation Act, 1896.
46. London County Tramways Act, 1896.
47. Barnsley Corporation (Water) Act, 1896.
49. Lambeth Waterworks Act, 1896.
58. Stafford Corporation Act, 1896.
60. Leeds Corporation Tramways Act, 1896.
61. Rother Valley (Light) Railway Act, 1896.
63. Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1896.
64. Great Southern and Western Railway Act, 1896.
66. Ystradgofey Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Act, 1896.
68. Chester Waterworks Act, 1896.
69. Scowles Divorce Act, 1896.
70. Todd's Divorce Act, 1896.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Government Order (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Commons Regulation (Further Capital) Act, 1896, to confirm a Provisional Order of the Board of Agriculture relating to the Regulation of Darenth Moor, in the Borough of Darenth: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Huskaby do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Standing Order 193 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented a Bill Commons Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill, for the year ended 31st March 1896, together with

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Select Committee on Members of Parliament (Personal Interest); That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a 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.

Resolution, That 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 Royal Commissions issued in each year from 1887 to 1896 (inclusive), specifying the objects of each such Commission, the Names of each Commissioner and Secretary, the Date of each Report (or if still sitting), and the Cost of each to date (in continuation of, and in the same form as, Parliamentary Paper, No. 342, of Session 1887).

—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported the Burntisland Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Joseph Pease reported from the Select Committee on London Water Companies Bills; That, in the case of the Staines Reservoirs Bill, they had agreed to the following Report:—That, as directed by the Instruction of the House of the 24th March last, they have (a) not conferred additional powers, except so far as the same have been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to be required for works or for the acquisition of land, the construction or acquisition of which cannot be postponed without detriment to the interests of the public; and (b) inserted in the Bill, which authorises the creation of further capital, provisions which prohibit the application of such capital to any purpose other than the construction of the works or the acquisition of the land for which it is authorised by the Bill to be raised or the expenses of the Bill.

Sir Joseph Pease further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill; and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Classification of Land and Heritages for purposes of Rating in Scotland; for the Relief of the Occupiers of Agricultural Land and Heritages; for the Creation of a Fund for the Improvement of Congested Districts in the Highlands and Islands; and for Relief from the Payment of Land Tax in Burghs in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Uganda Railway [Consolidated Fund].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to make Provision for the Construction of a Railway in Africa from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £3,000,000 for that purpose, to authorise the Treasury to borrow, for the purpose of providing Money for Sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or for the Repayment of Sums so issued, by means of Ter- minable Annuities, such Annuities to be paid out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for Foreign and Colonial Services, and if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Handbury).—Debate resumed.

Resolution put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond] Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]: 255.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke] Noes, [Mr. Lahouchez]: 75.

Resolved, That it is expedient to make Provision for the Construction of a Railway in Africa from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £3,000,000 for that purpose; and to authorise the Treasury to borrow, for the purpose of providing Money for Sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or for the Repayment of Sums so issued, by means of Ter- minable Annuities, such Annuities to be paid out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for Foreign and Colonial Services, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Cocoa Butter. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That the Duty of Customs now payable on Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured, under the provisions of the Act 42 and 43 Vict. c. 21, s. 3, shall be payable on that product of the Cocoa Bean which is generally known as Cocoa Butter.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishery), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Light Railways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "by an amending Order."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;
The House divided.

The Yeas and Noes to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Lloyd-George; 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Assheton; 165.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 31, by leaving out the words "not being capital expenditure."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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. 14, l. 35, by inserting after the word "borrowing," the words, "a light railway under this Act shall not include any railway which is worked at a greater speed than twelve miles an hour when running along any public highway."—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 10, by inserting, after the word "council," the word "are."—(Mr. Broadhurst.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "are" be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Edinburgh General Register House Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:


1. Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,386,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

2. Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,251,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Material for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, including the Cost of Establishments of 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 1897.

3. Sec. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,104,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, and Maintenance, including the Cost of Establishments of 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 1897.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £236,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £81,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Educational Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time.

The First Two Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Third Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:—

Friday, 3rd July, 1896:

And the Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Truck Bill into consideration, the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Telegraph Money 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 Berriew School Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Manoeuvres 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 Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Short Titles 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 Larceny Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Consolidation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts 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 Public Health (Scotland) (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 Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Glasgow Parliamentary Divisions Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed,
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 Housing of the Working Classes (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 Larceny Bill;
Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance 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 Conciliation (Trade Disputes) [Expenses].

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary 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 Burglary 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 Teachers' Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committees on the Stipendiary Magistrates (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 Law Agents Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Judicial into consideration the Judicial Trustees Bill, as Trustees Bill amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Orders applicable thereto, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
- Interregnum and Fort Augustus Railway Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

- Interregnum and Fort Augustus Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackpool, St. Anne's, Lytham Tramways 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 Blackpool, St. Anne's, Lytham Tramways 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 Blackpool, St. Anne's, Lytham Tramways 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 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill be now read the third time:

Sir John Mowbray, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the East Surrey Water Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command.—Copies of General Reports to the Education Department by the Chief Inspectors of the Metropolitan and East Central Divisions, for the year 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ad. No. 103, administration Report on the Railways in India, for the year 1895-96; by Lieutenant Colonel T. Greacey, r.e., Director General of Railways in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital, and of Travers's Foundation, for the year 1896-97.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a copy of Return of the Amount received, in respect of each Administrative County and County Borough in England and Wales for Local Taxation Licence Duties and Penalties, under the Act 53 & 54 Vic. c. 43, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1896.

Mr. T. W. Russell 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 National Returns of the Irish National Teachers' Pension Fund, whether from Interest on the original Capital, Interest on Capital since invested, Stoppages from Teachers, or from any other source; also for the same years the Expenditure of the said Fund, specifying the Amounts paid in Pensions to Irish National Teachers, Gratuities to Irish National Teachers, Refund of Stoppages from Teachers, and purchase of Stock, and all other Expenses properly chargeable thereon; and also the Amount of Stock belonging to the said Pension Fund on the 1st day of January of each of the above referred to Years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 332, of Session 1893-94.)—(Mr. Hayden.)

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the Chester Corporation 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. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,,—Copy of Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital, and of Travers's Foundation, for the year 1896-97.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, National Teachers' Pension Fund (Ireland.) Local Taxation Licence Duties and Penalties, No. 276.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a National Teachers' Pension Fund (Ireland.) Local Taxation Licence Duties and Penalties, No. 276.
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 Rogue Navigation Transfer Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, and to the Yorkshire Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Corporation (Water) 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 Leamington Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act for transferring the Right of Presentation to the Professors of Botany and Natural History in the University of Edinburgh; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill and the Boards of Conciliation (No. 2) Bill:—Mr. Ashdon, Mr. Aberley-Jones, Sir John Aytoun, Colonel Clapham, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Flower, Mr. Wootton Ioanesson, Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, Mr. Killip, Mr. Samuel Montagu, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Pickard, Sir Francis Powel, and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill and the Boards of Conciliation (No. 2) Bill:—Mr. William Arrol, Mr. Asquith, Lord Islay, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Colville, Mr. Charles Dilke, Mr. Walter Foster, Sir Harry Havelock Allan, Sir William Harcourt, Sir John Jenkins, Sir John Llemelyn, Sir Frederick Milner, Mr. Reckitt, and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 4) Bill:—Mr. William Arronham (Rhondda), Mr. William Arrol, Mr. Asquith, Lord Islay, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Colville, Mr. Charles Dilke, Mr. Walter Foster, Sir Harry Havelock Allan, Sir William Harcourt, Sir John Jenkins, Sir John Llemelyn, Sir Frederick Milner, Mr. Reckitt, and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Locomotives on Highways Bill (Lords):—Mr. Griffith-Bowen, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Daly, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. Scale-Hayne, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Colonel Kenyon-Stanley, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mundie, Mr. Charles Murray, Mr. Brashaw, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Mr. Tawney.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £51,086, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

Whereas Motion made, and Question proposed, That Sub-head A. (Salaries), be reduced by £50, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State (Mr. Monk):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £4,000, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State (Mr. William Redmond)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £257,318, 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 1897, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote; Debate arising:

Saturday, 4th July, 1896:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothlor reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Official Secrets Bill:

The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill.

Resumed, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker announced the House, That the Committee of Supply, in the Committee, had come to a Resolution:

That the Duty of Customs now payable on Cocoa or Chocolate, ground, prepared, or in any way manufactured, under the provisions of the Act 42 and 43 Vic. c. 21, s. 3, shall be payable on that product of the Cocoa Bean which is generally known as Cocoa Butter.

The
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on the Uganda Railway [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to make provision for the construction of a Railway in Africa from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £3,000,000 for that purpose; and to authorise the Treasury to borrow, for the purpose of providing Money for Sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or for the Repayment of Sums so issued, by means of Terminable Annuities, such Annuities to be paid out of Money to be provided by Parliament for Foreign and Colonial Services, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Curzon, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the Construction of a Railway in Africa, from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Conciliation (Trade Disputes) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in the execution of any Act of the present Session to make better provision for the Settlement of Trade Disputes.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Short Titles Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny 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 Larceny 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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) 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 Election Petitions 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 Burglary Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Seamen (Employment and Rating) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday, the 17th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison-made Goods Importation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways authorised by Parliament, showing the Amount of Capital authorised, paid up, and expended, the Length of Tramway authorised and the Length open for the Public Conveyance of Passengers down to the 30th day of June 1896; the Gross Receipts, Working Expenditure, and Net Receipts; the Number of Passengers conveyed; and the Number of Miles run by Cars during the Year ending the 30th day of June 1896; together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 355, of Session 1895).— (Mr. Ritchie.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 6th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:—

Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:—

Chealse Railway Mineral and Land Company Bill.

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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 24) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kirkcaldy and Dysart 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.

Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western 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.

Portsmouth (Borough) Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Portsmouth (Borough) 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.

Sheffield Corporation Tramways Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sheffield Corporation Tramways 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.

Dover Undercliff Reclamation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dover Undercliff Reclamation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Public carriage road, &c.) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport 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 Western Railway (Denbighshire Railways) 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 North Cornwall Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Usk and More Valleys Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Weaver Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Restriction on taking houses of Labouring Class) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Londonderry Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 25, by leaving out from the word "thereof," to the word "map," in p. 10, l. 4, inclusive, and inserting the words,—

"The Local Government Board shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, divide the City into such five wards, and for that purpose may hold or direct any inquiry that the Local Government Board may deem expedient."

"In dividing the City into such five wards, the wards shall be arranged with a view to the population of each ward being, so nearly as conveniently may be, equal regard being had to area, and to the last published census for the time being, and to evidence of any considerable change of population since such census."

"An Ordinance Map, sealed in triplicate with the seal of the Local Government Board, showing the limits of the said five wards respectively as so determined, shall be deposited in the Office of the Local Government Board, and with the town clerk, and the clerk of the Crown and peace of the city and county of Londonderry, at their respective offices."

"Notice of the determination of the Local Government Board, together with a description of the several wards, shall be published in the "Dublin Gazette," and in the event of any discrepancy between the description and the deposition made by the Local Government Board shall prevail." (Mr. Knox), instead thereof.

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;

Noes, 1. 12, by leaving out the

Mr. Tomlinson: 107.

Mr. William Redmond: 193.

Mr. Knox: 189.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Lea, Yeas.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 12, by leaving out the word "six" and inserting the word "three"— (Mr. Knox), instead thereof.

And
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 6, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "Harbour," the words "Provided, however, that "unless and until such certificate shall have been obtained, no portion of the money borrowed under the Act of 1893, or to be borrowed under this Act, shall be applicable to the payment of any more than half the costs of this Act, nor shall the same be payable out of, or be charged upon, the rates of the townships of Blackrock and Kingstown, or of either of them"—(Mr. James O'Connor); and the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 23) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Joseph Pease further reported from the Select Committee on London Water Companies Bills; That, in the case of the New River Company Bill, as directed by the Instruction of the House of the 24th March last, they had (a) not conferred additional powers, except so far as the same have been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to be required for Works, or for the acquisition of Land, the construction of which cannot be postponed without detriment to the public interests, and (b) inserted in the Bill, which authorises the creation of further capital provisions which prohibit the application of such Capital to any purpose other than the construction of the Works or the acquisition of the land for which it is authorised by the Bill to be raised, or the expenses of the Bill; That in accordance with the Instruction of the House of the 27th April last, they had considered whether it was desirable to insert any special provisions with a view to preserving for the use of the public the same quantity of open space as is defined and appropriated for such use by the Muswell Hill Act, 1866, but it having been proved to the Committee that the only land to be acquired under the Bill and affected by the provisions of that Act is not and has not for some years been used as an open space, but is covered with buildings connected with a racecourse, the Committee have not thought it desirable to insert any such special provision as is referred to in the Instruction.

Mr. Halsbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Return of Net Public Income and Expenditure under certain specified heads, as reported by the Exchequer from 1875-76 to 1895-96, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 398, of Session 1, 1895).—(Sir Henry Fowler.)
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Marquess of Lansdowne to attend, to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Government Offices (Appropriation of Sites).—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

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 Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Palomouth Rectory Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the North Wales County Lunatic Asylum (Water) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Eastern Railway Bill, without Amendment.
of the said expedition—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "It is inexpedient to impose any portion of the charges of the Indian force that is being despatched to Africa in aid of Egyptian Troops, whether ordinary charges or extraordinary, should be imposed upon the revenues of India"—(Mr. John Morley)—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. William Walrond,] Yeas, 275. Mr. Anstruther; Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan,] Noes, 190. Mr. Maclean; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:— Tuesday, 7th July, 1896:

And the Main Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, 252. Mr. Anstruther; Tellers for the [Mr. William Allen,] Noes, 106. Mr. Maclean; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Resolved, That Her Majesty having directed a Military expedition of Her Native Forces charged upon the revenues of India to be despatched to Africa in aid of the Egyptian Troops, this House consents that the ordinary pay of any troops so despatched, as well as the ordinary charges of any vessels belonging to the Government of India that may be employed in this expedition, which would have been charged upon the resources of India if such troops or vessels had remained in that country or seas adjacent, shall continue to be so chargeable: Provided that if it shall become necessary to replace the troops or vessels so withdrawn by other vessels or Native forces, then the expense of raising, maintaining, and providing such vessels and forces shall, in so far as may not be otherwise provided, be repaid out of any moneys which may be provided by Parliament for the purposes of the said expedition.

Light Railways

Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Finance

Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Uganda

Railway

Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Supply

(No. 2)

Report

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896–97.

Class II.

Foreign Office.

That a Sum, not exceeding £51,096, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Vol. 151.

necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Truck Bill into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manœuvres Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Consolidation 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 Amendment which, (Ireland) Bill, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Ascensors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Ports) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bills and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Votes) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Polling Second Reading of the Polling Arrangements (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners' Second Reading of the Prisoners' Evidence Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half-an-hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 7th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Northern 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 Yorkshire and Lancashire 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 North British Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
The local provisional orders (No. 24) Bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed.

Several public petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the table.

Ordered, that the paper relative to civil list pensions, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, that the paper relative to national debt act, 1883 (terminable annuities), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, that the account relative to the merchant seamen's fund, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the national debt act directions of an act of parliament, copy of act, 1883. Treasury warrant, dated the 29th May 1896, for the adjustment of the terminable annuities created under section 2 of the national debt act, 1883, and held by the national debt commissioners on account of the trust and post office savings banks.

Ordered, that the said paper do lie upon the table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by her majesty's education command, copy of directory of the department of science and art, for the year 1896, with regulations for establishing and conducting science and art schools and classes.

Copy of calendar of the department of science and art for the year 1896, with tables.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the foreign directions of several acts of parliament, copy of jurisdiction of order in council, under the foreign jurisdiction act, 1890.

Copy of order in council, under the merchant shipping act, 1894, dated the 29th June 1896, fixing the salary to be paid to Mr. Owen Armstrong, the secretary to the commissioners of Irish lights.

Ordered, that the said papers do lie upon the table.

The following paper, pursuant to the direction of the standing committee on standing orders (No. 2) bill, shipping and manufactures, have leave to make a special report.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the standing committee on standing orders (No. 2) bill, that they had agreed to the following special report; the committee having carefully considered it.

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Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

Boards of Conciliation (No. 2) Bill, 30th July.

No. 291.

Colter Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Special Report and other Reports do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Aldershot Gas and Water Bill; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

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Mr. Sir Joseph Pease reported from the Select Committee on the London Water Companies Bills; that, in the case of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Your Committee beg to report that they have had before them the following Bills:—

The Chelsea Water Bill.

The Lambeth Water Bill.

The Staines Reservoirs Bill.

The New River Company Bill.

The Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill.

1. They have passed the Preambles of the first four of these Bills, making extensive alterations in clauses, and in the case of the Staines Reservoirs Bill, considerably amending the Preamble. They found that the Preamble of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill was not proved.

2. In dealing with these four Bills, your Committee have observed to the best of their judgment the Instruction given to them by the House, and have confined the powers conferred upon the several companies to those works, and that acquisition of land "which could not, in their judgment, be postponed without detriment to the interests of the public."

3. The evidence before your Committee clearly points out that no large new source of water supply for the constantly increasing wants of the districts concerned could be made available for at least 13 to 14 years from the present time, and that therefore the population must be supplied from sources now available for at least that period, and that as the present powers of supply of some of these companies will during that period become exhausted, and the storage is already inadequate, provision must be made in the public interest for the further supply and storage of water in the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill; that they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

4. The population deriving their daily water supply from the companies whose Bills have been under consideration amounts to no less than 3,663,566.

5. Whilst it has been alleged that the prevention of waste would in some cases place more water at the disposal of the Water Companies, on the other hand the rapid growth of the population, the substitution of constant for intermittent supply (under the present limited powers of inspection), and especially the largely increasing consumption per head for domestic, sanitary, and equal purposes, outweigh the savings and economies that any practicable methods could introduce.

6. In addition, the imperative demand for water compels that some provision should be made for exceptional drought, floods, frosts, and those casualties to which a water supply is always made for exceptional drought, floods, frosts, and those casualties to which a water supply is always made for extraordinary purposes, and it seems to your Committee that this expedient would only aggravate the acknowledged evils and dangers of deficient storage, and might involve taking water direct from the river, instead of from a storage supply drawn from the river at times most suitable for pumping.

7. It has been suggested that more water might be obtained by pumping direct from the River Thames in order to meet any immediate emergency, and thus avoid a present outlay in storage reservoirs, but it seems to your Committee that this expedient would only aggravate the acknowledged evils and dangers of deficient storage, and might involve taking water direct from the river, instead of from a storage supply drawn from the river at times most suitable for pumping.

8. Your Committee have had before them Reports from the Local Government Board and from the Board of Agriculture on these Bills, and they have endeavoured to embody in the Bills the suggestions made by these authorities.

9. The price of issue of the stock to be raised will in all cases be settled by the Governor of the Bank of England. It will be sold subject to the Standard Auction Clauses.

10. Any premiums received will be reckoned as part of the authorised capital. Powers to redeem the stock at par at the end of 25 years have been inserted. The Sinking Fund Clauses have
have been adapted to all the money raised in each case.

11. In the Staines Reservoirs Bill, a clause has been inserted in the event of a sale of any of the undertakings of the three subscribing companies within seven years from the passing of the Act to any public body or trust, the advantages conferred by the Act shall not be deemed to have been obtained for the purposes of sale of the undertakings of any of the companies obtaining the Act. A clause has also been inserted bringing the Staines Reservoirs Committee under the auditors appointed by the London Water Act of 1871.

12. During the course of their inquiry, your Committee have frequently had their attention drawn to paragraphs Nos. 176, 177, and 180 of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Water Supply of the Metropolis, dated 8th September 1893. No regulations yet exist as recommended by this Royal Commission, as to the processes deemed necessary before water is in a fit condition to be supplied to the consumer. No statutory regulations applying to all Metropolitan Water Companies are in force as to the periods for pumping, nor as to the proper appliances and regulations for the subsidence and filtration of water.

13. The Water Examiner, "whilst treated with the greatest courtesy by the Water Companies," has no legal right of entry, or power to check the quantities taken out of the rivers, wells, and springs, as reported to him by the companies, or the quantities delivered into the mains for the supply of consumers.

14. Whilst it is practically proved by the low rate of mortality from typhoid fever in the Metropolis (Professor Frankland's Report, in the 24th Annual Report of the Local Government Board, page 184, 1894-95) that care is taken to ensure a good and wholesome supply of water, your Committee submit that where the health of so enormous a population, confined in so comparatively small an area, is concerned, these most important questions ought at once to be dealt with by the Executive Government. As your Committee have elsewhere pointed out, London must be supplied under any circumstances for several years to come, and probably always to a great extent, from the present sources of supply, and therefore, in any event, such regulations as are recommended in the above-named paragraphs of the Report of the Royal Commission are imperatively necessary, and ought in the judgment of your Committee to be framed and put in force without delay.

15. Your Committee would, with great deference, point out that the present position of the London water supply is not in accordance with the public interest.

16. Under the conditions of issuing new capital, now invariably approved by Parliament for the London Water Companies, the public is steadily acquiring an interest which tends to weaken the separate interests of the companies, and the public is also losing, without that care of his interests which is ensured by placing the supply under a representative body in whose election he is personally interested.

17. In the meantime, each Session applications to Parliament, sometimes inconsistent and usually without concert with the Water Companies are being made which are opposed by local authorities and private persons. These proceedings are annually costing a very large sum of money, and Committees of Parliament are being obliged to consider in each proposal separately, without reference to any general scheme, have the almost impossible task assigned to them of deciding what powers should be granted to the Water Companies in order that they may provide for the wants of an ever-increasing population, and what powers withheld to avoid the Water Companies acquiring an increased value, in the event of purchase by a public authority.

18. From this acknowledged anomalous position, it would be greatly to the public interest that the Water Companies and the inhabitants of London should be speedily freed.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That, in the case of the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Kety Water Company's Order Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (Warrington) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsmouth Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Belfast Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Warrington) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Fisheries Acts (Norfolk and Suffolk) Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (Warrington) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(CLAUSE, No 1 (Duty on Tea.) Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "continue," to insert the words "except in respect of tea grown in any part of "Her Majesty's Dominions."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Question put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the words "or Ireland."—(Mr. Lough.) Question, That the words "or Ireland" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "tea," to insert the words "valued over one shilling."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.) 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 "fourpence," in order to insert the word "twopence."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, (Mr. Austruther) 263. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George,] Noes, (Mr. Herbert Lewis) 96. Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, (Mr. Austruther) 228. Tellers for the [Mr. Logan,] Noes, (Mr. Whittaker) 87. 

(CLAUSE, No 2 (Addition to Customs Duties on special kinds of beer.) Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, to leave out the words "of the descriptions called mum, "spruce, or black beer," in order to insert the words "not being of the description called lager "beer," instead thereof.—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question proposed, That the words "of the "descriptions called mum, spruce, or black beer," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, No 2, agreed to.

Clauses, No 3 to No 5, agreed to.

Clause, No 6, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No 7 to No 12, agreed to.

Clause, No 13 (Exception to passing of property on enlargement of interest of settlor.) Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 11, after the word "settled," to insert the words "other than for "valuable consideration."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Question put, That Clause 13 stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, (Mr. Austruther) 133. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George,] Noes, (Mr. Birrell) 46. 

Clause, No 14 (Reverter of property to disponer.) Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 35, after the word "wife," to insert the words "and "is not entitled to any other property real or "personal in his own right, which, or part of "which, passes on his death to his wife."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George,] Yeas, (Mr. Herbert Lewis) 59. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Noes, (Mr. Austruther) 146. Question put, That Clause 14, as amended, stand part of the Bill;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yeas, (Mr. Austruther) 175. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George,] Noes, (Mr. Courtenay Warner) 75. 

Clause, No 15, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 16 (Objects of national, scientific, or historic interest [see 36 Geo. 3, c. 52, s. 14 ; 57 and 58 Vict. c. 30, s. 15 (2)].) Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, to leave out the words "appear to the Treasury to be," and insert the word "are."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles).—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, after the word "scientific," to insert the word "artistic."—(Mr. Leigh.) Question put, That the word "artistic" be there inserted;

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Leigh,] Yeas, (Mr. Birrell) 44. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Noes, (Mr. Austruther) 228. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 14, after the word "and," to insert the words "and "to have been accessible during the lifetime of "their late possessor to public view and inspec-

tion under reasonable conditions, and where "such property is."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment amended, by inserting, after the word "possessor," the words "after the passing "of this Act." Question proposed, That the words "and to "have been accessible during the lifetime of their "late possessor, after the passing of this Act, to "public view and inspection under reasonable "conditions, and where such property is," be there inserted:

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Question proposed, That Clause 16 stand part of the Bill:

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Whereupon Motion and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther 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 taking into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1832) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway 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 Military Manœuvres 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 consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Post Office Consolidation 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 Public Health (Scotland) (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 Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation 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 Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Public Health (Ports) 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 Stipendiary Magistrates (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 Teachers' Second Reading of the Teachers' Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Official Secrets Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Short Titles 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 Larceny 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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Election Petitions 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 Burglary Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Committee on the Land Law (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 Law Agents Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Benefices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Application of Act not to invalidate instruments of security). Question, That No. 2 Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3, agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, and passed.

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. Secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Report by the Assistant Registrar of the Land Registry on the System of Registration of Title Hungary, and that 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 Cruft Water Order Confirmation Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to National Debt Act, 1883 (Terminus Annuities), which Act, 1883, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House was moved, That the Report from Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in Fort Augustus Railway Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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.
Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 16 (Objects of national, scientific, or historic interest [See 36 Geo. 3, c. 52, s. 14, 57 & 58 Vic. c. 30, s. 15 (2)].)

Question again proposed, That Clause 16 stand part of the Bill.

Question put ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austracher: 178]

Tellers for the [Mr. Luttrell, Noes, Mr. Strachey: 74]

CLAUSE, No. 17 and No. 18, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 19 (Rate of Income Tax for 1896-97).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 13, after the word "charged," to insert the words "in the case of incomes under five hundred pounds a year at the rate of fourpence, between five hundred and seven hundred and fifty pounds a year at the rate of sixpence, between seven hundred and fifty and one thousand pounds a year at the rate of eightpence."—(Mr. Whittaker)—instead thereof.

Question put, That those words be there inserted ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, Mr. Broadhurst: 84]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austracher: 168]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, to leave out the word "eightpence," and insert the words "sevenpence halfpenny"—(Mr. Whittaker)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "eightpence" stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austracher: 221]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whittaker, Noes, Mr. Jonathan Samuel: 58]

CLAUSE, No. 19, agreed to.


Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 21, after the word "shillings," to insert the words "of one-

third."—(Mr. Whittaker.)

Question proposed, That the words "of one-third" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 24, to leave out the word "third," and insert the word "fourth."—(Mr. Strachey)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "third" stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austracher: 261]

Tellers for the [Mr. Strachey, Noes, Mr. Heywood Johnston: 55]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, after l. 29, "after the word "cease," to insert the words, "(4) Where the total joint income of a husband and wife charged to income tax by way either of assessment or deduction, does not exceed five hundred pounds, the exemption relief or abatement granted by Section thirty-four, Sub-section two, of the Finance Act, 1894, by considering the income of the wife as a separate income from the husband for any profession, employment, or vocation of the wife chargeable under Schedule D or Schedule E, shall be extended to the incomes of wives.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothert 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 Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Truck Bill into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Act (1892) pounds a year at the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Conciliation Trades Disputes Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill (No. 2) 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 Railway Assessors (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Public Health into a Committee on the Public Health (Ports) (Ports) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothert reported, That the Committee
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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.

Short Titles Bill [Lords.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Short Titles Bill.

(Lords.)

Clause No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Whittam 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.

Larceny Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Jailbreaking Offenders (Whipping) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jailbreaking Offenders (Whipping) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Burglary Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Shops (Early Closing) Bill,

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Judicial Trustees Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Judicial Trustees Bill, as amended in the Standing 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Buildings (London) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Buildings (London) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 17th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trespassing Close Time (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trespassing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Buildings (Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Accountants Second Reading of the Accountants (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values (Taxation by Local Authorities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cathedral Second Reading of the Cathedral Churches Bill; Churches Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Personal Second Reading of the Personal Property (Exemption) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Goods (Prevention of Fraud) 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 Cemeteries Second Reading of the Cemeteries Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) 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 Prison-made Goods Importation 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 Local Government (Highways) 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 Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Message from the Lords of the 7th day of this instant July, requesting this House to add one of its Members to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.
Ordered, That Mr. Cripps be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them, that this House has added one of its Members to the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision Bills, as requested by their Lordships; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Sir Charles Dilke reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, and 30th 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. William Ambrose reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills; That, in the case of the Parliamentary Costs Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leamington 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 Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Great Western Railway (Denbighshire) Valleys Extension) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Londonderry Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:
An Act for the reduction of the Municipal Franchise in the City of Londonderry, for the Alteration and Increase in the Number of the Municipal Ward, and of the Number of Aldermen and Councillors elected for the said City, for the Improvement of the City, the raising of further Moneys, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Port Talbot Valleys Extension) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Commons Regulation (Darwen) Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill.
Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Acton, &c.) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leamington 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 Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Great Western Railway (Denbighshire) Valleys Extension) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 Londonderry Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:
An Act for the reduction of the Municipal Franchise in the City of Londonderry, for the Alteration and Increase in the Number of the Municipal Ward, and of the Number of Aldermen and Councillors elected for the said City, for the Improvement of the City, the raising of further Moneys, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Port Talbot Valleys Extension) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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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The Weaver Navigation Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Burntisland Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Preston Corporation (Bible Navigation) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Redruth Bridge Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Sums required to be voted for the Service of the Year ending 31st March 1897, in addition to the Sums included in the original Estimates for that Year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of June last, for a Return relative to Telegraph Lines (Argyll, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 4th July 1896, under the Parliamentary Returns Act, 1869, directing that the Annual Parliamentary Return required by the Suez Canal (Shares) Act, 1876, shall be discontinued.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Orders made by the Town Council of Cambridge, altering the Polling Districts of Old and New Chesterton.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports, Nos. 170 (Sierra Leone, Annual Report for 1895), and 171 (Gibraltar, Annual Report for 1895).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance. No. 1789.

Mr. Curzon also presented,—Return to an Address from Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of June last, for a Return relative to Norwegian Ports (Subsidised Steamers) (Commercially No. 5, 1896).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Selection
Standing Committees.)

Trade, &c.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. Walter Long; and had appointed in substitution: Colonel Blundell.
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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Yeovil Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Marquess of Lansdowne to attend, in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Government Offices (Appropriation of Site), his Lordship, in his place, consenting.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to Folkestone ought not to be confirmed; that the other Order ought to be confirmed; and directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, that in the case of the Barry Urban District Council Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the construction of Railways, and the establishment of other means of Communication in Ireland, and for other purposes incidental thereto: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the construction of Railways, and the establishment of other means of Communication in Ireland, and for other purposes incidental thereto; 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)


Amendment again proposed, in p. 7, after l. 29, to insert the words "(4) Where the total joint income of a husband and wife charged to income tax by way either of assessment or disallowance does not exceed five hundred pounds, (not) the exemption relief or abatement granted by Section thirty-four, Sub-section two, of the Finance Act, 1894, by considering the income of the wife as a separate income from the husband's for any professional, employment, or vocation of the wife chargeable under Schedule D, or Schedule E, shall be extended to the income of wives charged under all or any of the schedules of the income tax."—(Mr. Bartley.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Debate resumed:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 30, to leave out the words "are for the time being in force," in order to insert the words "were during the preceding financial year in force, including (in this Act) all such enactments as were in force on the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six"—(Mr. Lloyd-George), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 21 to N° 24, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 25 (Appropriation of Land Tax in excess of one shilling in the pound): Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 5, to leave out the word "not."—(Mr. Harrison.)

Question, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That Clause 25 stand part of the Bill.

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question, because he thought the Committee was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"—(Mr. Attorney-General, for Ireland.)

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—(Mr. Attorney-General, for Ireland.)

Question proposed, That Clause 25 stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 
Yea. 181, Mr. Anstruther: 
Noes. Mr. Thomas Ellis: 
Yea. 67, Mr. Croston: 

Tellers accordingly, That Clause 25 stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 
Yea. Mr. Anstruther:
Noes. Mr. Stroebey: 
Yea. 67, Mr. Stroebey:

Tellers for the Mr. Labouchere, 
Noes. Mr. Labouchere, 
Yea. 67, Mr. Labouchere, 

Tellers accordingly, That Clause 25 stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 
Yea. 191, Mr. Anstruther: 
Noes. Mr. James Stuart: 
Yea. 76, Mr. Dr. Clark:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 18,
to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall"—(Mr. Herbert Lewis)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.


Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis,] Noes, [Mr. Lloyd-George: ] 77.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 34, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that these regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament and no resolution adverse "to the said regulations and forms be passed "within thirty days."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 29 (Definitions and construction). Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 10, to leave out the word "basis" in order to insert the word "principles"—(Mr. Humphreys-Owen)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "basis" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn:

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, Nos. 30 to 33, agreed to.

A Clause (Duty on Cocoa Butter)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—added.

Another Clause (Application of part of Act to Scotland)—(The Lord Advocate)—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 (Incident of Settlement Estate Duty)—(Mr. Batchor)—added.

Another Clause (Appeal to County Court)—(Mr. Gibson Bowles)—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 (Abolition of charge on property passing by disposition made within twelve months of death, under 57 and 58 Vic. c. 30, s. 2, sub-sec. 3)—(Mr. Disraeli)—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 (Limitation of property to such as that in which deceased at the time of his death, or any other person at the time of such death, had an interest)—(Mr. Gibson Bowles)—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.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 taking Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Truck Bill into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking further consideration the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question pro- posed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The
Public Health (Porto) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (Porto) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Official Secrets Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Railway Assesors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Assesors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraph Money Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Berriew School Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Berriew School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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.

Uganda Railway Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Military Manoeuvres Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Labourers (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Post Office Consolidation Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Consolidation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Stipendiary Magistrates (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 Teachers' Registration 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 Teachers' Registration 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 West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Alder shot and Farm borough) 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 Local Government (Aldershott and Farnborough) 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 Public Health (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 Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Short Titles Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Election Petitions 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 Election Petitions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the La burns (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 Larceny 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 Burglary Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Committee on the Land Law (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Criminal Law Procedure 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 Bath and Washhouses Acts 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 Rating of Machinery Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant July,

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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, 10th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Standing Committee on Law, &c.
Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Fergusson.)

Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously complied with).
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously complied with, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroads Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquittance, 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 Portsmouth Street Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquittance, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Druggists Corporation Bill be now read the third time; and that the Standing Committee be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the second time:—Dr. Farquharson:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquittance, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the North Cornwall Railway Bill be now read the third time; and that the Standing Committee be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the second time:—Dr. Stuart-Wortley:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquittance, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Staines Reservoirs Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time (Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That, in the case of the New River Company Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, Company Bill, and 259 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—Dr. Farquharson:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Company to provide land in lieu of land now subject to public user)—(Mr. Bigwood); 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.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time (Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time (Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill (changed from Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill.)

Commons (No. 15) Bill.

Orders

Government

"Local

(Treated from

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill.)"

Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London Bill)

Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Acton, &c.) Bill [Lords.]

Public Petitions.

Vide Twelfth Report.

Telegraph Lines (Argyll, &c.) No. 289.

South Africa (Rinderpest).

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Outbreak of Rinderpest in South Africa in March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Honbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Public Accounts and Charges Acts, 1891, dated 7th July 1896, directing the further Appropriation of Receipts in aid of Moneys provided by Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Sixty-second Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland (being for the year 1895).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Corson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention and Protocol between Great Britain and Nicaragua for the settlement of certain Claims arising out of the Disturbances in the Mosquito Reserve in 1894.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders No. 201.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders No. 203.


Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported Chambers' Estate Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and added a recital of an indenture made since the Bill was introduced into this House, and otherwise amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported from the Committee on the Brading Harbour and Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee for the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Locomotives on Highways Bill was committed; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments theretoon.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and 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 have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tranways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Sea Water Supply Bill, with Amendments; 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 agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Swansea Harbours Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Emsworth and Osmere; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalise Isaac Aaron Abensur, and to grant and convey upon him all the Rights, Privileges, and Capacities of a Natural-born Subject of Her Majesty the Queen; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tranways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Abensur's Naturalisation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(in the Committee.)

Supply.

1. £ 4,102,213, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London.
2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 514,795, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department and Science and Art, and of the various Establishments connected therewith;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item F. (Purchases for Museums and Circulation,) be reduced by £ 100—(Mr. Caldwell);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell],

Yeas, [Mr. Morton],

Noes, [Mr. Astor], 47.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, be read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Abensur's Naturalisation Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Benefices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors' Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burton-upon-Trent 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 North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum (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 the Amendments made by the Lords to the Yeoil Corporation (Water) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Burntisland 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.

A Motion being made, That the Burntisland Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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.

A Motion being made, That the Preston Corporation (Ribble Navigation) Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Aldersholt Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. Vol. 151.
Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Animals Act, 1894.

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 Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents, which formerly were or ought to have been in the Office of the King's or Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, or of the Clerk appointed to take charge of the Port of London, and which are now in, but are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Diseases of Animals Bill be now under consideration.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Military Works to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making provision for the execution of Military Works, and of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes—(Mr. Brodrick);

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 a Committee to consider of Military Works.

Sir John Kenmure reported from the Committee on Railway Bills on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That Mr. (Group 9.) Flynn, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fisheries), Shipping, and Manufactures; Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Thomas Shaw; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Pickard and Mr. Yeall.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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 Order, dated 10th July 1896, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, relating to the conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "Athena."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 9th July 1896, putting in force for a further period of Six Months the Order in Council of the 3rd July, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages, which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, during the Months of March and April, 1896, specifying Dates and Amounts respectively of the last Increases of Rent, where ascertained; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages, which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1896.

Copy of Order by the Secretary for Scotland containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Commissioners for executing the Order of the Office of the King's or Queen's Remembrancer of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Western Railway (Devizes and Newport Valleys Extension) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Ogmore Valleys Extension) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law as to Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give further Powers to County Councils with a view to the prevention of Floods and other Damage arising from Rivers or Watercourses; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Employers' Liability for Injuries to Workmen Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Rates, Concessions to Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (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, and adding the words "this House is of opinion that the money to be allocated to Scotland under this Bill ought not to be applied almost exclusively to the benefit of one class only of the People of Scotland"—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman)—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, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 14th July, 1896:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (Ports) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Assesors (Scotland) Superannuation 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 Telegraph Money Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Review Second Reading of the Kehrew School Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uganda Rail-Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Labourers into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Consolidation 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 Metropolitan Police Courts 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 Teachers’ 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 West Highland Railway Guarantee 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 Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Public Health (Scotland) (No. 2) 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 Lanark 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 Juvenile Offenders (Whipping) 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 Burglary 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 Land Law (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Locomotives on Highways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Mr. Walter Long reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

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1. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,162,213, 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 1897, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £514,785, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art, and of the various Establishments connected therewith.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 West Highland Railway Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking further consideration the Juvenile Offenders Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking further consideration the Poor Law Officers’ Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill.

CLAUSE, N. 1° (Short Title).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

And, Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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 Solicitors’ Magistracy Resolution Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday 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 3rd day of March last, That the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees Savings Banks Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of April last, That the Plumbers' Registration Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 24th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Votes) 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 Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans 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 Prisoners' Evidence 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 District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act, 1873: And that Sir John Brunner, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, Mr. Disraeli, Sir Walter Foster, and Mr. Broadhurst do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Registration of Electors Acts: And that Sir John Brunner, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, Mr. Disraeli, Sir Walter Foster, and Mr. Broadhurst do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Brunner presented a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act, 1873; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Brunner presented a Bill to amend the Registration of Electors Acts: 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 twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 14th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS:

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan District 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.

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Chambers' Estate Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant July, Ireland:
That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill to inquire whether provision should be made in the Bill to secure under the extended Franchise the representation of minorities in the Corporation, and, if they think fit, to provide for the same by the election of the councilors triennially by the Cumulative Vote or otherwise.—(Mr. Knox):
And the Question being again proposed.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill that they have power to make provision for an amendment of the Law as to the election and tenure of office of Aldermen, Councillors, and Assessors, and as to the appointment and tenure of office of any officers annually elected by the Corporation or appointed by any persons nominated by the Corporation.—(Mr. MacAteese.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Railway Rates and Charges (Lee-on-the-Solent Light Railway, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Teachers' Pension Fund (Ireland), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Quarter Sessions (Ireland) Criminal Issues, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant July, be printed.
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Bills upon Thursday, the 23rd day of this instant July, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse reported from the Com- mittee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That, (Group 7.) there being no business ready for their consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday, the 23rd July, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Surveyors Bill to amend the Law relative to the ap pointed Service of Surveyors in the County of Dublin: And that Mr. Clancy and Mr. Horace Plunkett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Conveyancing Bill to amend the Conveyancing Acts: And that Sir John Brunner, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Arthur O'Conor, and Mr. Liptrot do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Accounts Bill to complete the organisation of the profession of Accountants throughout the United Kingdom: And that Colonel Denya, Mr. Colelle, Mr. Pyne-Jones, Mr. Matthew Fowler, and Mr. Patrick O'Brien do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to amend the Surveyors Law relative to the appointment of Surveyors (Dublin) in the County of Dublin: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Brunner presented a Bill to amend Conveyancing Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Denya presented a Bill to complete the organisation of the profession of Accountants throughout the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was made upon the 13th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was ordered to be added.

The Question being proposed, That the words "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House is of opinion that the money to be the proceeds of the said Bill, be applied almost exclusively to the benefit of one class only of the People of Scotland"—(Sir Henry Campbell -Bannerman), 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 Question being put:—

The House divided.

The Yeas:—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yea,
Mr. Anstruther: 276.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis], Noes,
Mr. Muir Ferguson: 139.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And
And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Relief from land tax of poor beneficaries) — (Mr. Griffith-Boscawen) — was offered to be added to the Bill: And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 27, by leaving out Clause 20.—(Mr. Luttrell.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 20, down to the word “and,” in l. 31, stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. William Walrond, ) Yeas, 
Mr. Austruther: 213.
Tellers for the (Mr. Thomas Ellis, ) Noes, 
Mr. M'Arthur: 82.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 32, by leaving out from the word “shall” to the word “duty,” in l. 38, inclusive, and inserting the words “or the death of such deceased person be valued and aggregated with the other property of the deceased person, but shall be exempt from estate duty while enjoyed in kind by a person not competent to dispose of the same, but if it is sold, or if it passes into the possession of some person who is then competent to dispose of the same, it shall become liable to estate duty at the same rate at which the other property of the estate of the deceased person was assessed”—(Mr. Cohen),—instead thereof.

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 (Sir William Walrond, ) Yeas, 
Mr. Austruther: 170.
Tellers for the (Mr. Cohen, ) Noes, 
Mr. Samuel Evans: 55.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, be now adjourned—(Mr. Samuel Evans):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 4, by inserting, after the word “charge,” the words “in the case of incomes under five hundred pounds a year, at the rate of four pence; between five hundred and seven hundred and fifty pounds a year, at the rate of sixpence; between seven hundred and fifty and one thousand pounds a year.”—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Lewis, ) Yeas, 
Mr. Samuel Evans: 34.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, ) Noes, 
Mr. Austruther: 134.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 19, by leaving out Sub-section (2) of Clause 26.—(Mr. Heywood Johnstone.)

And the Question being proposed, That Sub-section (2) of Clause 26 stand part of the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 31, by leaving out Clause 31.—(Mr. William Jones.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 31 stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Guadalupense Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Reserve 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 Military Works [Money];
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 Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Labourers into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Public Health (Scotland) (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 Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Railways (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Letting of Sporting Rights 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 Letting of Sporting Rights Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 15th July, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barry Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of June last, for Returns relative to Charitable Loan Funds (Ireland.).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Ordnance Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to consider the arrangements to be made for the Sale of Ordnance Survey Maps, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Agriculture by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Alpha- betical Digest of the Minutes of Evidence before the Royal Commission on Agricultural Depres sion.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented Insane Persons—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, (Suicides) dated the 27th day of February last, for Returns relative to Insane Persons (Suicides).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1761 to 1765.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to British Ships (Desertion of Seamen Abroad).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Harcourt, Member for West Mowr—Adjournment.  

The Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir William Harcourt):—And a Debate arising thereon;

Sir Charles Dilke rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

Then the House resumed the Debate—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Finance Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 14th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 16, l. 31, to leave out Clause 31—(Mr. William James);  
And the Question being again proposed, That Clause 31 stand part of the Bill—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And
The Order of the day being read, for taking the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1897) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Agents Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1897) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors' Magistracy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries 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 Local Government (Highways) 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 Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) 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 Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Votes) 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) 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 Letting of Sporting Rights 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 Spurious Sports Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a School and Teachers' Residences in Ireland Bill to amend the Law regarding the Acquisition of Sites for National Schools and Teachers' Residences in Ireland; And that Mr. Clancy and Mr. Patrick O'Brien do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Commons Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made a further Progress in the matters to them referred; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the railways on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Provisional Order of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Ogilvie Meal Charity Bill, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Wallasey Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; That the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; That the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 16th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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, viz.:


Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Sea Water Supply 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 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.

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The Caledonian Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Barry Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and North British 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Llanelli Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Private Business.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Order (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Order (No. 21) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 taking into consideration the Lanely Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and 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, and adding the words "re-committed to the former Committee.
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Report of the Committee of the whole House, for Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Societies Bill under the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the two Bills in the Sessions of 1893 and 1894, inasmuch as it reproduces the existing enactments with such alterations only as are required for uniformity of expression and adaptation to existing law and practice, and does not embody any substantial amendment of the law.

Mr. Solicitor General further reported from (Report on the Committee; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Special Report and Report No. 300. do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills, of Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c., have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into Consideration:

And the Question being put; That the words be left stand part of the Question; -The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Colony of Rhodes:

Report of the Committee of the whole House, for Monday next; and be printed.

Sir John Kenworthy reported from the Committee on the Hampshire and Grafton Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Video Supplementary Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, of one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (Ports) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the London Tramways 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 Kensington (James Street Area) Improvements Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Charges on Land and to Matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Floods Prevention Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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Earl Compton reported from the Committee on the Bute Docks and Rhymney Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Law (Ireland) Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Exchange of certain holdings. See 44 & 45 Vic. c. 49, s. 58; 50 & 51 Vic. c. 33, s. 9.).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 26, to leave out the words annexed to or. (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question again proposed, That the words annexed to or stand part of the Clause:—Debate resumed.

Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, to leave out paragraph (c) of Sub section (1). (Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words any holding to which the Land Law Acts and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, shall apply to stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, after the word holding, to insert the words Provided that where a tenant is entitled to meadow after the word holding, to insert the words Provided that where a tenant is entitled to meadow or of a statutory condition of the tenant, to surrender one part of the holding. (Mr. Smith Barry.)

Question put, That the words other than a holding let to be used solely or mainly for a dairy farm. (Mr. Carson.)

Question proposed, That the words other than a holding stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, after the word holding, to insert the words which has been laid down as permanent pasture by the tenant at his own expense. (Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words one hundred and insert the words two hundred. (Mr. McCartan.)

Question, That the words one hundred stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, to leave out from ii to the word holding in l. 4, both inclusive. (Mr. McCartan.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, after the word holding, to insert the words Provided that where a tenant is entitled to meadow or sell hay off a holding such holding shall not be deemed to be let for the purpose of pasture. (Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out Sub section (3). (Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

Question put, That the words Where a distinction and substantive part of the stand part of the Clause:—Debate resumed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 293.

Tellers for the Sir Herbert Robertson, 49.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, to leave out the word farm, and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, shall apply to any holding to which the Land Law Acts apply. (Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the word farm stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words (4) The Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, shall apply to any holding to which the Land Law Acts apply. (Mr. Carson.)

Question, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the words last added, to add the words Provided that it shall not be lawful for the tenant, without the consent of the landlord, to surrender one portion only of the said property. (Mr. Carson.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Exclusion by sub-letting of tenancy. See 44 & 45 Vic. ss. 5, 21, 57; 50 & 51 Vic. c. 33, s. 4.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, to leave out the words not being the dwelling of the tenant. (Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 34, to leave out the words or of a statutory condition. (Mr. Hemphill.)
16th—17th July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking further into consideration the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill;
(Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation 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 Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which is proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which is proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

The Order of the day being read, for the Resolution, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Election Petitions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money 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 Herries School 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 Military Manoeuvres 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 Post Office Consolidation 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 Teachers' Registration 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 Larceny Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary 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 Locomotives on Highways Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shops (Early Closing) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.
New Clause added. 
Preamble agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leafer reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Committee on the Coroners (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Women Bar Assistants Assistance Acts Amendment 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 Label Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. 
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Surveyors Second Reading of the Surveyors (Dublin County) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 17th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bill, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Aldershot Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Abensur's Naturalisation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of the Working Classes) Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Loan Funds (Ireland), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Friendly Societies, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States with respect to Proposals for Arbitration. Copy of Further Documents relating to the Question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1766 to 1768.

Ordered, That the said Reports do lie upon the Table.

Secretory Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Depart-
The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee on the 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 Railways Committee on Railways (Ireland) [Advances] [Ireland] [Advances];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Military Works [Money];
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 Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law Agents Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Board of Guardians and Labourers (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 Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill.
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 after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply of the Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.
£ 26,991, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretaries to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments. Resolution to be reported.

Class IV.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 616,077 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 3,775), 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland:—Debate arising:—
Saturday, 18th July, 1896:
And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. James William Lachter reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lachter also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland 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 Midland 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 Midland 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.

South Western British Railway Companies Bill was read the second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal 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 Metropolitan Railway and Canal 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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Barry Railway Bill (Lords.)

The Barry Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

Manchester Ship Canal Bill.

Midland Railway Bill.

North Metropolitan Railway and Canal 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.

Glasgow and South Western and North British Railway Companies Bill (Lords.)

The Glasgow and South Western and North British Railway Companies Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

Barry Railway Bill (Lords.)

The Barry Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

Llanelli Harbour Bill (Lords.)

A Motion being made, That the Llanelli Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Mandella, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

Ogilvie Meal Charity Bill (Lords.)

The Ogilvie Meal Charity Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Callander and Oban Railway Bill (Lords.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Callander and Oban Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Commons Regulation (Dorset) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The Commons Regulation (Darwen) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The Elementary Education Provisional Orders Confirmation (Acton, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the other Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 20) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Bidulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised 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, authorised 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 authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Incumbents of Benefices Loans Extension Act, 1896.
2. Short Titles Act, 1896.
5. Glasgow Parliamentary Divisions Act, 1896.
12. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1896.
15. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1896.
16. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1896.
17. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1896.
22. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 16) Act, 1896.
26. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 20) Act, 1896.
27. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 21) Act, 1896.
29. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 23) Act, 1896.
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15. Local Government Board's Provisionsal Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1896.
27. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisionsal Order Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1896.
29. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1896.
30. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1896.
31. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1896.
32. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1896.
34. Muirhead Bath Gas Act, 1896.
35. Folkestone Electric Act, 1896.
37. South Eastern Railway Act, 1896.
40. Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Act, 1896.
41. Blackpool Improvement Act, 1896.
42. Feyle College Act, 1896.
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45. Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railway Companies Act, 1896.
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50. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Act, 1896.
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54. Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Newport Railway Act, 1896.
55. Great Western Railway (Denbighshire Railways) Act, 1896.
56. Port Talbot Railway and Docks (Gwynne Valley Extension) Act, 1896.
57. Belfast Street Tramways Act, 1896.
60. Londo and North Western Railway Act, 1896.
64. Wrexham Navigation Act, 1896.
68. Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1896.
70. North Eastern Railway Act, 1896.
71. Caldicot Railway Act, 1896.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Govermnent:
Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Vide Twelfth Report.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return from the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Education and Moral Instruction of Prisoners in Local and Convict Prisons, with Minutes of Evidence, Analysis, Index, and Appendices.

Copy of Fifty-first Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return from the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Education and Moral Instruction of Prisoners in Local and Convict Prisons, with Minutes of Evidence, Analysis, Index, and Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direction of the Charity Commissioners, copies of a Return, having been laid upon the Table, giving the Names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of their Department, viz.:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table:

Edward Callaway, Labourer, Royal Laboratory, War Department, dated 8th July 1896.

William Fricker, Small Arms Cartridge Boy, Royal Laboratory, Woolwich, War Department, dated 8th July 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return from the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Education and Moral Instruction of Prisoners in Local and Convict Prisons, with Minutes of Evidence, Analysis, Index, and Appendices.
of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing in the case of each such Parish whether any, and, if any, what easements, and privileges, the Owners have in the same; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.—

(Mr. Francis Stevenson.)

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 for the years 1894 and 1895 for each Regiment of Cavalry (including the Cavalry Depot), Battery or Company of Artillery, Company of Engineers, and Battalion of Infantry, respectively, of the Number and Proportion to Average Strength of (1) Courts Martial, distinguishing those in which the Offences are only in relation to Enlistment; (2) Minor Punishments; (3) Deserions; and (4) Stations (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 252, of Session 1896.)—(General Sir F. FitzWygram.)

Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Realisation and Debenture Corporation of Scotland Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

West Highland Railway Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lomther reported the West Highland Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Chaddie Railway Mineral and Land Company Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Chaddie Railway Mineral and Land Company Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway) Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway) Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Metropolitan Sewers and Drains Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business be not interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed; and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Law (Ireland) Bill, Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 4 (Amendment as to improvements).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;—(Mr. Balfour) : Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question, That Clauses Nos. 4, 5, 13, 14, and 15 cease to form part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 6 (Turbary and other profits, easements, and privileges).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, to leave out from the word “to” to “it,” in order to insert the words “the Court.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 14, to leave out the words “by virtue of,” in order to insert the words “as appertinent to”—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That the words “by virtue of,” stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 15, after the word “has” to insert the words “at the date of the application”—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 15, to leave out the words “the permission of,” in order to insert the words “contract with”—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That the words “the permission of” stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 15, to leave out the words “whether with or without payment”—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 16, to leave out the words “profit a prendre” the words “at or (Colonel Saunderson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, after the word “turbary” to insert the words “or
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Military Works (Money). (In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any sums, not exceeding, in the whole £4,775,000, for the execution of certain Military Works, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow by means of terminable annuities payable out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for Army Services, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, such sums as may be required for the purpose of providing money for the issue of the above-mentioned sum of £4,775,000 out of the Consolidated Fund or the repayment to that fund of any or all of the sum so issued.—(Mr. Holbery.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Dillon)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Uganda Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The The Order of the day being read, for taking Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The The Order of the day being read, for the Light Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution, which was read, as follows;

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

That a Sum, not exceeding £26,991, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Clerks of the Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Naval Reserve Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Track Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Collecting Societies Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Collecting Societies (re-comitted) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Stipendiary Magistrates (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Election PETITIONS BILL (Lords.) The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Official Secrets Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Telegraph Money Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Harlow School Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Harlow School Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Consolidation Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Teachers' Registration Bill ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Locomotives into consideration the Locomotives on Highways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Labourers into consideration the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Act (1892) Amendment Bill, upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House this day, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) 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 Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant July, be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Ordnance Survey to the 31st March 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Statement of the Amount expended for In-maintenance and Out-door Relief in England and Wales during the Half-year ended Lady-Day 1896; and similar Statement for the Half-year ended Michaelmas 1896.

Mr. T. H. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louthier reported from the Committee on the Railway Rates and Charges (Lee-on-the-Solent Light Railway, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House. Vol. 151.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That this House will, on the Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the imposition of an Excise Duty upon Light Locomotives. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer); 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.

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 Correspondence between the Government of India and Bombay and the Secretary of State for India on the subject of the exemption of the Offices of Presidency Magistrate and Judge of the Presidency Court of Small Causes from the operation of the Rules relating to the Provincial Services. — (Sir William Wedderburn.)

Mr. Godson reported from the Committee on the West-super-Mare Urban District Council (Newport and South Wales) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, 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 Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Railway Rates (Ireland) Bill: Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Upton, Mr. Condon, Mr. Thomas Carron (South Staffs), Mr. Dave, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. Thomas J. Farrell (South Kerry), Mr. Field (Dublin), Mr. Flynn, Sir James Hasselt, Mr. Hemphill, Major Janssen, Sir Thomas Len, and Colonel Sadlermon.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Gasworks Corporation (Sewage) Bill; and the House had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquaintsed the House, That a Message was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Water Provisional Orders Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Provisional Orders Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Aldershot Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Chairmen of Gas and Water District Councils Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Kilmarrock Corporation Water Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cork, Blackrock, and Passage Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Provisional Orders Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Order (No. 11) of Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Parliament of the Maharajah of Jhalawar.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Kilmarrock Corporation Water Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, after the word "would," to insert the words "injuriously affect the rights of the remainder man or."—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, to leave out the words, "diminish the value," in order to insert the words "interfere with the enjoyment."—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That the words "diminish the value" stand part of the proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end thereof to add the words "and the Court is satisfied that the mansion house is bond fide required as a residence for the remainder man."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to add the words "Provided that no decision that this section applies to any demesne land, made in the absence of the person entitled on such cesser as aforesaid, shall be binding on him, and that he shall be entitled within the prescribed time after such cesser and notice of the order containing such decision to apply to the Court to rescind such order."—(Mr. Thomas Herbert Robertson.)

Question proposed, That the words "stand part of the proposed Amendment—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end thereof to add the words "and the Court is satisfied that the mansion house is bond fide required as a residence for the remainder man."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to add the words "Provided that no decision that this section applies to any demesne land, made in the absence of the person entitled on such cesser as aforesaid, shall be binding on him, and that he shall be entitled within the prescribed time after such cesser and notice of the order containing such decision to apply to the Court to rescind such order."—(Mr. Thomas Herbert Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause was amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 8, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 9 (Determination of estate of immediate landlord).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 20, to leave out from the word "Where," to the word "holding," in l. 21, both inclusive, in order to insert the words: "The payment by the tenant of the holding of the amount due to the landlord under such judgment shall not be made without the consent of the landlord."—(Mr. Balfour.)
"not operate to redeem the interests of the im-
mediate landlord, and upon such payment, but
"subject to such right of redemption as afore-
said."—(Mr. Carson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 26,
to leave out from the word "landlord" to the
word "from" in l. 29.

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 10 and N° 11, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 12 (Ejectments for non-payment
of rent in case of holdings under Land Law

Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 22,
to leave out from the word "claimed" to the
end of the Clause.—(Mr. Jordan.)

Question proposed, That the words "and the
"balance of the rent then due shall" stand part
of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 23,
to leave out from the word "shall" to the end
of the Clause, in order to insert the words "be
"irrecoverable."—(Mr. Hayden.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 22,
to leave out from the word "claimed" to the
end of the Clause.—(Mr. Hayden.)

Question proposed, That the words "and the
"balance of the rent then due shall" 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 "nor shall the
"holding be sold or affected by or under any
"judgment, execution, or proceeding taken in
"respect of such balance of rent."—(Mr. Maurice
Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 19, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 17 (Regulations as to interchange
of duties of the Land Judge and the Judicial
Commissioner of the Irish Land Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave
out from the word "Chancellor" to the word
"and" in l. 33.—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 33,
to leave out the word "and."—(Mr. Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That the word "and" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 37,
to leave out paragraph (a) of Sub-section (1).—
(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That the words of para-
graph (a) to the word "or," inclusive, in l. 40,
stand part of the Clause;
Wednesday, 22nd July, 1896:

Question put:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Wallond,
Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmond,
Mr. A. Brown : ] 79.

Noes, Dr. Tanner : ] 8.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 3,
to leave out paragraph (b) of Sub-section (i).—
(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand
part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 17, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 24,
after the word "paid" to insert the words
"And the provisions of this section shall apply
"in the cases of simple mortgages under Section
"twenty-three of the Purchase Act of 1883,
"power where by given to the Land Com-
"mission to convert any such mortgages into
"installment mortgages on the application of the
"persons liable, provided they agree to pay the
"same rate of interest on their mortgages as is
"payable by purchasers under this Act."—(Sir
Thomas Esmond.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 13,
to leave out from the word "end" to the word
"beginning" in l. 14, in order to insert the
words "gale day next before the commencement
"of this Act."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 16,
after the word "from," to insert the words "and
including."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words "and in-
cluding," be there inserted.—Amendment, by
leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand
part of the Bill—put, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 20, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 21 and N° 22, agreed to.

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment,
by leave, withdrawn.

 Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Question, That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment,
by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Chairman do report Pro-
gress, and ask leave to sit again—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr.
James William Louther reported, That the Com-
mittee 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 taking
into consideration the Coal Mines Regulation
Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended
in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uganda
Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this
day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
conciliation into further consideration the Conciliation (Trade
Disputes) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Maneuvers Bill ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time ;—
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before put, it being then a quarter of an hour before

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Highland Railway Guarantee 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 Locomotives on Railways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;—
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Labourers in Ireland Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time ;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time ;—
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill ;—
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Railways in Ireland [Advances]. (In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to make Advances, not exceeding £500,000 at any one time, under any Act of the present Session to facilitate the construction of Railways in Ireland, and for that purpose to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners the Sums that may be required, such Sums to be repaid out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. James William Louchter 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, and passed.
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The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;—
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions 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 Telegraph Money 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 Naval Reserve Bill ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill ;—
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time ;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill ;—
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to make Advances, not exceeding £500,000 at any one time, under any Act of the present Session to facilitate the construction of Railways in Ireland, and for that purpose to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners the Sums that may be required, such Sums to be repaid out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill ;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time ;—
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Wednesday, 22nd July, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Eastbourne 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 the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, and with a consequential Amendment made to the Bill, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment, and a consequential Amendment made to the Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Railway Rates and Charges (Lee-on-the-Solent Light Railway, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Law (Ireland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLause, No. 24 (Advance by means of money in place of stock).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, 1. 17, to leave out the words "money and not of."—(Sir Thomas Esmonde.) Question put, That the words "money and not of" stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Austruther : } 86. Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Smith Barry : } 99. Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put, and negatived. Clause, No. 25 (Expediting proceedings on sales, 50 & 51 Vic. c. 33, s. 14, and 51 & 52 Vic. c. 49, s. 3). Amendment proposed, in p. 18, 1. 11, to leave out the words "that the purchase money is "adequate in amount."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.) 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. 18, 1. 35, to leave out paragraph (a) of sub-section (3).—(Mr. Maurice Healy.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 18, 1. 39, after the word "rights" to insert the words, "Provided that a separate consideration shall be "specified in the agreement in respect of the said "rights."—(Mr. Skeet.) Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 40, 1. 40, at the end, to add the words, "(9) The Land "Commission or the High Court shall not in any
"any case be empowered to make any further requisition as to title than a purchaser would be entitled to make under the Vendor and Purchaser Act, 1874."—(Mr. Know.) Question, That these words be there added:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 26 (Framing of and dispensing with vesting order, and registration of title on purchase).

Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 14, to leave out from the word "Act" to the end of the sub-section—(Mr. Maurice Healy):—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 27 and No. 28, agreed to.

Clause, No. 29 (Liability for arrears of rent, and interest on purchase money after agreement to purchase. Sec 51 & 52 Vic. c. 49, s. 3).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 28, to leave out the word "four," in order to insert the word "three."—(Mr. Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 28, to leave out the word "four," in order to insert the words "three and an eighth."—(Mr. Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 28, after the word "from," to insert the words "the "gale day preceding."—(Sir John Colomb) :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 38, to leave out the words, " on account of rent," in order to insert the words "on discharge of the "rent up to the date covered by the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words " on "account of rent" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 30 and No. 31, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 33, agreed to.

Clause, No. 34 (Sales under the landed Estates Court Act, 21 & 22 Vic. c. 72).

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 249, Mr. Anstruther: Noes, Colonel Waring 42.

And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. James William Louthier 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 taking Locomotives on Highways into consideration, the Locomotives on Highways Bill (Lords.) Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Jesse Collings reported from the Committee on Railways on Railways (Ireland) [Advances], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:— That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to make Advances, not exceeding £ 500,000 at any one time, under any Act of the present Session to facilitate the construction of Railways in Ireland, and for that purpose to borrow from the National Debt Commissioners the sums that may be required, such sums to be repaid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, 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 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 Military Committee on Military Works [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill.

Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Truck Bill into consideration the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Six o'clock, till To-morrow.
Thursday, 23rd July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sheffield Corporation Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Sheffield Corporation Water Bill;

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendment.

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 Local Government Provisional Order (No. 23) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the Year 1894–95, Part I. (Poor Rate Return and Valuation for Poor Rate).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Carton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Commandeering of British Subjects in the South African Republic in 1894, and the Visit of the High Commissioner to Pretoria.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Commandeering of British Subjects in the South African Republic in 1894, and the Visit of the High Commissioner to Pretoria.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Chairman of District Councils Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment 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.

Sir Charles Dilwyn-Lewis reported from the Select Committee on Government Offices (Appropriation of Sites); 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), with a recommendation that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Munden reported from the Select Committee on Petroleum; 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), with a recommendation that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Petition of 

that the said Amendment being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment was to make the Title of the Bill correspond with the provisioes of the Bill), was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Liverpool Lords to the Liverpool Court of Passage Bill be now taken into consideration.

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.

Mr. Aker-Douglas reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, and 21st 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. James William Louther reported from the Select Committee on Abenour's Naturalisation Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

That the Bill seeks power to alter the general law by granting to Isaac Aaron Abenour the same rights, privileges, and capacities which he would or might have enjoyed if a certificate of naturalisation had been granted to him under the hand of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in accordance with the provisions of the Naturalisation Act, 1870, which prescribes a residence in the United Kingdom for a period of five years.

That it was proved to the Committee that the Petitioner's application for the Bill had been recommended by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the ground of public services rendered by the Petitioner and his family, and it was also proved that he had obtained a certificate from one of Her Majesty's Secretaries.
Secretaries of State respecting his conduct, and also that the consent of the Crown to his application had been signified by the Lord Chancellor previous to the Second Reading of the Bill being allowed to take place in the House of Lords, as required by the Standing Orders of that House. Under these circumstances, the Committee had passed the Bill, without Amendment, but had determined to report the same specially to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Special Report be laid upon the Table; and be printed.

Stannaries Bill [Lords.] Bill 294.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Earl of Perth, by leave of the Lords, with a Bill intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments respecting the Stannaries. The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time; and to be printed.

Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill.

Highland Railway Bill.

Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill.

Strand Improvement Bill.

Glasgow and South Western and North British Railway Companies Bill [Lords.]

Lothian Harbour Bill [Lords.]

Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords.]

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Cemeteries Bill.

Land Law (Ireland) Bill 323.

CLAUSE, No. 40 (Application to Land Commission for the reinstatement of tenant or for purchase of holding).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 22, to leave out paragraphs (a) and (b), in order to insert the words "if the party so served shall not within the prescribed time after such service object in the prescribed manner a joint application within the meaning of the section shall be deemed to have been made for removing statement or for a sale, as the case may be, and the Land Commission may thereupon proceed under this section accordingly."—(Mr. Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That paragraphs (a) and (b) stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 41 to No. 44, agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment as to improvements)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 8, after the word "landlord," to insert the words "and the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Extension Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Street Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Highland Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Strand Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Glasgow and South Western and North British Railway Companies Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lothian Harbour Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Parliamentary Costs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries 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 Land Law (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 35, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 36, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 37 and No. 38, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 39, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 40 (Application to Land Commission for the reinstatement of tenant or for purchase of holding).

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the Enactments relating to Parliamentary Costs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries 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 Land Law (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 35, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 36, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 37 and No. 38, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 39, amended, and agreed to.
Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 29, to leave out sub-section (3).— (Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words of the sub-section down to the word "fully," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause;

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Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 31, to leave out the word "valuable," in order to insert the word "adequate."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question, That the word "valuable" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 46, to leave out from the word "improvement" to the end of sub-section (6).— (Mr. Dillon.)

Question, That the words of the sub-section to the word "building," in l. 49, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 49, after the word "permanent," to insert the word "work."— (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the word "work" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 49, after the word "permanent" to insert the word "structure."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the word "structure" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 53, to leave out the word "where," inclusive, to the end of sub-section (7).— (Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words from the word "where" to the word "intention," in l. 55, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 56, to leave out from the word "improvement" to the end of sub-section 7. —(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question, That the words from the word "improvement" to the word "intention," in l. 58, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 57, to leave out the words "entered into for valuable consideration"—(Mr. Aylmer.—(Charles Barry.)

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 l. 59, after the word "two," to insert the word "three."— (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the word "three" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 61, after the word "rent," to insert as a new sub-section the words "(9.) Upon the province of Ulster a holding shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be subject to the Ulster tenant-right custom."—(Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. T. P. O'Connor, ] 66. [Mr. Dunn,]

Tellers for the Noes, [Sir William Worsay, ] 119. [Mr. Austruther,]

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Saving of Ulster tenant-right custom)—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland)—brought up, and read a first and second time, amended, and added.

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Another Clause (Provisions as to re-instatement of evicted tenants and sale of holding)—(Mr. Dillon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Repeal of landlord's right of pre-emption)—(Mr. Harrington)—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 (Amendment of Sec. 57 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act 1881)—(Mr. Clancy)—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 (Future and present tenancies where landlord and tenant agree)—(Mr. Hemp- hild)—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 (Provision for agreements by landlords and tenants in certain cases)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—added.

Another Clause (Glebe purchase)—(Mr. William Johnston)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Town parks)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—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 (Town parks)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.

Another Clause (Judicial rent may be fixed where contract provides for resumption of holding by the landlord)—(Major-General Johnston)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Ground of appeal to be stated)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.

Another Clause (Tenancy to be present tenancy where landlord has so consented)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.

Another Clause (Proceedings to be stayed pending decision of Court)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—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 (Powers of mortgagee)—(Mr. Knox)—added.

Another Clause (Power of appointment where holding is divided)—(Sir Thomas Esmonde)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time—put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Provisions as to re-instatement of evicted tenants and sale of holding)—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland)—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 Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 27, after Section 6, to insert Section 7.—(Mr. James O'Connor.)

Question, That Section 7 be there inserted.—put, and negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

Locomotives on Highways [Excise Duty];

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Locomotives on Highways [Excise Duty];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Locomotives on Highways Bill [Lords.);

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Locomotives on Highways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Collecting Societies Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Collecting Societies (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 to No 20, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Official Secrets Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant June, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Larceny Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Burglary Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Conciliation (Trade Disputes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

Light Railways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Money Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Land Act (1892) Amendment 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 Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Land Act (1892) Amendment 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 Finance Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Classing Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes before Five of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 24th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bournemouth Gas and 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 the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bournemouth Gas and 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
The Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 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 Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 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 London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Capital) Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 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 Port Talbot Railway and Docks (South Wales Mineral Railway) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed. Ordered, That Standing Orders 211, 238, and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Weston-super-Mare Urban District Council Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Bill into consideration. Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Haughton, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act for empowering the Urban District Council of Weston-super-Mare to acquire the Undertaking of Knightstone, Weston-super-Mare, Limited, and to construct Works, and for extending the powers of the Council in relation to certain matters, and for other purposes.

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 Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Vot. 151.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Education in Ireland be printed. No. 314.

Mr. Ritchie, presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of April last, for a Return relative to Marine Engineers. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Madras Presidency) (Evictions), which was presented upon the 11th day of June last, be printed. No. 313.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Roxborough Schools, America (Correspondence), which was presented upon the 18th day of May last, be printed. No. 312.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return giving a List of those Buildings in the United Kingdom of which the Architectural Structure and Fabric are maintained by Her Majesty's Office of Works.—(Lord Balfour.)

Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, &c., Committee of Trade (including Agriculture, Railways and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to (Ireland) Bill, whom the Railways (Ireland) Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed. No. 315.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Colenso reported from the Committee on Group F. Private Bills; That the Partes promoting the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill had stated that the Evidence of John Stuart McCaig, Banker, Oban, Dunoon 3 n 2 Campbell
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 Edinburgh General Register House Bill, without Amendment:—
The Lords have agreed to the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Vauxhall Bridge Tramways) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Tramways Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent Abuse of the Process of the High Court or other Courts by the Institution of Vexatious Legal Proceedings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House:
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 616,077 (including a Supplementary Sum of £. 3,375), 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item I. (School Grants) be reduced by £. 30,—(Mr. Knox); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Knox,] Yes. [Mr. Welf:]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] No. [Mr. Ainsworth:]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 605, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Offices of the Commissioners for managing certain School Endowments in Ireland:—

3. £. 1,643, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland.

4. £. 2,450, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

Class I.

5. £. 137,341, to complete the Sum for the Erection and Maintenance of Public Buildings in Ireland, for the Maintenance of certain Parks and Public Works, and for Drainage Works on the River Shannon.


Class II.

7. £. 24,597, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

Class III.

8. £. 41,825, to complete the Sum for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

9. £. 75,656, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.


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11. £. 77,700, to complete the Sum for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Divisional Commissioners, and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision.

12. £. 66,298, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

13. £. 70,642, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

14. £. 57,479, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

15. £. 3,841, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dondrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

Class VI.

16. £. 11,372, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Lunatic Establishments in Ireland.

17. £. 8,774, to complete the Sum for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous, Charitable, and other Allowances in Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions, Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 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 resuming Official Secrets and the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Official Secrets and the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Official Secrets and the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, till Monday next.

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Monday, 27th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Edinburgh Extension 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 Edinburgh Street Tramways 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 Highland 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 Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast 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, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 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 Strand 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.

Abenour’s Naturalisation Bill was read for the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Abenour’s Naturalisation Bill was read for the third time, and passed.

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 Wallasey Urban District Council Bill be now read the third time; 
Mr. Stewart-Watley, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Cheadle Cheshire Railway and Land Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct 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 Marlborough and Grafton Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Neath, Port Talbot, and Brynaman Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Highland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Orders (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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Marine Engineers, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Caledonian Canal, which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the Academic Session 1895-96.

Copy of Return, under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices Sued in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended the 30th June 1896.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letter from Sir J. A. de Wet (Her Britannic Majesty's Agent at Pretoria) relative to his Retirement, together with other Correspondence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Queen's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Efficient Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council, dated 19th December 1881, during the year 1882-96.

Naval Prize Money.

Mr. Goschen also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between the 1st April 1895 and the 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Robert Mossop, of Woking, in the County of Surrey, Clerk to the Urban District Council of Woking, was presented, and read; setting forth that proceedings are pending before the Justices of Guildford between the Urban District Council of Woking, Applicants, and the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company, Respondents; and that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Applicants to produce before the said Court, at the hearing thereof, the copy of the plan, deposited in the

Private Bill Office of the House, of the lands described in the Schedule to the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Act, 1852; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court and produce the said plan, and to give such further evidence as may be necessary to further the ends of justice.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill be now taken into consideration;—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.

Mr. De Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Taff Vale Railway Bill; that 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 thereunto.

Mr. De Tatton Egerton further reported from the Committee; that they had agreed to the following Special Report:—That a Notice of Instruction has given colour and support to the Petition of the Mountain Ash Urban District Council, the only allegation of which ultimately proceeded was one outside the purposes of the Bill, and therefore one which, according to the established practice with regard to Private Bills, would not have otherwise been considered by the Committee. By arrangement between the Parties this Instruction was withdrawn, and the Petition was not objected to, and therefore did not come before the Court of Locus Standi. In the opinion of the Committee this practice is one strongly to be deprecated.

Ordered, That the Report and the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Vexatious Actions Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Parliamentary Costs Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Orkney and Zetland Small Piers and Harbours Bill.

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 Public Health Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Offices Bill, without Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Dover Undercliff Reclamation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Callander and Oban Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uganda Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Question being
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
A Amendment was proposed to be made to the Qn. by leaving out the word “That” to the end of the Qn. and adding the words “this House is of opinion that no further public funds should be voted for making this railway until more clear and definite estimates of its cost are presented”—(Mr. Labouchere), instead thereof.
And the Qn. being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
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The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

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Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
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Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Pritchard Morgan;
Mr. Samuel Evans;

Mr. W. Abraham (Rhondda).

The Yeas being proposed, That the words being proposed to be left out stand part of the Qn.;
The House divided.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out from the word "contract" to the word "workshops," in l. 15, both inclusive, and inserting the words "terms of the contract are contained in a printed notice kept constantly affixed at such place or places open to the workmen, and in such a position that it may be easily seen, read and copied by any person whom it affects," (Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley), instead thereof.

The House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. Horsaby reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow :

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

National Education (Ireland.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £616,077 (including a Supplementary Sum of £3,375), 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for managing certain School Endowments in Ireland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £605, be Education (Ireland) 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,643, be National 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,450, be Queen's Colleges 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 1897, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

Class I.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,217, be Legal Railways grant to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Buildings necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Erection, Repairs, and Maintenance of Public Buildings in Ireland, for the Maintenance of certain Parks and Public Works, and for Drainage Works on the River Shannon.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,303, be Light Railways necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Payments under "The Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland)" Acts, 1883, and the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1895.

Class II.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,597, be Public Works necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

Class III.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £41,825, be Law Charges necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,556, be Supreme Court necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries of Judiciaries and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £32,258, be Irish Land necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £77,700, be County Court necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Divisional Commissioners, and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision.
12. That a Sum, not exceeding £66,298, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,642, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,479, 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 1897, for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,841, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Lunatic Asylum, Criminal Lunatics, and other Charitable, and other Allowances in Ireland.

Class VI.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,372, 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 1897, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatic Homes in Ireland.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,774, 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 1897, for Hospitals and Infirmarys, and certain Miscellaneous, Charitable, and other Allowances in Ireland.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time:

The First Resolution was postponed.

Resolutions Two to Six were agreed to.

Resolutions Seven and Eight were postponed.

Resolution Nine was agreed to.

Resolution Ten was postponed.

The subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

Ordered, That the postponed Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

The Bishop of Bristol Act 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 Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Barugh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the West Highland Railway Guarantee 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 Stauntries Bill:

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Locomotives on Highways [Excise Duty].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of an additional Excise Duty on every light Locomotive which is liable to duty, either as a carriage or as a hackney carriage, under section four of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1888, at the following rate:

- £ s. d.
- If the weight of the locomotive exceeds one ton unladen, but does not exceed two tons unladen - 2 2 -
- If the weight of the locomotive exceeds two tons unladen - 3 3 -

such Excise Duty to be paid annually; and the proceeds of such duty to be paid into the Local Taxation Accounts—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. J. J. David)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of an additional Excise Duty on every light Locomotive which is liable to duty, either as a carriage or as a hackney carriage, under section four of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1888, at the following rate:

- £ s. d.
- If the weight of the locomotive exceeds one ton unladen, but does not exceed two tons unladen - 2 2 -
- If the weight of the locomotive exceeds two tons unladen - 3 3 -

such Excise Duty to be paid annually; and the proceeds of such duty to be paid into the Local Taxation Accounts.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor 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 taking into consideration the Locomotives on Highways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Light Railways Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Military Works [Money]:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Reserve Bill.

(Clauses, N° 1 to N° 3, agreed to. Bill to be reported.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O’Connor 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Railways (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny 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 Burglary Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans: And that Mr. Housby and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare and bring in it.

Mr. Housby accordingly presented a Bill to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Prize Money, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Local Government Board making Regulations for the purposes of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Laether reported the Great Western Railways (Additional Powers) Bill, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Burials Bill was read, and 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 Reports of Committees appointed to inquire into the Sanitary Condition of certain Gaols in Bengal.

(Mr. Henry J. Wilson.)

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill; That, in accordance with the Instruction of the House, 13th July 1896, the Committee had inquired into the advisability of extending the Municipal Franchise to all Parliamentary Voters (except lodgers), and of providing that the Burgess Lists shall be revised and made up by the same persons and at the same time as the Parliamentary Register before the increased Powers proposed to be given by the Bill are conferred upon the Corporation; and the Committee had made certain Provisions in the Bill providing for such extension and improvements; and that the Burgess Lists shall be revised and made up by the same persons and at the same time as the Parliamentary Register:

That, in accordance with the Instruction of the House, 14th July 1896, the Committee inserted Clauses amending the Law as to the election and tenure of office of aldermen, councillors, and assessors, and as to the appointment and tenure of office of any officers annually elected by the Corporation, or appointed by any persons nominated by the Corporation.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords] [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. de Tuttun Egerton reported from the Committee on the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Quarter Sessions (London.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provisions relating to the Offices of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of London: And that Mr. James Stuart and Mr. Boulton do prepare, and bring in Mr. James Stuart accordingly presented a Bill to make Provisions relating to the Offices of Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of London:

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The same was 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Donegal Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Improvement and Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Improvement and Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Alexandra (Newport and South Water) Docks and Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barry Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Burley Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cornwall Minerals Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Law (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment as to mortgage or settlement of holdings)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Investment of guarantee deposits)—(Mr. Knox): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 51 and 52 Vict. c. 49, s. 2)—(Mr. Maurice Healy): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 51 and 52 Vict. c. 49, s. 2)—(Mr. Maurice Healy): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Staple Duty on conveyance on Sale)—(Mr. Maurice Healy): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Pre-emption by landlord)—(Mr. Timothy Knox):
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Present tenancies) (Mr. Flynn): 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 said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Town parks) (Mr. Timothy M. Healy): 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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reservation to the State as to mines, fishery, and sporting rights) (Sir John Colquhoun): 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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power of apportionment when holding is divided) (Sir Thomas Esmonde): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Judicial term in cases of agreement) (Mr. Dillon): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Judicial rent may be fixed where contract resumption provided for) (Major-General Hugh McAlmont): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Shortening judicial term) (Mr. Dillon): 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: Sir Thomas Esmonde, Yeas, 1 Captain Donelan, 101, Tellers for the: Sir William Wortland, Noes, 1 Mr. Austruther, 172.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Judicial term in cases of agreement) (Mr. Dillon): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Certain reinstated tenants to be present tenants) (Mr. Maurice Healy): 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.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Certain reinstated tenants to be present tenants) (Mr. Maurice Healy): 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.

Another Clause (Repeal of 44 and 45 Vic. c. 49, s. 8, s.s. 5) (Mr. Maurice Healy) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Present tenancies) (Mr. Flynn): 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: Sir Thomas Esmonde, Yeas, 1 Captain Donelan, 97, Tellers for the: Sir William Wortland, Noes, 1 Mr. Austruther, 189.
So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting after the word "court" the words " if the applicant so demand " at the hearing." (Mr. Knox.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by inserting after the word "contract" the words " unless both landlord and tenant concur in asking that such a schedule shall not be filled up." (Mr. Knox.)

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. 2, l. 7, by inserting after the word "custody" the words " For the purpose of an application to fix a fair rent the word "improvement" shall, notwithstanding anything in the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, be construed to mean any increased letting value due to or arising out of any expenditure of labour or capital on or in respect of the holding:—" (Mr. Kilbride.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the: Sir Thomas Esmonde, Yeas, 1 Captain Donelan, 102, Tellers for the: Sir William Wortland, Noes, 1 Mr. Austruther, 184.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by leaving out the words "valuable consideration," and inserting the words "money or money's worth." (Mr. Flynn), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "valuable consideration" 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. 2, l. 33, by leaving out the word "twenty" and inserting the word "fifty" (Mr. Flynn), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "twenty" 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. 35, by leaving out the word "waste." (Mr. Flynn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "waste" 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. 2, l. 39, by leaving out the word “fixed.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

And the Question being put, That the word “fixed” 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. 40, by leaving out the words “allowed to remain unaltered,” and inserting the words “reduced substantially”—(Mr. Flynn),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “allowed to remain unaltered” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by inserting after the word “expressed,” the words “unless it shall be proved to the court that the tenant in fact received no consideration for making the improvement.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Dr. Tanner, Member for Mid Cork, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 6, by inserting, after “1870,” the words “and as regards buildings, sub-section three of the said section.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;—Wednesday, 29th July, 1896:

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 18, by inserting after the word “fix,” the words “or has fixed.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 5, by leaving out the words “and which,” and inserting the word “unless”—(Sir John Colquhoun),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “and which” 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. 4, l. 13, by inserting, after the word “farm,” the words “(or a holding which was laid down in permanent pasture by the tenant at his own expense).”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 15, by leaving out the words “one hundred,” and inserting the word “fifty”—(Mr. Smith-Barry),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “one hundred” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 28, by inserting, after the word “and,” the words “unless the tenancy has expired.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 2, by inserting, at the end of Clause 4, the words “and the words ‘city or ‘town’ in the Land Law Acts shall be deemed ‘not to include a village.’”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 2, by inserting, at the end of Clause 4, the words “and a holding shall be deemed to have been let and used as an ordinary agricultural farm within the meaning of the said section unless the contrary is proved.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 9, by inserting after the word “person” the words “unless it be shown that such sub-letting was made by the tenant for the purpose of making a profit by the sub-letting, or not solely for the due cultivation of his holding.”—(Sir John Colquhoun.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 30, by inserting, after “1881,” as a new sub-section, the words “For the purposes of the fifty-seventh section of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, a portion of a holding sub-let shall be deemed to be a sub-let with the landlord’s consent if the consent of the landlord or his agent shall be proved thereto, though given in a manner other than that prescribed in the contract of tenancy.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 1, by leaving out Clause 6,—(Mr. Leadbeater.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 6 to the word “and,” in l. 6, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas—The Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes—Mr. Austruther, Mr. Waring.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Knox.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 6, by inserting, after the word “landlord,” the words “whether within or without the holding.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 42, by inserting, after the word “the,” the words “and which.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 12, l. 11, by inserting, after the word “and,” the words “whether within or without the holding.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 32, l. 9, by inserting, after the word “of,” the words “and in the case of a tenancy within city or town.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 32, l. 13, by inserting, after the word “and,” the words “whether, and if so, the amount thereof.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 6, l. 17, by inserting, at the end of Clause 6, the words "(2) Where a statutory term has commenced before the passing of this Act or where no order under the foregoing sub-section has been made, and the landlord during the currency of a statutory term takes proceedings to restrain the tenant from exercising the privileges in the preceding sub-section mentioned, the tenant may apply to the court in the prescribed manner, and thereupon the court shall have the same powers as upon an application to fix a fair rent, and the proceedings commenced by the landlord may be stayed pending the decision upon the application under this section."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 24, by inserting, at the end of Clause 12, the words "nor shall the holding be sold or affected by or under any judgment, execution, or proceedings taken in respect of such balance of rent."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

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. 10, l. 24, by inserting at the end of Clause 14, the words "and such debt shall have priority over all mortgages or other charges placed upon the lands by the tenant or by any creditor of the tenant."—(Sir John Colahm.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 33, by leaving out Clause 14.—(Mr. Smith-Barry.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 14, to the word "Act," in l. 35, inclusive, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 8, by leaving out paragraph (a), sub-section (1) of Clause 15.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 17, by inserting after the word "may," the words "while no vacancy in the judiciary exists."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "from," the words "and including":—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "and including" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 20, by inserting after the word "part," the words "or the Redemption of Rent Act, 1891."—(Colonel Waring.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 24, by leaving out from the word "may," to the end of sub-section (3) of Clause 21, and inserting the words "(if they think fit on application at any time after the end of the first decade of the purchase annuity, to pay to the persons entitled thereto the whole or any part of the deposit, except in a case where any part of the deposit has been actually applied in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts)"—(Mr. Maurice Healy), 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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 29, by leaving out Clause 22 of the Bill.—(Mr. Victor Cincinnatus.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of Clause 22, to the word "providing," in p. 13, l. 1, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 21, by inserting, at the end of Clause 28, a new sub-section, in (a), sub-section (1) of Clause 15, the words "(5) That the twentieth section of the "Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, be retrospective and apply to the reversion expectant on the termination of any lease."—(Mr. Kilkenny.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Mr. Samuel Evans moved, That the Further Proceedings in Consideration of the Bill, as amended, be adjourned, but it appearing to Mr. Speaker that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, he declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 4, by leaving out Clause 28.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 28 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 5, by leaving out Clause 31.—(Sir Robert Penrose FitzGerald.)

And the Question being put, That the words "act," in Clause 31, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 42, by leaving out the word "s," and inserting the word "the":—(Mr. Dillon), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "the," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 16, by inserting, after "1891," the words "The expression 'permanent building' shall include embankments, structures, excavations, deepenings of rivers or watercourses, or other works effected for agricultural purposes and having a permanent character."—[Mr. Timothy M. Healy.]

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted,—the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 38, by inserting, at the end of Clause 32, the words "In the province of Ulster a holding shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be subject to the Ulster tenant-right custom."—[Mr. Dillon.]

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted,—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after Five of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 29th July, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896 (Orders), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, the Paper titled "Vide Supple- ment to the Twelfth Report.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and verbal Amendments were made to the Bill, and the Bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read Finance Bill, the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Truck Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Truck Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Committee of Supply; and which Resolutions were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Locomotives on Highways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report (postponed Resolution.)

Ordered, That the postponed Resolutions be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans 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, (Ireland) Bill.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of the Resolutions which, upon the 27th day of this instant July, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed; and the same were again read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

| Class IV. | 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.616,077 (including a Supplementary Sum of £.3,375), 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland. |
| National Education (Ireland.) |

| Class II. | 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.24,597, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland. |
| Public Works (Ireland.) |

| Class III. | 3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.41,825, 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 1897, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland. |
| Criminal Prosecutions and Law Charges (Ireland.) |

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Thursday, 30th July, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dover Undercliff Reclamation 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 County Council (Money) 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 Chaddle Railway Mineral and Land Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 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 Dundee Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an 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 an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office for each Year from 1869-70 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 37, of Session 1895), and an Estimate for the same for the Year ending the 31st day of March 1896, in the following form:—

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(Mr. Haukby.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Bill for Legalising the Use of Weights and Measures of the Metric System: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Holfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to legalise the use of Weights and Measures of the Metric System: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Administration of the British South Africa Company, and report what alterations are desirable in the government of the territories under the control of the Company:—

That
Truck Bill:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the last Amendment, the words "or any document under this Act, may be in writing or print, or partly in writing and partly in print."—(Mr. Brigg.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted into the Bill was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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 Uganda Railway Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Issue of money out of Consolidated Funds for purposes of Act).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: [Sir William Walrond, 125. Yes.]

Mr. Assistant Teller: Noes. [Mr. Herbert Lewis, 35.]

Clause, No. 2 (Borrowing for purposes of Act and accounts and audit).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, to leave out the word "thirty," in order to insert the word "fifteen."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, to leave out the word "an" in order to insert the words "a detailed."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question, That the word proposed to be left stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, agreed to. Precaution agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. James William Adderley reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Locomotives on Highways Bill (Lords.)

A Clause (Penalties)—(Mr. Chaplin)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Regulations as to lights)—(Mr. Luttrell): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Locomotives to carry a bell)—(Mr. Luttrell)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rate of Speed) (No light locomotive shall travel along a public highway at a greater speed than fourteen miles an hour)—(Mr. Luttrell): And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "fourteen," and inserting the word "ten," instead thereof.—(Sir John Dorington.)

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "fourteen" stand part of the Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Clause; and the Clause, as amended, was added to the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by leaving out the word "three," and inserting the word "four"—(Mr. Luttrell)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "three" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by leaving out the words "or visible vapour."—(Mr. Luttrell.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or visible vapour" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 21, by leaving out the word "damage" and inserting the word "danger"—(Mr. Chaplin)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "damage" 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. 1, l. 23, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "or regulating their use upon highways."—(Commander Bethell)—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 put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 23, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "Every regulation shall not be invalid by reason only that aforesaid every regulation shall, while unrevoked, be of the same validity as if enacted in this Act.—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by leaving out Clause 4.—(Commander Bethell.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 32, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "or county surveyor, who shall have power to proceed before the magistrates in petty sessions to recover for any damage to the roads or bridges."—(Mr. Tullo.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed in respect of a new Clause (Excise Duty), and of an Amendment to the Clause (Penalties), added on Consideration, as amended.—(Mr. Chaplin.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Excise duty)—(Mr. Chaplin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yea's,—[Sir William Walrond, 125.]
Yea's, [Mr. Anstruther:]—30.

Tellers for the Noe's,—[Mr. Lough:]
Noe's, [Mr. Lowth:]—50.

Clause added.

An Amendment made.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Luttrell reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment to the Bill, and had made an Amendment to 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 Military Committee on the Military Manoeuvres Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Railways Third Reading of the Light Railways 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 "Bill be," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clauses 16, 23, and 25."—(Mr. Channing)—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.

Yea's, [Mr. Anstruther:]—104.

Tellers for the Yea's,—[Sir William Walrond, 125.]

Noe's, [Mr. Lowth:]—31.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Telegraph Money Bill was, according to Telegraph Order, read a second time; and committed to a Money Bill Committee of the whole House, for this day.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the 2nd and 3rd of the Resolutions which, upon the 27th day of this instant July, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed; and the same were again read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,597, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £41,825, 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 1897, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

And the said Resolutions were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes (Scotland) Bill.

CLAUSE, No 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 2 (Re-vesting of lands, 38 & 39 Vic. 49; 43 Vic. c. 2; 53 & 54 Vic. c. 70). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out from "1890" to the end of the Clause, in order to insert the words "and it shall not be necessary for the local authority to expend or record any notarial or other instrument where the land is already held by and vested in them by title or deed duly recorded in the appropriate register." (Mr. Caldwell.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 3 (Defining Section 96 (2) of 53 & 54 Vic. c. 70). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that any expenditure that any burgh within the meaning of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act where such general improvement rate leviable under such Burgh Police (Scotland) Act where such general improvement rate is levied, but where such rate is not levied then by a rate to be imposed and levied in the same manner as if it were the general improve-
rment rate, with all the powers of imposition, collection, and recovery applicable to that rate."

—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Repeal of 55 & 56 Vic. c. 32) added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Saturday next.

Class III.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vexatious Actions Bill; [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Tax Relief Bill; [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Bill for resuming Official Secrets the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Bill; [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Public Works to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Public Health the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Bristol Act Amendment Bill; [Lords] 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 Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stannaries Bill was, according to Order, Stannaries read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Military Lands the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Committee on Military Works (Money); [Money] Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill; [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Three of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.
Donegal Bill.

Brighton Bill [Lords.]

Corporation Bill, Dublin

Railway Bill.

Metropolitan Bill.

South Bill.

Edinburgh Bill.

Railway Bill.

Improvement and Tramways Bill.

Donegal Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Donegal 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 Edinburgh Improvement and Tramways 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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South 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 Amendment to the Brading Harbour and Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Dublin Corporation Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 230 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Farquharson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Dr. Farquharson);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Notice taken by Mr. Harrington, Member for the Harbour Division of Dublin, that the Committee on the Bill had exceeded the powers conferred upon them by the two Instructions of the House of the 13th and 14th days of this instant July:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker stated that he was of opinion that the Committee had exceeded their powers in inserting certain provisions in Clauses 15 and 23, and that in his judgment, the Bill should be re-committed in respect of Clauses 15 to 26, which were the Clauses inserted under the Instructions from the House, but that it was for the House to decide what course should be taken in the matter:

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 the former "Committee."—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "re-committed to the former Committee" be added after the words "Bill be " in the Main Question;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words " to the former Committee."—(Colonel Grater.)

And the Question being put, That the words " to the former Committee" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "re-committed" be added after the words "Bill be " in the Main Question;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding at the end thereof the words " in respect of Clauses 15 and 23 only, to recon sider the same and bring them within the scope of the Instructions of the House."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy, ] Yes, [Mr. Knox:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Harrington, ] Noes, [Mr. Carew:]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "re-committed" be added after the words "Bill be " in the Main Question;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding at the end thereof the words " in respect of Clauses 15 to 26."—(Mr. Knox.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the word "re-committed " be added after the words "Bill be " in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on London Water Companies Bills, in the case of the Chelsea Water Bill, the Lambeth Water Bill, the Staines Reservoirs Bill, the New River Company Bill, and the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill, be laid upon the Table of the House; and be printed.—(Mr. Bond.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Supplement to the Twelfth Report.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 151), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 152), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 153), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, No. 154), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant July, be printed. Mr. No. 153.
Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fortieth Report of Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners, with an Appendix.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return of all Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, in pursuance of the provisions of 57 and 58 Vict. c. 60, ss. 459 and 462, from 1st July 1895 to 30th June 1896, giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; together with Summaries, showing respectively the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe, from 1st July 1895 to 30th June 1896, and since 1st October 1876, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, C. 7857).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Corson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1771 to 1775.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, desires the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 500, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Stephens) ;— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 21) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 22) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Friendly Societies Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Collecting Societies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Kidderminster and Stourport and Electric Tramway Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(To be continued.)

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 500, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State — (Mr. Longby) :— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 127,542, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 500, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Stephens) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 500, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Lloyd-George) ;— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Yea, [Mr. Doulton] (52.)
Nay, [Mr. Austruther] (135.)

The Committee divided.

Yea, [Mr. Doulton] (52.)
Nay, [Mr. Austruther] (135.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 9,600, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

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Question put, and agreed to.

4. £. 376,571, to complete the Sum for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office ; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

5. £. 26,700, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

6. £. 39,974, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Controller and Auditor General.

7. £. 5,500, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

8. £. 9,500, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

9. £. 8,833, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and for Quarantine Expenses.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 78,610, be granted to Vol. 121.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Committee divided.

Yea, [Mr. Doulton] (52.)
Nay, [Mr. Austruther] (135.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resumed its sitting.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.
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, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the remission of a Debt due from the Draperstown Railway Company to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Loather 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 Third Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Locomotives on Highways (re-committed) 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 Telegraph Money Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bishopric of Bristol Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock on Saturday morning, till this day.

Saturday, 1st August, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of July last, for a Return relative to East India Presidency (Offices of Presidency Magistrate and Judge of the Presidency Court of Small Causes).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Uganda Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Locomotives on Highways (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph Money Bill.

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the remission of a Debt due from the Draperstown Railway Company to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The
Monday, 3rd August, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consider-ation the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dublin United Tramways 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 considera-tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Redheugh Bridge Bill be now read the third time;

Sir James Ferguson, by Her Majesty's Com-mand, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

A Clause (Powers of local authorities as to sewers, &c., may be exercised by Corporation) was proposed, That the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Order committing the Dublin Corporation Bill to the Committee be now read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 considera-tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway (Additional Railway Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-tion the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-tion the Taff Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Order committing the Dublin Corporation Bill to the Committee be read the third time.
Corporation Bill to the Committee of Selection was read and discharged, and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House."—(Mr. Thomas B. Curran.)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the former Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill be referred to the Committee to which the Bill is re-committed, and that it be an Instruction to the Committee to take no further evidence nor hear Counsel as to Parts I., II., and IV. of the Bill.—(Mr. Harrington.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "that they do consider Part III. of the Bill only with a view of bringing Clauses 15 and 23 into harmony with the Instructions of the House and of making such alterations in the remaining Clauses of Part III. as in their opinion these changes may render desirable."—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the former Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill be referred to the Committee to which the Bill is re-committed, and that it be an Instruction to the Committee to take no further evidence nor hear Counsel as to Parts I., II., and IV. of the Bill, and that they do consider Part III. of the Bill only with a view of bringing Clauses 15 and 23 into harmony with the Instructions of the House and of making such alterations in the remaining Clauses of Part III. as in their opinion these changes may render desirable.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Offices of Presidency Magistrate and Judge of the Presidency Court of Small Causes) be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-fourth Report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid, before this House, a Copy of Further Correspondence between the Secretary of State for India and the Government of India regarding the Leave and Pension Rules of the Civil Officers formerly termed Uncovenanted Servants; in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 186, of Session 1892. —(Mr. Barnes.)

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Conveyancing and Law of Property Bill was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Elementary Education Act (1873) Amendments Bill was ordered to be read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Registration of Electors Acts Amendment Bill was read and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill.

Clause 1 (Classification of agricultural lands and heritages for purposes of occupiers' rates). Motion made, and Question put, That Clause 1 be postponed.—(Mr. Solzchem;)

The Committee divided. Tellers for the yeas, [Mr. Munro Ferguson : 76.]
Tellers for the nays, [Mr. Austracher : 116.]

Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 5., to leave out the word "May," in order to insert the word "November."—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question, That the word "May" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 5., to leave out the words "next after the passing of this Act," in order to insert the words "one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight."—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—
The Committee divided. Tellers for the yeas, [Mr. William Walrond : 129.]
Tellers for the nays, [Mr. Austracher : 79.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 6., to leave out the words "during the "continuance thereof," stand part of the Clause;—
The Committee divided. Tellers for the yeas, [Mr. William Walrond : 138.]
Tellers for the nays, [Mr. Causton : 81.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 7., to leave out the words "and heritages."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That the words "and heritages" stand part of the Clause;—
The Committee divided. Tellers for the yeas, [Mr. William Walrond : 149.]
Tellers for the nays, [Mr. Causton : 70.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 7., after the word "Scotland," to insert the words "in parishes partly landward and partly "burghal."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, stand part of the Clause;—

The Amendment proposed, in p. 1., l. 7., after
after the word "Scotland," to insert the words "except lands and heritages in the occupation of the owner thereof."—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words: "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages as appearing on the Valuation Roll for the year 1895-96 was less than that for the year 1879-80 by more than ten per cent., and not more than twenty-five per cent."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That the words "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words: "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages as appearing on the Valuation Roll for the year 1895-96 was less than that for the year 1879-80 by more than ten per cent."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages" be there inserted.—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Mr. Caldwell, Yes, (Mr. Snaiter) 58.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther) 130.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words: "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages as appearing on the Valuation Roll for the year 1895-96 was less than that for the year 1879-80 by more than ten per cent."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words "In any case where the value of agricultural lands and heritages" be there inserted:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Mr. Caldwell, Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 142.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Mauro Ferguson) 67.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "consolidated."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That the word "consolidated" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 157.

Tellers for the—Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. Mauro Ferguson) 72.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the word "three-eighths," in order to insert the word "one-half."—(Mr. M'Lod.)

Question put, That the word "three-eighths" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 152.

Tellers for the—Mr. M'Lod, Noes, (Mr. White) 64.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word "roll," to insert the words "to be made up in terms of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, and Acts amending the same."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 138.

Tellers for the—Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. Mauro Ferguson) 56.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the word "three-eighths," in order to insert the word "one-half."—(Mr. M'Lod.)

Question put, That the word "three-eighths" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 123.

Tellers for the—Mr. M'Lod, Noes, (Mr. Hedderwick) 131.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Wilson Lound 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.

Rounded, 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 15th day of May last, That Amendment Bill be now read a second time;—And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. 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."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Dalziel);—The House divided.

The Yeas, (Mr. James P. Farrell) 24.

Tellers for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, (Mr. James P. Farrell) 105.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther) 72.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put":—And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put":—The House divided.
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The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yea, Mr. Austruther; Noes, Mr. Dalziel.]

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed; and he accordingly directed the Noes to stand up in their places, and Twenty Members having stood up, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Main Question being put; The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed; and he accordingly directed the Noes to stand up in their places, and Twenty Members having stood up, Mr. Speaker declared the Ayes had it.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Stannaries Bill.

Clause, No. 1 (Abolition of Vice-Warden's Court).

The Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill; To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Loother 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 Third Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vexations Actions 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 Burglary 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 Larceny Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 78,610, be Home Office, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 127,549, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Trade, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum (England), necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 376,571, be Stationery, granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Printing, &c., necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,700, be Civil Service granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Commission, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 39,974, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Stationery, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum friendly Societies necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,500, be National Debt Office, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,553, be Privy Council granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Office, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and for Quarantine Expenses.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

The First Three Resolutions were agreed to. The Fourth and Fifth Resolutions were postponed.
The subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.
Ordered, That the postponed Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Metric System) 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 Military Manoeuvres 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 West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill;
Resolved. That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved. That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 19th day of May last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 3, 1, 3, to leave out the words "they think fit," with the consent," and insert the words "subject to the approval"—(Mr. Horace Plunkett),—instead thereof;
And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of Five New Clauses.
The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)
A Clause (Power of Burial Board to make additions to certain burial-grounds)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.
Another Clause (Power to vest certain burial-grounds in the Burial Board)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.
Another Clause (Power of Urban Sanitary Authority as to markets)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.
Another Clause (Application of Land Clauses Acts and Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.
Another Clause (Power of town councils as to fairs and markets)—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Powel-Williams reported, That the Committee had added Five New Clauses to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day. Vol. 151.
Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Sir James Ferguson, 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 accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 in the case of the Taff Vale Railway Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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.

Explosions (Brancepeth Colliery.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords for the year ended 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Explosions (Micklefield Colliery.)

Copy of Reports to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by J. Edmondson Joel, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and by R. Donald Bain, Esquire, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, on the circumstances attending the Explosion which occurred at the Brancepeth Colliery, in the County of Durham, on 13th April 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-eighth Report on the Judicial Statistics of Scotland, rendered to the Right Honourable the Secretary for Scotland, for the year 1895.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 17.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17, showing the Date of each Motion, the Name of the Member proposing the Adjournment Motion, the Subject of the Motion, and the result of any Division taken thereon during the Second Session of 1895, and in the Session of 1896 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 379, of Session 1, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 25 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1896, under the following Heads:—

1. Date when Closure moved. 2. Question before House or Committee to which referred. 3. Whether in House or Committee. 4. Whether, and on what grounds, in the opinion of the Speaker, this Motion was or was not in Order. 5. Reason of Motion. 6. Number for and against. 7. Whether, and on what grounds, in the opinion of the Speaker, this Motion was or was not in Order. (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 401, of Session 2, 1895.)—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Division of a Return of the Number of Divisions of the Bills in the House in the Session of 1896; stating the Subject of the Division, and the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, Tellers included; also the Aggregate Number in the House on each Division; distinguishing the Divisions on Public Business from Private; and also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 106, of Session 2, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Private Bills. Returns of the Number of Private Bills introduced and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1896, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Water; Gas; Gas and Water; Improvement; Police and Sanitary Regulations; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Inclusion and Drainage; Estate; Divorce; Naturalization; and Miscellaneous:—Of all the Private Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, which in the Second Session of 1895, and in the Session of 1896, 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; and in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed; 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:—A list of all Private Bills which, in the Session of 1896, have
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 Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.142, of Session 1, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Bills, distinguished from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during the second Session of 1895, and in the Session of 1896; showing the Number which received the Royal Assent; the Number which were passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords; the Number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the Stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed, and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 0.144, of Session 1, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Select Committees appointed in the second Session of 1895, and in the Session of 1896, including the Standing Committees and the Court of Referees; the Subjects 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 Select Committee; also the Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 0.145, of Session 1, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat, in the Session of 1896, stating for each Day the Date of the Month, and Day of the Week, the Hour of the 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. 0.168, of Session 2, 1895).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Commons Commons Regulation (Dormen) Provisional Order Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Private Orders (No. 7) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Private Orders (No. 20) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Belfast Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Steiner Reservoir Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Dunker Suburban Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Education Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cheadle Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London University Commission Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Western Railway (South Wales and Bristol Direct Railway) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Highland Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the University of London; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London University Commission Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: And that Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clark, Mr. Davitt, and Mr. Flower do prepare, and bring in it.

Sir Charles Dilke accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill.

Clause, No. 1 (Classification of agricultural lands and heritages for purposes of occupiers' rates).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after "1845," to insert the words: "Provided that where lands and heritages are classified in terms of Section thirty-six of the Poor Law (Scotland) Act, 1845, if it shall be certified by the Secretary for Scotland that the rates leviable on the occupiers of agricultural lands and heritages in pursuance of the classification are less than, or as nearly as may be the same as, the rates which would without classification be leviable on such occupiers in terms of this Act, such classification (hereinafter termed a certified classification) shall have effect, and this subsection shall not apply."—(The Lord Advocate.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, to leave out all the words from "1845," to the second word "such," in l. 6.—(Mr. Ashley.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yea, Mr. Muir Ferguson: 158] and [Mr. Anstruther: 66] Words inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, after the word "heritages," to insert the words "not including land that has an appreciable value more than agricultural value."—(Mr. Dalziel.)

Question being put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yea, Mr. Muir Ferguson: 70] and [Mr. Anstruther: 158] Words inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "or," to insert the words "partly agricultural and partly."—(Mr. McLeod.)

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, after the word "only," to insert the words "or as market gardens."—(Mr. Buchan.)

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the words "or as market gardens."—(Mr. John Blair Balfour.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, after the word "allotments," to insert the words "or which are occupied at a rental of less than ten pounds a year by farm servants or other persons employed mainly or exclusively for agricultural or pastoral purposes."—(Sir Robert Reid.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Robert Reid, Yea, Mr. Anstruther: 61] and [Mr. Muir Ferguson: 134] Words inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the words "woodlands or."—(Mr. Muir Ferguson.)

Question proposed, That the words "woodlands or" stand part of the Clause—amend, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the word "mainly," in order to insert the word "partly."—(Mr. Macdonald.)

Question, That the word "mainly" stand part of the Clause put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "purposes," to insert the words "or any shootings, fisheries, deer forests, or sporting rights, whether the same be let or unlet."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "be," to insert the words "decided by the parish council with right of appeal to the sheriff, by whom it shall be."—(Mr. Crombie.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, after the word "sheriff," to insert the word "principal."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the word "principal" be there inserted:—amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

After Debate thereon;—Sir James Ferguson rose in his place, and clause claimed to move, "That the Question be now claimed, but put;" but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Debate with his assent resumed.

Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yea, Mr. Anstruther: 172] and [Mr. Muir Ferguson: 74] Words inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, No. 2 (Assessment of deficiency arising from reduction of occupiers' rates on agricultural lands and heritages).

An Amendment made.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word "Secretary," in order to insert the words "Local Government Board."—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

Question proposed, That the word "Secretary" stand part of the Clause:—amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 3 (Payment to Local Taxation Account).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, to leave out the words "in such manner by such payments," and "—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, to leave out the word "account," to the word "such," in l. 38.—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

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Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yea, Mr. Anstruther: 140] and [Mr. Muir Ferguson: 55] Words inserted.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the word "equal" to the end of Sub section (1), in order to insert the words "in the aggregate to the whole of the annual value, as appearing on the valuation roll, of the occupiers' consolidated rate leviable under the Public Health (Scotland) Acts; and the whole of the annual value of the occupiers' share of the poor rate, the school rate, and other rates leviable by parish councils, as appearing on the valuation roll, subject to the deductions in pursuance of Section Thirty-seven of the Poor Law (Scotland) Act, 1845."—(Mr. Heddervich.)

Question proposed, that the words "equal to" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the word "eleven," in order to insert the word "twelve"—(Dr. Clark.)

Question put, that the word "eleven" stand part of the Clause

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond] 129.
 Yes, [Mr. Aurther:]
 Noes, [Dr. Clark,]
 Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4 (Application of payment to Local Taxation (Scotland) Account).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Stannaries Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Abolition of Vice-Warden's Court).

Question again proposed, that this Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Balfour) put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 Third Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vocations Actions 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 Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Bill Second Reading of the Larceny Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the 4th and 5th of the Resolutions which, upon the 3rd day of this instant August, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Committee on the West Highland Railway Guarantee 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 Public Health (Ireland) Bill (re-committed) 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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 26th day of July last, adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Highlands and Islands of Scotland (Public Works Expenditure), which was presented upon the 26th day of June last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Fee Fund (House of Lords), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 320.

Ordered, That the Report of the Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Acts, 1870 and Sixteenth Report under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 and 1888, of the Inspector of Retreats for Habitual Drunkards for the year 1895; with Appendix.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty on Living Animals, dated the 10th day of June last, for a 3d Return
5th August.

Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals; (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 369, of Session 1896). 

Police Act, 1890. 

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the refusal of the Certificate of the Secretary of State, under Section 17 (2) of the Police Act, 1890, to the River Tyne Police Force for the year ended 29th September 1895. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. 

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Vaccination (Scotland). 


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Education (England and Wales). 

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing (1) Schools in receipt of Parliamentary Grant; (2) Grants paid to School Boards under Section 97, Elementary Education Act, 1870; and (3) School Board Accounts and List of Loans for the year 1895-96. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill. 

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill. 

Clauses. 

Clause, No. 4 (Application of payment to Local Taxation (Scotland) Account). 

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out Sub-section (1)—(Mr. Coldwell.) 

Question proposed, That the words in the sub-section to the word "tax," in l. 11, inclusive, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to. 

Another Amendment proposed in p. 3, l. 11, after the word "tax," to insert the words "and "King's Mail."—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.) 

Question, That these words be there inserted—put, and negatived. 

An Amendment made. 

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out "Sub-section 2:—(Sir Charles Dilke.) 

Question proposed, That the words "in transmission of," in l. 1, in order to insert the word "to" to the word "the," in l. 14, in order to insert the words "the "Crofters' Commission."—(Sir George Trevelyan.) 

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to. 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, to leave out the words "fifteen thousand pounds," in order to insert the words "Forty-six thousand "pounds."—(Mr. M'Loud.) 

Question proposed, That the words "fifteen thousand pounds" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. 

Other Amendments made. 

Clause, No. 5 (Certain enactments, &c., to have no effect during continuance of this Act). 

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out the word "section," in order to insert the words "sections thirty-five and..."—(Mr. Hal- doure.) 

Question proposed, That the word "section" stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. 

Other Amendments made. 

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; 

The Committee divided. 

Tellers for the:—[Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 163. 

Mr. Mastro Ferguson: Noes, 69. 

Clause, No. 6, agreed to. 

Clauses, No. 7 (Continuance of Act). 

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "three."—(Captain Pirkie.) 

Question put, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided. 

Tellers for the:—[Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 163. 

Mr. Mastro Ferguson: Noes, 75. 

Clause agreed to. 

Bill, as amended, to be reported. 

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Loutcher 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. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Lands Act (1890) Amendment Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Stannaries Bill Committee on the Stannaries Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Works Loans Bill into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow. 

The Order of the day being read, for the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill. 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 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 London Second Reading of the London University Commission Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the fourth and fifth clauses of the Resolutions which, upon the 3rd day of this instant August, were reported from the Com-
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bilston 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 Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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, in the case of the Dublin Corporation (re-committed) Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Saving rights of the War Department)—(Mr. Brodrick)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Appointment of President of Court of Conscience) — (Mr. Clancy): And the said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 31, by inserting after the word "provided," the words "always that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to interfere with the existing contracts between the Corporation and the Commissioners of the new Kilmaluachann township."—(Mr. Clancy.)

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. 6, by leaving out Clauses 15 to 18, inclusive.—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clauses 15 to 18, inclusive, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clauses 19 and 20.—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clauses 19 and 20 down to the word "shall," in p. 9, l. 18, stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the: [Mr. Timothy M. Healy,]

[Mr. Knox:]

[Mr. Patrick O'Brien:]

[Mr. Carew:]

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 24.—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 24 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 25.—(Mr. Harrington.)

And the Question being put, That Clause 25 stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the: [Mr. Timothy M. Healy,]

[Mr. Knox:]

[Mr. Patrick O'Brien:]

[Mr. Carew:]

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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 public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Copy of Report of the Army Department.—No. 390.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Royal Parks and Gardens.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations to be observed by Persons using the Royal Parks, reprinted from the First Schedule to the Parks Regulation Act, 1872, and Rules issued by the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings, made in pursuance of the said Act, dated 4th August 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railway Returns.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return as to the Capital, Traffic Receipts, and Working Expenditure, i.e. of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1896.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of July last, for a Return relative to Tramways (Street and Road), be printed.

Tramways (Street and Road). No. 331.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Tramways (Street and Road), be printed.

Tweed and Solway Fisheries (Royal Commission.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners on the Fisheries of the Solway Firth, Parts I. and II., with Minutes of Evidence, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Appendix to the Sixty-second Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonial Reports (Miscellaneous.)

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report, No. 7 (Newfoundland, Mineral Resources of the Colony).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Gallery (Ireland.)

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Director to the Board of Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland for the year 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, during the year ended 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Courts Martial.)

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Returns of the Number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy and the Marines Abroad, during the year 1895, the Offences for which the Men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted at Home and Abroad:—Of the Number of Summary Punishments inflicted:—And, similar Returns relating to the Royal Marines on Shore.

Navy (Health.)

Copy of Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the year 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1776.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Draft Supplemental Charter which is proposed to grant to the Bank of England, Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, Navy and Army resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Returns relative to the Navy and Army Departments to the Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 18th day of February last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

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 giving a Statement of the Buildings and Fabric maintained by the War Office.—(Lord Dufferin.)

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 Suits instituted in 1893 and 1894 in the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice (a) for Judicial Separation; (b) for Divorce. Such Return to distinguish between Suits by Husbands and Suits by Wives, and to state in how many Cases the Suit was successful, in how many Cases it was dismissed, and how many Suits never came to a Hearing; to state also in how many Cases the Queen’s Proctor intervened or showed Cause, and the Results of such Intervention, or showing Cause (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 67, of Session 1894).—(Mr. Heneker Heaton.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Lords having Messengers brought from the Lords by the Lords, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Judicial Tru ts, Judicial Bills, with Amendments; to which the Lords Trustees desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Willesden and Sewage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Landordery Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barry Union Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to District Council Bill, which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Relief (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Drogheda Corporation Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Companies Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.—(Mr. Ritchie): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Infant Life Protection Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Infant Life Protection Bill, and the Safety of Nurse Children Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White) : And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Local Taxation (Ireland) Estate Duty. Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for paying to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account a share of the Estate Duty: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill for paying to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account a share of the Estate Duty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts' and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 1. (Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being put, That the words of the Clause to the word "Scotland," in l. 7, inclusive, stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "Scotland," the words "in which the rent has not been raised since the passing of this Act,"—(Mr. Crawford.)

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. 2, l. 12, by inserting, after the words "together with a house," the words "and upon which the occupier resides."—(Mr. M'Leland.)

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. 2, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "or pastoral," the words "or used"—(Mr. Luttrell),—instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words "or used" 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. 12, by inserting, after the words "pleasure-ground," the words "or any land which, owing to its being situate within or to its proximity to any Burgh, as defined by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892," bears an increased value over and above its "ordinary value as agricultural or pastoral land."—(Mr. Dalziel.)

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. 3, l. 27, by leaving out the words "congested districts in."—(Mr. M'Leland.)

And the Question being put, That the words "congested districts in stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,  
Guy Stanley;  
Mr. Anstruther;  
Mr. Thomas Ellis;  
Mr. Munro Ferguson;
Nos,  
Mr. Clark;  
Mr. Muir;  
Mr. Monro Ferguson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning.

Friday, 1st August, 1896:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 39, by leaving out Clause 5.  
(In the Committee.)

And the Question being put, That the words of the Clause to the word “any,” in p. 4, l. 9, stand part of the Bill;  
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,  
Guy Stanley;  
Mr. Anstruther;  
Mr. Thomas Ellis;  
Mr. Muir;  
Mr. Munro Ferguson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (As to holdings in crofting parishes) added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had added a new 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 again into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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 thereof, adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Sir George Trevelyan.)

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;  
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,  
Guy Stanley;  
Mr. Anstruther;  
Mr. Thomas Ellis;  
Mr. Muir;  
Mr. Munro Ferguson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put;  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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 West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Power for Treasury to guarantee interest on certain capital of West Highland Railway Company, &c.):  
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Luttrell) — put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther 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 Saturday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

1. £ 3,573, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

2. £ 3,175, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in Scotland.

3. £ 7,591, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Public Health Acts, Infectious Diseases Notification Act, Vaccination Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, and Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894.

Class III.

4. £ 26,295, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty’s General Register House, Edinburgh.  
5. £ 55,306, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics and the Preparation of Judicial Statistics.

Class IV.

6. £ 1,900, to complete the Sum for a Grant to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland in aid of the Maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

Class VII.

7. £ 24,200, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of Expenditure upon certain Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Lowther 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, proceeded to supply take into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 3rd day of this instant August, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

Civil Service and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,700, be Civil Service granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Commission

necessary
Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Costs Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Telegraph Money Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Official Secrets Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Vexatious Actions Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vexatious Actions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Burglary Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burglary Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Larceny Bill [Lords.]
The Larceny Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Stannaries Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Stannaries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Health (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London University Commission Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London University Commission Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of July last, adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock, till this day.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Judicial Lords to the Judicial Trustees Bill be now taken into consideration.

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.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent.

Bolingsbroke Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised 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, authorised 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 authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1896.
3. Liverpool Court of Passage Act, 1896.
5. Public Health Act, 1896.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1896.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1896.
18. Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aston, &c.) Act, 1896.
20. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1896.
22. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 16) Act, 1896.
23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 20) Act, 1896.
25. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 22) Act, 1896.
26. Local
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28. Commons Regulation (Darwen) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1896.
30. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1896.
31. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1896.
34. Ogilvie Meal Charity Act, 1896.
35. West Metropolitan Railway and Canal Act, 1896.
37. Midland Railway Act, 1896.
40. South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1896.
42. Kidderminster and Stourport Electric Tramway Act, 1896.
44. Marlborough and Groveson Railway Act, 1896.
45. Redcliffe Bridge Act, 1896.
47. Teff Vale Railway Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Royal Patriotic Fund have left to sit Tom- morrow, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Woodall.)

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, Grocers and a Return showing (1) the Number of Spirit Off-Licences, Grocers, or Off-Licence Holders in Belfast, &c., Belfast. (2) the Number of such Licences granted during the past Ten Years; (3) the Number of Prosecutions during the last Three Years instituted against Persons holding such Licences; and (4) the Number of Convictions during the last Three Years recorded against those Persons.—(Mr. MacAbe.)

The Working Men's Dwellings Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed. Working Men's

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Dwellings Bill Bill 333.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Rural Bill to make provision for Holidays and Half- Workers in Scotland: And Holidays for Rural Workers in Scotland: And that Mr. White and Dr. Clark do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. White accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for Holidays and Half-Holidays Mr. White accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for Holidays and Half-Holidays for Rural Workers 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply. into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £50, be granted for the said Service.—(Captain Norton);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Norton.

Yea, [Mr. Pickering]:

No, [Mr. Austrader]:

Original Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a reduced Sum of £45 be granted for the said Service.—(General Sir Henry Hardinge-Allans);—Motion by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £85,000, for Clothing Establishments and Services.

3. £1,517,200, for Retired Pay, Half-Pay, and
and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers and others.

4. £172,800, for Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities.

5. £65,811, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

6. £3,795, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters' Commission.

7. £42, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

8. £4,500, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the House of Commons.

9. £27,266, to complete the Sum for Public Education in Scotland.

10. £36,850, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in England.

11. £14,000, to complete the Sum for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

12. £21,943, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatic Asylums in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

13. £109,784 (including a Supplementary Sum of £1,000), to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the British Museum, including the Amount required for the National History Museum.

14. £7,286, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses and Grant in Aid of the National Gallery.

15. £3,066, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Agricultural Regulations proposed, That this House disapproves of the Rents, Rates and Acts, 1896 (Orders.)

As it was then proposed, That the House adjourn for a Session.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 8th August, 1896:

The said Motion, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,573, be a Supplementary 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,175, 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 1897, for the Salaries of the Office of the General Register House, Edinburgh.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,591, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in Scotland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £26,295, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in England.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,356, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatic Asylums and the Preparation of Judicial Statistics.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,960, 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 1897, for a Grant to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland.
in aid of the maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

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7. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,290, 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 1897, for Grants in Aid of Expenditure upon certain Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1894–95.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Army Appropriations, 1894–95.

1. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1895, and the Statement appended thereto, after adjusting (1) the charge of a Sum of £3,143. 19s. and (2) the sum of £70,636, voted for Interest on advances under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, but not issued in consequence of the passing of the Finance Act, 1894, as follows, viz.:

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2. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in Reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the Sums received in Excess of the Estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services; and have also temporarily authorised the Application of the said Total Surpluses on certain Navy Services towards meeting the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

3. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1895, and the Statement appended thereto, after adjusting the Sum of £75,000 voted for Interest on the Imperial Defence Loan but not issued in consequence of the passing of the Finance Act, 1894, as follows, viz.:

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6. Resolved, That the Application of such Surplus be sanctioned.

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Resolved, That the House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joicey Collings reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Local Taxation (Ireland) Estate Duty Local Taxation 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 Telegraph Third Reading of the Telegraph Money Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Official Secrets running the adjourned Debate on the Question Bill, proposed upon the 29th day of June last, That the Official Secrets Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be farther adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vexatious Second Reading of the Vexatious Actions Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Lords.) this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burglary Bill Second Reading of the Burglary Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Bill Committee on the Larceny Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Act (1892) Amendment 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 Stannaries Bill.

## (In the Committee.)

**CLAUSE N° 1 to N° 5 agreed to.**

**CLAUSE N° 4 (Reference of certain disputes to arbitration).**

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, after the word "company," to insert the words "as regards the terms of a lease, or the proper execution of such terms, or as regards the renewal of such lease, or further powers required under such lease, or desirable alterations of the terms of such lease."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

**CLAUSE N° 5 to N° 7 agreed to.**

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.


Saturday, 8th August, 1896.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tables showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce thereof in the Ten Years 1886–95; also Keeping Statistics for the Season 1895.

General Abstracts of Agricultural Statistics in Ireland, showing the Acreage under Crops, also the Number and Description of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1895–96; also Reports from the Superintendents of Enumeration upon the State of the Crops in their several Districts in the last week of July 1896, &c.

Copy of Report and Tables relating to Migratory Agricultural Labourers (Ireland), 1896.

Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1895, collected and compiled under the direction of the Local Government Board, by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-ninth Report, being for the year 1895, of the Inspector appointed, under the provisions of the Act 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 38, to visit the certified Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the District Inspectors of the Royal Irish Constabulary and of the Sergeants of the Metropolitan Police, who acted as Superintendents of the Agricultural Statistics; together with Tables showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce thereof in the Ten Years 1886–95; also Keeping Statistics for the Season 1895.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Ridsdale presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of May last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (Great Britain and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of June last, for Returns relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Saturday morning, till this day.
The Telegraph Money Bill was, according to order, read the third time, and passed.

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 Local Taxation (Ireland) Estate Duty Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wodehouse 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1894-95, several Army Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1895, and the Statement appended thereto, after adjusting (1) the charge of a Sum of £5,143. 19s., and (2) the sum of £70,636, voted for Interest on advances under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, but not issued in consequence of the passing of the Finance Act, 1894, as follows, viz.:

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £399,045. 17s., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £263,165. 15s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services exceeded the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £135,880. 1s. 5d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £71,044. 9s. 1d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £135,880. 1s. 5d.;

(c.) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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2. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the Sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services; and have also temporarily authorised the application of the said Total Surplus on certain Grants for Navy Services towards meeting the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

3. That
5. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Army Services, of the whole of the Sums received in Excess of the Estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services, and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said Total Surpluses on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

6. That the application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Stannaries into take consideration the Stannaries Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1. 10, by leaving out the words "as the Lord Chancellor may by order direct," and inserting the words "as would be entitled to jurisdiction if the same had been included in the County Courts Act, 1888." — Mr. Strerton, 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.

And a Motion being Made, That the Bill be now read the third time:—3 1 4

And
And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Handbury, 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.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Public Works Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the words "three and a-quarter," and inserting the words "two and three-quarters." —(Mr. Lloyd-George), —instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "three and a-quarter" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Handbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Army Estimates, 1896-97.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,856,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Clothing Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,517,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired Pay, Half-Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers and others, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £172,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £65,811, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,705, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters' Commission.

Class II.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £42, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

8. 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,266, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in England.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £38,950, 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 1897, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

Class III.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,000, 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 1897, for the Services of the British Museum, including the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,943, 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 1897, for the Maintenance of the British Museum, including the Amount required for the National History Museum.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £105,784 (including a Supplementary Sum of £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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the British Museum, including the Amount required for the Natural History Museum.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,286, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Portrait Gallery.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,066, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97. Class IV.)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 395,822 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 4,125), 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 1897, for Public Education in Scotland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 395,822, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. M'Leod)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Larceny Bill.

(The Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1, amended, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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 Vexatious Actions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Vexatious Actions Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

(The Committee.)

CLAUSES, Nos 1 and No 2, agreed to. Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, to leave out from "26" to "50 and & 51 Vic. c. 20," both inclusive.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walford,) 47.

Tellers for the Nays, (Mr. Austruther,) 16.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson 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, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Balfour):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Seven of the clock, accordingly adjourned till Monday next.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Londonderry Improvement Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Belfast 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Willesden Sewage Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill;

And the said Amendments being read a second time, several were agreed to, and several disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill;—And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, the Chairman of Ways and Means, Captain Duncannon, Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The North, Pentland, and Brynannas Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Balfour):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till Seven of the clock, accordingly adjourned till Monday next.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Aliens, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Deaths, starvation, &c. (County of London), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Shop Hours Act (Inspectors), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Drunkenness (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Royal Commissions, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolitan Police Force for the year 1885.

Copy of Eighteenth Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons (England and Wales), with Appendices, for the year ended 31st March 1886 (Parts I. and II.).

Copy of Mineral Statistics of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Isle of Man, for the year 1885.

Copy of Second Annual General Report upon the Mineral Industry of the United Kingdom for the Year 1885, by C. Le Neve Foster Esq., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Vol. I., Report and Appendices.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the year 1886, giving Effect to the Accession of the Kingdom of Iceland to the British Constitution.

Copy of Eighteenth Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme for the Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report to the Board of Trade on the Capital, Traffic, and Expenditure of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom for the year 1885.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1871 to 1885 [Forty-third Number].

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonies and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1881 to 1895. [Thirty-third Number].

Copy of Statistical Tables showing the Progress of British Trade and Production, 1854–93, in continuation of Tables presented by the Board of Trade to the Royal Commission on Trade Depression [C. 6921, of Session 1886], and of those contained in Parliamentary Paper [C. 6934, of Session 1891].

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1893–96.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the year 1886, by Henry Craik, Esquire, C.M., on the (Scotland.) Inspection of Higher Class Schools in Scotland and the Examination for Leaving Certificates.

Copy of the thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the year 1896, by Henry Craik, Esquire, C.M., on the (Scotland.) Inspection of Higher Class Schools in Scotland and the Examination for Leaving Certificates.

Copy of (1) Return showing the Allocation and Application of the Contributions out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account, under Section 22, Sub-section (i) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Highland Grant); Section 2, Sub-section (ii) (b) of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1892, containing the Report of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892 (Equivalent Grant), accompanied by (2) Summary of the Total Payments into and out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year ended 31st March 1894.


Copy of Seventh Report of Her Majesty's Commissioner and Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme of Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

The Lord Advocate also presented,—Return of Order, dated the 19th day of June last, Passed, &c., for Scotland.
for a Return relative to Police Pensions, &c., Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1777.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Asiatic President of Turkey, 1894-95.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Affairs of Crete.

Copies of Reports from Her Majesty's Consular Officers in certain European States respecting the Prices of Cereals and of Bread.

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad on Sugar Bounties in the Countries in which they reside (in continuation of Commercial, No. 7, 1895).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Dorecher reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain Amendments made by their Lordships to the Blackrock and Kingstown Drainage Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, clause 7, to insert "and each further sum as they think fit, not exceeding five thousand pounds, with the approval of the Local Government Board for Ireland," and to the Amendments in page 10, clause 14, to insert "including the costs, charges, and expenses of the Earl of Longford and Viscount de Vesci in opposing the Bill for this Act, and also," and to leave out "Chairman of the Board of Works," and insert "President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in London," for the following Reason, viz.:

1. The Bill was a late Bill, and as originally brought in asked for a sum of twelve thousand pounds; this was increased to twenty thousand, and before the Bill left the House of Commons another ten thousand pounds for special purposes, making thirty thousand pounds in all, was sought to be borrowed. The Lords' Amendment now proposes to increase that sum by another ten thousand, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland, which is undesirable under the special circumstances of this Bill.

2. The Earl of Longford and Viscount de Vesci were not de facto opponents to the Bill, but really will become a charge upon the ratepayers.

3. No sufficient reason appears for substituting the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in London for the Chairman of the Board of Works, who is acquainted with all the circumstances, and more accessible.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments) and that the Clerk do carry the same.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and Papers which have been presented to the House in this Session of Parliament, relating to the Revenues of India, be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House. Vol. 151.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Lord George Hamilton.)

Mr. Speaker announced the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Railways (Ireland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield District Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Truck Bill, Truck Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield District Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield District Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament, on the Companies Bill; together with the Minutes of Evidence, Proceedings of the Committee, &c., as desired by this House.

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament, on the Infant Life Protection Bill, and the Safety of Nurse Children Bill; together with the Minutes of Evidence, Proceedings of the Committee, &c., as desired by this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £116,997, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Local Government Board.—(Mr. Lloyd-George):

—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. be reduced by £200, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Local Government Board. —(Mr. Lloyd-George):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Ages and Expenses of the Local Government Board be to be inserted in the Schedule to the Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
Committee put the Question on outstanding Votes, pursuant to Order of the House.

Chairman puts the Question on outstanding Votes, pursuant to Order of the House.

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11. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £11,683, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the House of Lords;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: ] 159.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dalziel: ] 54.

Noes, [Mr. Ellis Griffith: ] 12.

12. £22,036, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Commons.

13. £61,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

14. £29,400, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

15. £22,500, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

16. £12, to complete the Sum for meeting the Deficiency of Income from Fees, &c., for the Requirements of the Board of Trade, under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1890, and "The Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890."

17. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £35,529, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and to defray the repayable Expenses to be incurred in matters of Inlosure and Land Improvement, and to pay certain Grants in Aid;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: ] 168.

Tellers for the [Mr. Strachey, Noes, Mr. Bartlow: ] 54.

18. £28,890, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Endowed Schools Department.

19. £14,918, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.


Class III.

21. £426,390, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

22. £126,746, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatory Schools.

Class IV.

23. £16,154, to complete the Sum for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c.

24. £64,179, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889.

25. £10, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the University of London.
Guarantee (Ireland) Bill.

West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the West Highland Railway Guarantee Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by inserting at the end of Clause 1, the words:—

"Provided that the Treasury shall not give "any such guarantee or make any such grant— "(a) Unless it shall be certified to them by "the Secretary for Scotland that the "making of the railway would benefit "agriculture in the district traversed by "the railway, and that such railway is "necessary for the development of the "fishing industry; "(b) Unless they are satisfied after local in- "quiry that the said railway, pier, break- "water, and other works would not be "constructed without special assistance "from the State, and that the same if "constructed would not unduly compete "with any existing railway undertaking; "(c) Unless they are satisfied that land- "owners, local authorities, and other per- "sons locally interested have by the free "grant of land given all reasonable "assistance and facilities in their power "for the construction of the said railway, "pier, breakwater, and other works."—

(Mr. Strachey.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; 1 Mr. Lough: 44. The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the (Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Anstruther: 177. Tellers for the (Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Longh: 44.

27. £ 52,734 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 27,650), to complete the Sum for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid, and Expenses incurred under "The Pacific Islanders' Protection Act, 1873," and certain Charges connected with South Africa.

28. £ 1,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

29. £ 38,605, to complete the Sum for Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade, and the Expenses of the Maintenance of certain Liberated Africans.

30. £ 34,100, to complete the Sum for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To- morrow.

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 Labourers (Ire- land) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Law (Ire- land) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Labourers (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Law (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, the Sum of £ 35,709,841 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—

(Mr. Hawesbury.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To- morrow.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made

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The Quarter Sessions (London) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (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 Third Reading of the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 Order of the day being read, for the military Lands Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 29th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 11th August, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the City and South London Railway Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Londonderry Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) 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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Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Instruction of Minutes by the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Return of the British Army for the year 1895, with Abstracts, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hambury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-ninth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the year ended 31st March 1896, with Appendix.

Copy of Return showing (1) the Aggregate National Debt, Gross Liabilities of the State as represented by the Nominal Funded Debt, Estimated Capital Value of Terminable Annuities, Unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the Estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances, at the close of each Financial Year from 1835-6 to 1895-6, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other Payments connected with Capital Liabilities (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 7863], of Session 1893).

Mr. Hambury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of April last, for a Return relative to Piers and Harbours (United Kingdom); (Public Expenditure).

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of June last, for a Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 398, of Session I., 1895).

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of July last, for a Return relative to Post Office Income and Expenditure, (Temporary Employment).

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of July last, for a Return relative to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure).

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of July last, for a Return relative to Post Office Income and Expenditure, to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry, for the year ended 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Public Income and Expenditure, to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure), to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure).

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics of Deposits in Post Office Savings Banks and Cash Balances, at the close of each Financial Year from 1885-95, for a Return relative to Post Office Savings Banks and Trustees Savings Banks; Amount of the Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Land Stock; and Bank Note Circulation in Ireland, June 1896; Weekly Traffic Receipts in Ireland, June 1896; also Volumes of Vessel entered and cleared in the Ports of Ireland during the Years 1885-95.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Rules for the Government of the Baronov Panchali Asylum at Woodville, Leicestershire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of June last, for a Return relative to Technical Education (Application of Funds by Local Authorities).

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Office (Revenue and Expenditure), and to the Land Registry, be printed.

Turkey (No. 6, 1896.)

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Asiatic Provinces of Turkey.

Copy of Report by Commissioner Sir H. Johnston on the Trade and General Condition of the British Central Africa Protectorate, 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896.

Scotland (No. 352, 1896.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the recent Rebellion in British East Africa.

Africa (No. 7, 1896.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting Slavery in the Zanzibar Dominions (in continuation of Africa (No. 6, 1895) [C. 7707].)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Board of Trade (West Riding of Yorkshire).

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Distribution of Grants for Agricultural Education in Great Britain in the Financial Year 1895—6, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Railways (Signal Arrangements and Systems of Working.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by Railway Companies in the United Kingdom relative to (1) the Interlocking and Concentrating of Signal and Point Locks, &c., and the System or Systems upon which the Lines of Railway under their control were worked on 31st December 1895.

Board of Trade (Labour Department.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Annual Report on the Work of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, 1895—6, with Abstract of Labour Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Strike and Lock-outs.

Copy of Eighth Annual Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on Strikes and Lock-Outs of 1895.

Trade Unions.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade (Labour Department) on Contracts given out by Public Authorities to Associations of Workmen.


Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of April last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 466, of Session II., 1895).

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of April last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 467, of Session II., 1895).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Gas Undertakings and Gas Undertakings (Local Authorities) be printed.

Charitable Endowments (West Riding of Yorkshire.)

No. 320.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of Yorkshire).

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 17.

No. 311.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Closure of Debate (Standing Order, No. 25.)

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Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Divisions of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Private Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Business of the House (days occupied by Government and by Private Members).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also 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 Visitors of Lunatics, pursuant to the Lunacy Act, 1890, between the 1st January and the 30th June 1896.

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of Yorkshire), Adjournment Motions under Standing Order 17, Closure of Debate (Standing Order 25), Divisions of the House, Private Bills, Public Bills, Public Petitions, Select Committees, Sittings of the House, and Business of the House (days occupied by Government and by Private Members), be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, joint Stock a Copy of Returns of the Names, Objects, or Companies, Business, Places where Business is or was conducted, Date of Registration, Number of Persons who signed the Memorandum of Association, Total Number of Shares taken up by such Subscribers, Nominal Capital, Number of Shares into which it is divided, Number of Shares taken up, Amount of Calls made on each Share, and the Total Amount of Calls made on all Joint Stock Companies formed since the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1895, inclusive, distinguishing whether the Companies are limited or unlimited, and also the Number of Shareholders in each of the said Companies at the Date of the last Return, and whether still in operation or being wound up:—Of the Total Number having their registered Offices in the City of London, or within Five Miles of the General Post Office:--And, of the Total Number and the paid-up Capital of all registered Companies which are believed to be carrying on Business at the present time.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Victuallers' Beerhouse and other Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the Renewal of which has been refused, in the year 1895, by the Justices of the Peace in each Licensing District in England and Wales, showing in each case the ground of such Refusal, especially when such ground was, in any instance, that the Licence was not
that Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Courtenay, Mr. Cambourne-Collett, and Sir Cameron-Gill do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Watermen: And that Mr. Michael Austin, Mr. Donnell, Mr. Lough, Mr. John Burns, and Dr. Robert Ambrose do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Licensing of Beerhouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Michael Austin presented a Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates to Watermen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1896-97.

Class II. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 116,997, be Local Government Board, to the Coal Mines Regulation Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 271,318, be Consular Establishments Abroad.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 271,928, be Superannuation Fund for Friendly Societies.

Class III. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,100, be Merchant Service, to Mr. Herbert Lewis, to prepare a Bill to make good the sum by which the interest of the Consolidation of the National Debt Commissioners, on account of "The Fund for the Banks of Savings," and "The Fund for Friendly Societies" is insufficient to meet the Interest which said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to pay and Credit during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, to the Trustees of Savings Banks and to Friendly Societies.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,036, be Grants to the said Commissioners, for the Expenses of their Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and for other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 31,089, be Local Government Board, to the Locomotives on Highways, and for the same purpose, to the Locomotives on Highways (Housing of Working Classes) Bill, with Amendments, to the Lords.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,000, be Civil Services and Revenue Departments.
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6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,222, 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 1897, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Great Britain.

Class VII.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,740, 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 1897, for the Salaries and other Expenses (including certain Grants in Aid) of Temporary Commissions and Committees, and for Special Inquiries.

Miscellaneous Expenses.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,602, 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 1897, for the Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

Class I.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 41,375, 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 1897, for maintaining certain Harbours, Lighthouses, &c., under the Board of Trade.

House of Lords.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 11,663, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the House of Lords.

House of Commons.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,006, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Commons.

Treasury.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 61,000, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Colonial Office.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,400, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Miscellaneous Marine Fund.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 32,500, 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 1897, for a Grant in Aid of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

Board of Trade (Deficiency of Income from Fees.)

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 12, 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 1897, for meeting the Deficiency of Income from Fees, &c., for the Requirements of the Board of Trade, under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1890, and "The Companies Bill, 1890."

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 35,929, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and to defray the repayable Expenses to be incurred in matters of Insolvency and Land Improvement, and to pay an endowment Grant in Aid of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,669, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Endowed Schools Department.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,918, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 13,800, 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 1897, for sundry Grants in Aid of National Education, including the Board of Education, Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inquiries.

Class III.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 426,290, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 56,746, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatory Schools.

Class IV.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 16,154, 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 1897, for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigations, &c.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 54,179, 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 1897, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

Class V.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 104,000, be granted to Her Majesty to complete the Sum in Aid of...
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Grants in Aid of Expenses connected with the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £52,738 (including a Supplementary Sum of £27,550), 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 1897, for Trade, and the Expenses of the Maintenance of Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Great Britain).

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, 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 1897, for a Grant in Aid of the Twenty-seventh Resolution of Cyprus.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £700, 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 1897, for Expenses incurred under "The Pacific Islanders' Protection Act, 1875," and certain Charges connected with South Africa.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,100, 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 1897, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

The First Eleven Resolutions were agreed to. The Twelfth Resolution was postponed. The Thirteenth Resolution was agreed to. The Fourteenth Resolution was postponed. The Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Resolutions were agreed to. The Eighteenth Resolution was postponed. The Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Resolutions were agreed to. The Twenty-second Resolution was postponed. The Twenty-third Resolution was agreed to. The Twenty-fourth Resolution was postponed. The Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Resolutions were agreed to. The Twenty-seventh Resolution was postponed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put: That "£22,038" stand part of the said Resolution: It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Twenty-seventh Resolution was postponed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, with Amendment: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Light Railways Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords Bill, desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the "Dublin Corporation Bill," without Amendment; and have disagreed to certain other of the said Amendments, for which they assign their Reasons.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the "Stannaries Bill." [Lords.]

"Vexatious Actions Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Light Railways Bill" be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Henbury reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, the Sum of £35,799,841 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March 1897, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:

And that Mr. James William Lowther, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Henbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Henbury accordingly presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March 1897, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted To-morrow at half-past Five nor Six o'clock, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed. (Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wedehouse 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, and passed.

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 "Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill."

Clauses, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

Clause, N° 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 4, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 5, agreed to.

Clause, N° 6 (Application to Scotland and Ireland). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "county," to add the words "and any expenses incurred in carrying this Act into effect in Ireland shall be defrayed out of the poor rate."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Question put, That those words be there added:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy,]

Yeas, Mr. Herbert Lewis: 149.

Tellers for the [Mr. Digwood,]

Noses, Mr. Howard: 44.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 7, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wedehouse reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking "Land Law in consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Land Law (Ireland) Bill;"

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the "Poor Relief Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;"

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the "University Commission Bill;"

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Select Committee on British South Africa,
Africa do consist of Seventeen Members. (Mr. Timothy M. Healy) :—It passed in the Negative.
Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Biggins, and Mr. Blake were nominated Members of the Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Sydney Buxton be one other Member of the Committee—(Sir William Walrond) ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 181.
Mr. Austruther;
Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy) : 20.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Cripps, Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. John Ellis, Sir William Harcourt, and Mr. Jackson were nominated other Members of the Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Labouchere be one other Member of the Committee—(Sir William Walrond) ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 148.
Mr. Austruther;
Tellers for the (Mr. Discombe, 48.
Mr. Timothy M. Healy;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Mr. George Wyndham was nominated one other Member of the Committee—(Sir William Walrond) ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 184.
Mr. Austruther;
Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy) : 10.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Mr. George Wyndham was nominated one other Member of the Committee.
Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum.
Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 12th August, 1896.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the City and South London Railway Bill; and the same being twice read, several were agreed to, and several were disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, to which this House hath disagreed—And a Committee was appointed of the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Martyn, Sir Joseph Noyes, and Sir William Walrond:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

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quiring whether they assent, dissent, or are not situate which

in 1. 2, by inserting, after the word "any," the words " (subject to the provisions of Section 17 (7) of the Local Government Act,"

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In 1. 4, by inserting, after the word "sanitary," the words "compulsorily, or on which an improvement charge may be imposed, or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge.

In 1. 5, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "special," and inserting the words "an improvement.

In 1. 6, by leaving out the words "in connection with any improvement." Standing Order 46 was read, and amended —

in Is. 3 and 4, by leaving out the words "in the line of the proposed Work, or within the limits of deviation as defined upon the Plan," and inserting the words "which may be taken compulsorily." Standing Order 46 was read, and amended —

In Is. 5 and 6, by leaving out the words a special, and inserting the words an improve-

In 1. 7, by leaving out the word "connection with," and inserting the words "respect of." Standing Order 35 was read, and amended, in 1. 35, by leaving out the word "sanitary.

In 1. 38, by leaving out the word "sanitary." Standing Order 49 was read, and amended, in 1. 40, by leaving out the word "sanitary.

Standing Order 29 was read, and amended, in 1. 4, by leaving out the words "intended to," and inserting the words "are situate which may.

In 1. 5, by leaving out the words "are situate," and inserting the words "compulsorily, or on which an improvement charge may be imposed, or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge." Standing Order 46 was read, and amended —

In 1. 6, by leaving out the words "in connection with any improvement." Standing Order 60A. was read, and amended —

in Is. 2 and 3, by leaving out the words "in the parish council of." Standing Order 29A. was read, and amended, in 1. 2, by inserting, after the word "any," the words "urban authority in England or any.

In 1. 3, by leaving out the words "urban." Standing Order 29 was read, and amended, in 1. 4, by leaving out the word "urban.

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Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in 1. 7, by inserting, after the word "county," the words "urban districts, urban.

Standing Order 35 was read, and amended, in Is. 2 and 3, by leaving out the words "the House," and inserting the words "this House.

Standing Order 38 was read, and amended —

in 1. 4, by leaving out the word "sanitary." Standing Order 39 was read, and amended —

in 1. 4, by leaving out the words "at the same time," and inserting the word "also." Standing Order 40 was read, and amended —

in Is. 2 and 3, by leaving out the words "in the case of Bills of the First Class." Standing Order 53 was read, and amended —

in Is. 3, by leaving out the words "intended to," and inserting the words "which may.

In 1. 3, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "compulsorily, or on which an improvement charge may be imposed, or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge.

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Standing Order 167 was read, and amended:—
In l. 12, by leaving out the word "four," and inserting the word "three."
In l. 36, by leaving out the word "shall," and inserting the word "may.
In l. 40, by leaving out from the words "if
in any case," to the end of the Standing Order.
Standing Order 170A was read, and amended:—
In l. 2, by leaving out, after the word "acquire," the word "or.
In l. 2, by inserting, after the word "lease," the words "or work."
In l. 5, by leaving out, after the word "con-
structed," the word "or.
In l. 5, by inserting, after the word "acquired," the words "or worked.
In l. 7, by leaving out the word "or.
In l. 8, by inserting, after the word "lease," the words "or working.
Standing Order 171 was read, and amended:—
In l. 1, by leaving out from the beginning of the Standing Order, to the word "lease," in
clusive, in l. 33.
In l. 34, by leaving out the word "the," and inserting the word "a."
Standing Order 172 was read and amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the words "Local Board, " Improvement Commissioners," and inserting the words "District Council or Board."
In l. 4, by inserting, after the words "jurisdic-
tion of," the words "the Board of Trade or."
In l. 5 and 6, by leaving out the words "without the sanction of the Local Government " Board or.
In l. 7, by leaving out from the word "within" to the word "Acts," in l. 9, inclusive.
In l. 9, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "except so far as the exercise of the " borrowing power is made subject to the sanction " of the respective Board."
Standing Order 183A was read, and amended in l. 9, by leaving out the word "sanitary."
In l. 10, by leaving out the word "sanitary, " Standing Order 188 was read and amended in l. 3, by inserting, after the word "products," the words "of gas or sewage.
In l. 4, by inserting, after the word "ground, " the word "crematorium."
In l. 6, by leaving out the words "limits " within," and inserting the words "lands in or " upon.
In l. 7, by inserting, after the word "ground, " the word "crematorium."
New Standing Order 45A., to follow Standing Order 45A. (Definition of improvement and limits of improvement area:)
Ordered, That, in the case of Bills containing power to impose on any lands or houses, or to render any lands or houses liable to the imposition of any charge in respect of any improvement, the plan shall define the improvement, and also the improvement area (being the limits within which the charge may be imposed), and, in the case of a street improvement, the plans shall show in figures the breadth of the street as intended to be improved, and the centre line of the street, and shall define the improvement area, comprising therein all properties which, or any part of which, are within a uniform distance from any part of the centre line of the street, and such uniform distance shall not exceed three times the breadth of the street as shown on the plans, or where the breadth of the street is not uniform, three times the breadth of the narrowest part.
Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
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Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.
Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Bengal Gaols), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Technical Education (Application of Funds by Local Authorities), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed, No. 346.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Piers and Harbours (United Kingdom) (Public Expenditure), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed, No. 358.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Service (Temporary Employment), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed, No. 359.
Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of Returns by Railway Companies (Continuous
of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous
Brakes, for the Six Months ending the 30th June
1896.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-
jury's Command,—Copy of Thirty-second De-
tailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland,
1895.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Grand Juries to an Order, dated the 13th day of March last, (Ireland), for Returns relative to Grand Juries (Ireland).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Service (Temporary Employment), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed, No. 359.
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Local Taxation Returns, England, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Correspondence relating to the Congo State, and the Trial of Captain Lothaire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns as to the Number and Size of Agricultural Holdings in Great Britain in the year 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Woodall reported from the Select Committee on the Royal Patriotic Fund; 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Land Law, to take into consideration the Amendments made (Ireland) Bill, by the Lords to the Land Law (Ireland) Bill, 1895.

Lords' Amendment in p. 1, l. 8, leave out Sub-section (1), and insert, as a new sub-section,—

"(1) Where the court fix a fair rent for a "holding, the court shall ascertain and record in "the form of a schedule, unless both landlord "and tenant shall otherwise request—" "(a) the annual sum which should be the fair "rent of the holding on the assumption that "all improvements thereon were made or "acquired by the landlord; "(b) the condition as to cultivation, deteriora-"tion, or otherwise of the holding, and the "buildings thereon; "(c) the improvements made wholly or partly "by the tenant or at his cost, and with "respect to each such improvement— "(i.) the nature, character, and present "capital value thereof, and the in-"creased letting value due thereto; "(ii.) the date (so near as can be ascer-"tained) at which the same was made; "and "(iii.) the deduction from the rent "made on account thereof; "(d) the extent (if any) to which the landlord "has paid or compensated the tenant in "respect of each such improvement; "(e) the improvements made wholly or partly "by or at the cost of, or acquired by, the "landlord; "(f) such other matters in relation to the "holding as may have been taken into ac-"count in fixing the fair rent thereof, or as "may be prescribed: and "(g) the fair rent of the holding; "and the said schedule shall be in the form set "out in the First Schedule to this Act, or in "such other form as may be prescribed, and a "certified copy of the record shall be in the pre-"scribed application be sent by post to each "party, and the record shall be admissible in "evidence on its mere production from the "proper custody", the first Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, in l. 24, by leaving out the words "the form set out in the First Schedule "to this Act or in such other," and inserting the word...
word "such".—(Mr. Maurice Healy),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out be inserted in the first line of the said Lords' Amendment:—The Amendment to the said Lords' Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words:—"Nothing contained in the First Schedule shall affect the construction of any other portion of the Act."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And then the said Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

P. 2, l. 13, and p. 2, l. 17, after ("Acts") insert ("as amended by this Act"). The next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

P. 3, l. 4, after ("expressed") insert—("(8.) No deduction shall be made from the "average rent named in this section by reason of the "mere right of occupation vested in the "tenant"); the next Amendment, being read a second time;

The said Lords' Amendment was amended, by inserting, at the beginning, the words "After "a fair rent has been fixed for the first time for "a holding," and by inserting, after the word "No."
the words "further or additional"; and by leaving out after the word "from" to the word "then," and by inserting the word "that"; and by leaving out the words "named in this "section," and inserting the words "on the "occasion of any subsequent fixing of a fair "rent."

And the said Lords' Amendment, as amended, was disagreed to.

P. 3, l. 5, leave out ("one"); the next Amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—(Mr. Kean);—
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walrond,)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Smith Barry;)

P. 3, l. 6, after ("1870") insert ("and Sub-
section (1) of the same section in the case of "sales after the passing of the Landlord and "Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

After Clause 1, insert Clause A. (Limitation of enactment prohibiting resumption of holding during statutory term), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

A Consequential Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, at the end of Clause A, inserted by the Lords, by inserting the words "in cases to which section five of this Act "applies."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Consequential Amendment was made to the Bill by inserting, at the end of Clause A, inserted by the Lords, the words "in the case of "holdings to which the provisions of this Act "apply."

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 4, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 4, l. 23, leave out ("one hundred"), and insert ("fifty"); the next Amendment, being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—(Mr. Gerald Balfour);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Austrander;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir John Columb;)

P. 4, l. 38, leave out ("unless"), and insert ("until"); in p. 4, ls. 39 and 40, leave out ("during the continuance of the tenancy"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 5, l. 9, after ("occupied"), insert ("Provided that such order fixing a fair rent shall not have the effect of increasing the liability "of the landlord for taxes in respect of "the holding, and such order shall not be made "if the court are of opinion that the interests of "the landlord in the holding will be injuriously "affected thereby, otherwise than by the mere fix-

ing of a fair rent"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

P. 5, leave out Clause 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the words so restored to the Bill, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "Provided that this section "shall not entitle a person to have a fair rent "fixed who is not bond fide using the holding as "an ordinary farm."

P. 5, l. 27, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

P. 5, l. 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

P. 5, ls. 34 and 35, the next Amendments, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

P. 6, leave out Clause 8, and insert Clause B. (Turbary and other profits, easements, and privileges).—("(B) Where on an application to "fix the fair rent for a holding it is proved to the "court that the tenant of the holding, by virtue "of his tenancy has by the permission of the "landlord been accustomed to exercise any "privilege over land belonging to the landlord, "the withholding of which privilege would "materially diminish the value of the holding to "the tenant, the landlord shall be required to "elect whether he will or will not allow the "tenant to exercise, as of right during the "statutory term, under the same restrictions and "conditions as theretofore, or such other restric-

tions and conditions as may be agreed on by "the landlord and tenant, that which he pre-
viously exercised by permission, and if the "landlord consents to so allow, such exercise "shall be secured to the tenant by the order "fixing the fair rent, and if the landlord refuses "to so allow, the fair rent shall be fixed having "regard to such refusal.

(2) Where an order securing the exercise of "any such privilege is made, the court, during "the continuance of the statutory term, may, "upon the application of the landlord or of any "other tenant exercising the like privilege, "restrain
"restrain the tenant from exercising the privi-
lege in any manner other than that authorized
by the order or by any reasonable regulations
of the landlord made in pursuance of the
"order"), the next Amendment, being read a
second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the said Lords' Amendment, by inserting, after
Sub-section (1), as a new sub-section, the
words:

"(2) Where during the continuance of a
"statutory term the tenant is disturbed in the
"exercise of any such privilege as hereinbefore
described which he had been accustomed to
exercise as aforesaid, and on the fixing of the
"fair rent the same was fixed on the assumption
"that the continued exercise of such privilege
"would be permitted, but no express order with
reference to the same was made, the tenant on
"being so disturbed may apply in the prescribed
"manner to the court, and the court may, if the
"landlord elects to discontinue such privilege,
"vary the fair rent for the remainder of the
"statutory term to such extent as may appear
"just, and if the landlord on such application
"consents to allow the tenant to exercise the
"privilege as of right during the statutory term
"under the said restrictions and conditions
"therefore, or such other restrictions and con-
ditions as may be agreed on, the court may
"secure such exercise to the tenant by order."—
(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted in the said Lords' Amendment;—The said proposed Amendment to
the said Lords' Amendment was, with leave of
the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the said Lords' Amendment, by inserting,
after Sub-section (1), as a new sub-section, the
words:

"(2) If the landlord, in the opinion of the
"court, unreasonably withholds his consent, and
"if the privilege be a privilege of turbary, of
"taking or bringing seawrack, or of grazing
"on land other than demesne land, and if the
"privilege is, in the opinion of the court, neces-
sary to the reasonable enjoyment of the holding,
"the court may make an order for securing the
"privilege to the tenant, upon such terms as to
"rent or otherwise and in such manner as the
"court may think just, and such order shall be
"binding on all estates and interests
"thereof the words,

"(a) if of opinion that by reason of a fine or
"premium having been paid the rent was
"reduced, or that otherwise the fair rent
"fixed was unreasonable, the court may
"proceed as follows:—

"(b) if of opinion that a fair rent ought not
"to have been fixed, the court shall declare
"that the said person and the tenant shall
"be in the same position as if this section
"had not been enacted "), the next Amendment,
being read a second time;

The Lords' Amendment was amended, by in-
serting, l. 10, after the word "rent," the words
"judiciously fixed," and by inserting, after the
word "rent," in l. 11, the words "for the portion
of the statutory term then remaining un-
expired"; and by inserting, in l. 12, after the
word "court," the words "by reason of any
special circumstances not brought to the know-
lledge of the court on the hearing of the appli-
cation to have a fair rent fixed."

And the said Lords' Amendment, as amended,
was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as
far as the Amendment in p. 10, l. 1, being read
a second time, were agreed to.

A Consequential Amendment was proposed
to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 40, by in-
serting, after the word "shall," the words "in the
"case of any ejectment brought after the passing
"of this Act."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment
was, with leave of the House, with-
drawn.

P. 10, l. 1, leave out from beginning of line to
"(shall )", in l. 2, and insert "the date of the
"commencement of the proceedings in the eject-
mendment, and the balance of the rent due after
"the date shall be recoverable by the landlord as if
"the same were a debt due to him by the person
"legally liable therefor, but "), the next Amend-
ment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the said Lords' Amendment, by inserting, after
the word "ejectment," the words "and in the
"case of any ejectment in which judgment was
"recovered before the passing of this Act, shall
"be in the same position under those sections as
"if two years' rent were the sum due for rent up
"to the said day preceding such tender, pay-
"ment, deposit, or lodgment."—(Mr. Maurice
Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted;—The said Lords' Amendment
was, with leave of the House, with-
drawn.

P. 10, l. 24, after "same" insert "(4) The
"said conditions shall, in the case of an agree-
ment made by a limited owner or a mortgage-
or mortgagee in possession, include such con-
ditions as may seem necessary to protect the
"interests of the person entitled on the cessor of
"the interest or possession of such limited owner,
"mortgageor, or mortgagee "), the next Amend-
ment, being read a second time, was amended, by
leaving
leaving out the words “seem necessary,” and inserting the words “be prescribed,” instead thereof.

And the said Lords’ Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

P. 10, l. 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

P. 11, l. 31, leave out (“which shall be granted only on special grounds”), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, by leaving out the words “be granted only on special grounds,” and adding the words “not be given as of course,” instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords’ Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 15, l. 30, leave out Sub-sections (1) to (8) of Clause 30, and insert the words:—

(1) Where any land has been sold under the Land Purchase Acts, as amended by this Act, or where a lessor or grantor has signified his consent to the redemption of rent (Ireland) Act, 1891, the sale of such land, or the sale consequent on the lodgment of such consent, as the case may be, shall be made discharged from all superior interests as defined by this section or from any of them, and in every such case the land shall be vested accordingly in the purchaser in fee-simple, and such superior interests, or the value thereof, shall become a lien upon the residue of the land subject to the superior interest.

(2) A vesting order shall be subject to such exceptions and reservations as are specified in the order if they were stipulated in the agreement for purchase or subsequently agreed to by the vendor and purchaser, and have been approved by the Land Commission, and the said Commission are satisfied that the effect of such exceptions and reservations was explained to and understood by the purchaser, or if the purchaser is represented by a solicitor other than the solicitor of the vendor.

(3) The powers of apportionment given to the Land Commission by section ten of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, and sections sixteen and sixteen of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, shall extend to superior interests and be exercised in such manner as shall appear equitable, and shall not be limited to an apportionment between the land sold and the residue of the land subject to the superior interest.

(4) The price or compensation to be paid in respect of a superior interest, or of any apportioned part thereof, shall be determined in the manner provided by the said sections for the redemption of annuities, rentcharges, and rents: Provided that, if the court are of opinion that any such superior interest is of no appreciable value to the persons entitled thereto, the purchase money of the land may be distributed without regard to such superior interest.

(5) The interest, or the benefit arising thereunder, is settled land within the meaning of the Settled Lands Acts, 1882 to 1890, the person who constitutes the tenant for life, or who has the powers and benefits for life under those Acts, shall have power to enter into any consent in relation to the sale being made discharged from such superior interest, and to the redemption or satisfaction of the same out of the purchase money.

(6) Where a superior interest is subject to an incumbrance as defined by the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, the court shall, for the purpose of distribution of the price or compensation, determine the purpose of distribution of the price or compensation.
"would, if this Act had been in force at the "passing of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1891," be now a present tenant, and either the land-"lord has not, since the said decision, resumed "possession of the holding, or if he resumed "the tenant has redeemed, the tenant shall be "deemed a present tenant for the purpose of "any such application "); the next Amend-"ment, being read a second time, was amended, by "leaving out the words "said decision," and by inserting the words "passing of the said Act "or the thirty-first day of December, one "thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, as the "case may be," instead thereof.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by inserting, after the word "redeemed," the words "or has been re-"

instated."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

The Question being proposed, that those words be there inserted in the said Lords' Amendment:—The Amendment to the said Lords' Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was made to the said Lords' Amendment, by inserting, after the word "redeemed," the words "or has been rein-

stated, in his former tenancy."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the said Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the First Schedule, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 30, to insert the First Schedule, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

P. 30, l. 2, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

P. 30, leave out ls. 5 and 6, the next Amend-

ment, being read a second time, was disagreed to. And an Amendment was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 31, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

A Consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 31, by leaving out the words "as respects any."

P. 31, l. 30, leave out from ("any") to ("the "commencement"), in l. 31, and insert ("pur-

chaser's insurance money paid before"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by inserting, at the beginning of the words "save as respects any."

And the said Lords' Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. At-

orney General for Ireland, Mr. Gerald Bal-

f our, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Heaphill, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Mr. Solic-

tor General for Ireland:—And they are to draw up immediately.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum.

Sir Joseph Sewry reported from the Com-

mittee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assign-

ed to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the City and South London Railway 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 Amendments made by the Lords in p. 3, "after Clause 6, insert "Clause 6A," and "leave out Clause 7," for the following Reasons, namely:—

Because this House is unanimously of opinion that this Church which is the central Parish Church of the City of London, and a most interesting historical monument, ought to be preserved for the public, and because Clause 7 is necessary thereto, and the Amendments on p. 3 above referred to are unnecessary if Clause 7 is retained in the Bill.

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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time;

and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Com-

mittee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assign-

ed to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Land Law (Ireland) 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 p. 3, l. 4, for the following Reasons:

Because (1) after a net fair rent has been fixed no deduction can be made from it, and (2) the only deduction allowed by the Clause from the gross fair rent in order to fix the net fair rent is in respect of tenants' improvements.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 4, l. 25, for the following Reason:

Because it is inexpedient to reduce the limit proposed in the Bill for holdings entitled to the benefits of the Act of 1881.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 4, ls. 38, 39, and 40, for the following Reason:

Because the words omitted are desirable to give effect to the Clause.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in p. 5, ls. 27, 34, and 35, for the following Reason:

Because it is inexpedient to enact a hard-

and-fast line.

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 proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, and the same being twice read;

Several were agreed to, and one was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. At-

torney General for Ireland, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Dillon, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Sir
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond],
Yea, [Mr. Anstruther];
Noo, [Mr. Carew];
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldecott],
Yea, [Mr. O'Conor];
Noo, [Mr. Plunket];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Com- mittee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to Clause (A.), inserted by the Lords, for the following Reason:
Because the subject of this Amendment would be more conveniently deferred and dealt with, if necessary, in a separate Bill.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments); And that the Clerk do carry the same.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on East India Revenue Accounts; Reolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Thursday, 13th August, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

A MOTION was made, and the Question being put:—And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Carson moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Motion was at this period of the Session an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 13, l. 36, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 13, l. 36, leave out from "(aforesaid)" to end of sub-section, the next amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Yea, [Mr. Anstruther];
Noo, [Mr. Carew];
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldecott],
Yea, [Mr. O'Conor];
Noo, [Mr. Plunket];
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day, three months" be added at the end of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Commons' Amendments be taken into consideration upon this day three months.

The Order made upon the 18th day of February last, that the Shipping Federation Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Forgybarson.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Buildings (United Kingdom), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Water Companies, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Workhouses, &c., which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade on the Working of the Boiler Explosions Act, 1882 and 1889, with Appendices (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, C. 7856).

Orders of the Day—Third Reading of the Public Buildings (United Kingdom.) 1896, Cmd. 969.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Metropolitan Water Companies, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant August, be printed.

Orders of the Day—Third Reading of the Public Buildings (United Kingdom.) 1896, Cmd. 969.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Buildings, Architectural and Historical, maintained by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Buildings, Architectural and Historical, maintained by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Railway Servants (Hours of Labour) and Weights and Measures be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Fisheries Command,—Copy of Report of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries for Ireland for 1895.

Copy of Forty-fifth Report (with Appendices) on the Inspectors of Lunatics (Ireland).


Copy of the Report of the President of Queen’s College, Belfast, for the Session 1895–96.

Copy of Statistical Tables of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the year 1895.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council approving of Rules made by the General Prisons Board for Ireland, dated 16th July 1896, with respect to the Treatment of Juvenile Offenders.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of Modification allowed by the Local Government Board in the Scheme for the Improvement of the Queen Catherine Court, Break Street Area, in the Hamlet of Rotoloffs, confirmed by the Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders (Housing of the Working Classes) Act, 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Emigration Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Management and Working of the Emigrants’ Information Office.

Copy of Reports on the Protected Malay Straits Settlements (Protected Malay States, 1890) (Metropolitan Improvement Commissioners.)

Copies of Reports, Nos. 173 ( Barbados, Annual Report for 1895), 174 ( Turks and Caicos Islands, Annual Report for 1895), and 175 ( Falkland Islands, Annual Report for 1895).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Preliminary Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Administration and Management of the Insular Civil and Civil Expenditure incurred under the authority of the Secretary of State for India in Council, or of the Government of India; and the apportionment of Charge between
between the Government of the United Kingdom and of India for purposes in which both are interested; to hear with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Explosions (Doncaster).
Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Captain J. H. Thomson, r.n., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending the Accident with Fireworks which occurred at Doncaster on 2nd July 1896.

Explosions (Mitcham).
Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Captain J. H. Thomson, r.n., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending the Explosion of Fireworks which occurred at the Firework Factory of Messrs. J. Pain and Sons at Mitcham, Surrey, on 25th July 1896.

Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland.
Copy of Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland, to which this House has disagreed.

Venezuela.
Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Documents relating to the question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, including the first part of the Brief for Venezuela.

Venezuela.
Copy of Further Documents relating to the question of Boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, Sir R. Schomberg's Reports.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1778 to 1781.

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 showing for the Financial Year ended in 1894 (1) the Total Amount of the Public Local Rates raised in England and Wales, excluding Rates charged for Water or Gas supplied to Private Individuals, or for Private Improvement Works; and (2) the Net Expenditure on (a) the Relief of the Poor, (b) Elementary Education, and (c) Police, borne by such Rates:—And, similar Returns for Scotland and Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 136, of Session 1896).—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Standing Orders: No. 376.
Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.—(Mr. James William Lomther.)

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 do insist on one of their Amendments to the City and South London Railway Bill, to which this House has disagreed, for which they assign their Reason; and do insist on their other Amendment, viz., the omission of Clause 7, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on the Amendments to the Blackheath and Kingstown Drainage Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

Ordered, That the Reason assigned by the Lords for insisting on one of their Amendments to the City and South London Railway Bill, to Vol. 151, which this House hath disagreed, and the Amendments made by the Lords to Clause 7, restored to the Bill by this House, be now considered.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Amendment made by the Lords on which the Lords insist; and doth agree to the Amendments made by the Lords on which the Lords insist; and doth agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to Clause 7, restored to the Bill by this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Amendment made by the Lords on which the Lords insist; and doth agree to the Amendments made by the Lords to Clause 7, restored to the Bill by this House.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Public Local Rates and Net Expenditure on Relief of the Poor, Elementary Education, and Police, borne by such Rates.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on East India Revenue Accounts:
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 "with a view to the effectual discharge of its existing duty in respect of the finances of India, this House is of opinion that the East India Accounts should each year be examined and reported on by a Select Committee of the House, thus, mutatis mutandis, assimilating the practice as regards Indian Accounts to that followed, by means of the "Accounts of the United Kingdom"—(Sir William Wedderburn), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, the Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; The Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Walrond, {Mr. Austruther}; Sir William Wedderburn, {Mr. Henry Joseph Wilso}; the Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lomther; Mr. Austruther; Mr. Wilso; the Order of the day being read, for the Corn.

East India Revenue Accounts.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Amendments made by the Lords to Clause 7, restored to the Bill by this House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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The Lords. Message from the Lords. 

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: 

The Lords have agreed to the Uganda Railway Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Telegraph Money Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Quarter Sessions (London) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Land Law (Ireland) Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Vexatious Actions Bill, without Amendment. 

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Bill, to which this House hath disagreed. 

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Land Law (Ireland) Bill, to which this House hath disagreed; and agree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the said Bill, and to the Consequential Amendments made by this House, without any Amendment, and to certain other of the said Amendments with the Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and have made certain Consequential Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships a Copy of the Report from the Select Committees appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on Royal Patriotic Fund, Distress from Want of Employment; together with the Proceedings of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence. 

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Quarter Sessions (London) Bill and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments, and the Consequential Amendment made by the Lords to the Land Law (Ireland) Bill be now taken into consideration. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Quarter Sessions (London) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments, and the Consequential Amendment made by the Lords to the Land Law (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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill. 

(In the Committee.) 

CLASSES, No 1 to No 7, agreed to. 

Schedules A. and B. agreed to. 

Bill to be reported. 

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothert reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow. 

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;—And a Debate arising thereon; 

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. John Burns)—And a Debate arising thereon: 

Mr. Amery rose in his place, and claimed Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent. 

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; 

Friday, 14th August, 1896; 

And the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—it passed in the Negative. 

And the original Question being put, That the Bill be now taken into consideration—it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration. 

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, and passed. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry 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 (Scotland) Bill. 

Upon the 10th day of this instant August, That the Law Agents (Scotland) Bill be now read the third time;—And the Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative. 

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence. 

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Public Health Lords to the Public Health (Ireland) Bill be (Ireland) Bill now taken into consideration. 

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. 

Resolved, That this House do meet this day sitting of the at Eleven of the clock in the morning.—(Mr. House. 

Chancellor of the Exchequer.) 

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 20th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after Twelve of the clock, till this day.
FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1896.

THE HOUSE met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Report of an Inquiry into the circumstances attending the Loss of the British Screw Steamship “Drummond Castle,” of the Port of London, near Ushant, on the 16th June 1896, whereby Loss of Life ensued.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes and to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused) be printed.

Mr. Jackson reported from the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence — that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Return of the Population enumerated in each of the Civil Parishes in the Administrative County of London on the night of 29th March 1896, pursuant to Section 3 of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894; and of Return of the Population enumerated on the same night in the Wards into which 40 Metropolitan Parishes have been divided for the Election of Vestrymen.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, —Copy of Return according to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Months of May and June 1896, specifying Dates and Amounts respectively of the last Increases of Rent, where ascertained; also, Rents fixed upon the Returns of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.


Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, for the Session 1895–96, with Proceedings for the Session 1895.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

Ordered, That a printed Copy of the said Report be printed.
Report of the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That, if during the existence of a Parliament, Papers are commanded to be presented to this House by Her Majesty at any time, the delivery of such Papers to the Librarian of the House of Commons shall be deemed to be for all purposes the presentation of them to this House.—(Mr. Balfour.)
Ordered, That this Resolution be a Standing Order of the House.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Brodrick, praying for leave to return to the House a Return relative to Discharged Soldiers (Scotland and Ireland).
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill. 

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

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43. Sheffield District Railway Act, 1896.
44. Weston super Mare Urban District Council Act, 1896.
45. City and South London Railway Act, 1896.
46. Blackrock and Kingston Drainage and Improvement Act, 1896.

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Queen's Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech, by the Lord High Chancellor (in presence of Her Majesty's Commands), as followeth:—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
My relations with other Powers continue to be friendly.

The hostile movements of the Dervish forces in Egypt along the Valley of the Nile, and against the positions in the occupation of Italy to the
the east of that river, convinced me that it had become necessary for the Egyptian Government to take steps for arresting their advance.

By My advice, therefore, and under My sanction, an expedition has been undertaken for the purpose of restoring to the Government of the Khedive, as far as Dongola, the territory which was lost to Egypt ten years ago. The operations are still proceeding, but, by a short and brilliant action at Ferkeh, a considerable proportion of the territory indicated has already been recovered.

The condition of some portions of the Turkish Empire continues to furnish cause for much anxiety. At present the Island of Crete is the principal centre of disturbance. I have observed a strict neutrality between the Government and the insurgents; but, in conjunction with the other Powers of Europe, I have endeavoured to bring about a reconciliation by proposing the establishment of a system of government that shall be equitable and acceptable to both the Christian and the Mussulman inhabitants of the island.

I regret that a serious rebellion, signalised by many cruel murders, suddenly broke out in Matabeleland, and that the rising afterwards extended to Mashonaland, where it was accompanied by similar atrocities. The work of defence and repression was immediately undertaken by the settlers, who displayed great courage and self-reliance in this emergency.

They have since been reinforced both by Imperial troops and by Colonial and Native levies, and the supreme military command has been confided to Major General Sir Frederick Carrington. His operations have hitherto been uniformly successful, although, owing to very grave difficulties of transport and supply, caused by an outbreak of rinderpest which has destroyed almost all the cattle in the country, he has been compelled to restrict the number of men employed in the field.

The latest reports show that his efforts and those of the forces under his command are telling on the resistance of the rebels, and I trust that they will shortly avail themselves of the offer of clemency which has been made to them.

The peaceful delimitation of the North-western frontier of My Indian Empire has proceeded, and further Agreements have been made with the Shah of Persia and the Ameer of Afghanistan, fixing their territorial limits. Friendly relations have been maintained with the tribes on the road to Chitral, and the relief of the garrisons in that country has been effected without difficulty, and with the cordial co-operation of the tribesmen in the neighbourhood.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the satisfactory provision which you have made for the Services of the year.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have given My consent, with much pleasure, to measures for completing the naval defences of My Empire; for lightening the fiscal burdens which press upon the agricultural population; and for protecting the flocks and herds of these islands from the importation of disease. Important measures have also received My sanction, for the settlement of trade disputes, for the prevention of explosions in mines, which have caused the loss of many valuable lives, for amending the Truck Act, for the construction of light railways, for the amendment of the Irish Land Laws, and for facilitating the creation, by purchase, of a larger class of occupying freeholders in Ireland.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest upon all your labours.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Saturday the Thirty-first day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the Thirty-first day of October next.
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